



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
18 July 2017



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



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

Ethical Decision Making

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

Conflict of Interest

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

The test for conflict of interest

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

Identifying Problems

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

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

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

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

Agency Advice

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

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

Common Acronyms Used in Bland Shire Council Reports and Documents

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
AFZ	Alcohol Free Zone
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMRC	NSW Association of Mining Related Councils
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BDCP	Bland Development Control Plan
BEC	Business Enterprise Centre
BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
BFMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BSC	Bland Shire Council
BWW	Business West Wyalong
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBD	Central Business District
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CENTROC	Central West Regional Group of Councils
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIV	Capital Improved Value
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
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EFO	Electoral Funding Authority
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
GHMS	Grain Harvest Management Scheme
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
NQF	National Quality Framework
NSRF	National Stronger Regions Fund
NSWEC	New South Wales Electoral Commission
NSWPLA	New South Wales Public Libraries Association
NSWRFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
OGM	Office of the General Manager
OLG	Office of Local Government
OP	Operational Plan
P&G	Parks & Gardens
PA	Per Annum
PC	Personal Computer
PCBU	Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking
PHAMs	Personal Helpers and Mentors
PLA	Public Library Association
POEO	Protection of the Environment Operations Act & Regulations
PSITAB	NSW Public Sector Industry Advisory Board
PSSA	NSW Primary Schools Sports Association
QBRS	Quarterly Budget Review Statement
R2R	Roads to Recovery
Rd	Road
RDA	Regional Development Australia

RDO	Rostered Day Off
Rec	Recreation
REROC	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
RFBI	Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution
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
SRC	Summer Reading Club
SRV	Special Rate Variation
St	Street
STW	Sewerage Treatment Works
TASAC	Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee
TCORP	Treasury Corporation
TSR	Travelling stock route
TVET	TAFE Delivered Vocational Education & Training

USU	United Services Union
UV	Unimproved Value
VC	Victoria Cross
VIC	Visitor Information Centre
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement
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

18 July 2017

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 Bruce Baker

Cr Rodney Crowe

Cr Penny English

Cr Kerry Keatley

Cr Liz McGlynn

Cr Brian Monaghan

Cr Murray Thomas

Cr Jan Wyse

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

Director Corporate, Community, Development & Regulator Services – Adele Casey

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr Tony Lord

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 20 June 2017

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- **Corrections**

- **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Riverina Regional Library Presentation

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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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

A process had begun whereby the outcome of matters taken on notice by the senior staff arising from the Councillor's Questions and Statement section of the Business Paper were reported back to the next Council Meeting.

It will be a more efficient process for these outcomes to be reported to the next workshop following a council meeting. This would provide for a much quicker response time to councillors.

It should also be reinforced that many of the questions and statements raised by councillors are simple day to day maintenance issues that if raised at the time of occurrence, rather than waiting for the monthly council meeting, could be dealt with in a much more timely manner.

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

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

14.0 **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

DP10.6 Regular consultation with key industry, business and stakeholders

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole (Whole Council)		
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc (Mayor Lord, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Keatley)		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Baker)		
Country Mayors Association of NSW (Mayor Lord)	16 th June 2017 11 th August 2017	✓
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Lord)	7 th June 2017 30 th August 2017 29 th November 2017	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr McGlynn)	22 nd June 2017 24 th August 2017	✓
Internal Audit Committee		
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee (Cr Crowe)		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board (Cr Monaghan)	21 st June 2017	
Newell Highway Taskforce (Mayor Lord)	1 st March 2017 7 th June 2017	
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils (Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)	10/11 th August 2017	

NSW Public Libraries Association <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	27 th April 2017	
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	1 st June 2017 3 rd August 2017	
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	29 th March 2017 8 th November 2017	✓
Riverina Regional Tourism <i>(Cr English)</i>		

Recommendation:

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



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MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE 2017, JUBILEE ROOM, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.00am a.m.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Albury City Council, Cr Kevin Mack, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Graeme Hanger, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Mr David Sherley, General Manager
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy McBain, Mayor
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Cr Tony Lord, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Mr Ray Smith, General Manager
Blayney Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor
Blayney Council, Mr Grant Baker, Acting General Manager
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Darriea Turley, Mayor
Broken Hill City Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager
Carrathool Shire Council, Cr Peter Laird, Mayor
Carrathool Shire Council, Ms Joanne Treacy, General Manager
Coffs Harbour City Council, Cr Denise Knight, Mayor
Coffs Harbour City Council, Mr Stephen McGrath, general Manager
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Michael Webb, Mayor
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Bill West, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr Matthew Wilson, Acting General Manager
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Bob Kirk, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Warrick Bennett, General Manager
Griffith City Council, Cr John Dal Broi, Mayor
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor
Gwydir Shire Council, Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager
Inverell Shire Council, Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor
Junee Shire Council, Cr Neil Smith, Mayor
Junee Shire Council, James Davis, General Manager

Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom , Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager
Lockhart Shire Council, Cr Roger Schirmer, Mayor
Lockhart Shire Council, Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager
Mid Western Regional Council. Cr Des Kennedt, Mayor
Mid Western Regional Council, Mr Brad Cam, General Manager
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Lester Rodgers, General Manager
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Stewart Todd, General Manager
Oberon Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor
Oberon Shire Council, Mr Garry Wallace, General Manager
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Col Murray, Mayor
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Peter Petty, Mayor
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Greg Sauer, Deputy Mayor
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor
Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Greg Conkey, Mayor
Wagga Wagga City Council, Mr Robert Knight, Acting General Manager
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor
Walcha Council, Mr Jack O'Hara, General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Peter Shinton, Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager
Yass Valley Council, Mr David Rowe, General Manager

APOLOGIES:

As submitted

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Lieutenant General (Retired) Ken Gillespie, AC, DSC, CSM NSW Regional Infrastructure Coordinator, Premier and Cabinet and Bruce Whitehill, Principal, Alluvium Rural Water Advisory
Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, President LGNSW
Mary Harrod CEO, NSW Users and Aids Association and Peter Williams, NSW Department of Health

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 24 March 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Inverell Shire Council / Uralla Shire Council).

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Disaster Funding Arrangements

RESOLVED That the Association write to Minister Grant requesting information on the new arrangements to commence 1 July 2018 (Tenterfield Shire Council / Warrumbungle Shire Council)

4 Membership

RESOLVED That Singleton Council, Broken Hill City Council, Kiama Municipal Council, Blayney Shire Council and Gilgandra Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association (Warrumbungle Shire Council / Coonamble Shire Council)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward

- (a) Mr Ian Dinham, President, Floodplain Management Australia, thanking him for his presentation to 24 March meeting
- (b) The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, thanking her for her presentation to 24 March meeting
- (c) Mr Gary White, Chief Planner, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, thanking him for his presentation to 24 March meeting
- (d) The Hon Duncan Gay MLC, thanking him for all his hard work he has done for Regional NSW
- (e) Cr Bob Kirk, Mayor, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, advising that his Councils application for membership was successful
- (f) The Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills, Minister for Small Business, requesting the introduction of incentives to businesses that wish to relocate to Rural NSW
- (g) The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Heritage, thanking her for her presentation to 24 March meeting
- (h) The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, The Hon Dominic Perrottet MP, Treasurer, The Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing and Special Minister of State, The Hon Mark Speakman MP, Attorney General, The Hon Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Finance and Services and Property, The Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police and Minister for Emergency Services, The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage, The Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, and The Hon Michael Keenan MLA, Minister for Justice, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Counter Terrorism, expressing support for the review of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to provide guidelines which are fairer and more workable for local Councils

Inward

- (a) Duncan Gay MLC, thanking the Association for the support it has given him over the years
- (b) Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, advising that she has forwarded our correspondence regarding the new disaster funding arrangements to the Hon Tony Grant MP, who has primary responsibility for the NDRRA

- (c) Mr Brett Newman, Deputy Secretary, Property and Advisory Group Re
Review of the Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements
- (d) The Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police, Minister for Emergency Services
Re New Disaster Funding Arrangements

NOTED

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Narrabri Shire Council / Albury City Council)

7. Statutory Advertising Review

RESOLVED That the Office of Local Government be asked to provide information on the review of Statutory Advertising by Councils which is being undertaken as part of the review of the Local Government Act (Kempsey Shire Council / Yass valley Council)

8. Rural Airline Services

RESOLVED That member Councils be asked to provide input for the preparation of a submission on airline services in country New South Wales (Parkes Shire Council / Inverell Shire Council)

9. Neighborhood Watch

Moree Plains Shire Council outlined the operation of its Mobile Neighborhood Watch

10. Early FAG Grant Funding

RESOLVED That the Association write to the Auditor Generals Office and the Office of Local Government requesting that councils be allowed to hold funds in a suspense account for the FAG Grants received in advance in 2016/17 (Yass Valley Council / Warrumbungle4 Shire Council)

11. Lieutenant General (Retired) Ken Gillespie, AC, DSC, CSM NSW Regional Infrastructure Coordinator, Premier and Cabinet and Bruce Whitehill, Principal, Alluvium Rural Water Advisory

The NSW Infrastructure Review Report presented to the Premier contains 34 recommendations for change in the infrastructure provision area. The Premier has acted on sub reports during the review to allow implementation of some programs. The review required

- Advise on the obstacles to delivery of regional infrastructure
- Investigate measures that would reduce delay
- Monitor projects accountability
- Look at whether agencies are executing their duties in an appropriate manner

The Review commenced with a literature review to build a list of projects. Face to face meetings with Ministers and Parliamentarians, Councils, ROCS and authorities such as the RMS followed. There is a need to decide on regional boundaries as distinct from the overlapping current boundaries of each organization. 74 written submissions were received. The biggest strategic issue is water, followed by project approval timelines (an inhibitor to investment) and Energy particularly brownouts. Treasury guidelines don't allow consideration of amenity, health and safety projects because of the BCR requirements of greater than 1. The grants program needs to be simplified. There are too many and Native Land Title claims needs to be addressed as the process is long and cumbersome even when agreement between the various parties has been reached

RESOLVED That the Association write to the Premier extending Local Governments appreciation to Ken Gillespie and his team on the delivery and consultation processes put in place as part of the Infrastructure Review (Yass valley Council / Parkes Shire Council)

12. Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, President LGNSW

The 2017 Federal budget from Local Government perspective was the best for a long time. Some of the outcomes were the unfreezing of the freeze on FAG's, the Roads to Recovery Black Spot and Bridges programs received additional funding and were extended to 2021/21

It is pleasing to see that Minister Grant supporting new disaster funding arrangements. LGNSW is looking forward to the State budget. The new RFS contributions to form part of councils rate notices is a broad based scheme but is not a fair scheme as the formula is wrong as it is based on land value which disadvantages some sectors of the community. LGNSW is still working on mergers and in particular those councils deemed "Not Fit for the Future"

13. Mary Harrod CEO, NSW Users and Aids Association and Peter Williams, NSW Department of Health

The Moree Project was outlined. The Hunter and New England area has 23% of the States aboriginal population and Moree's aboriginal population is 21%. The projects issues were Harm Minimisation, Needles and Syringes and Partnerships. There were a large number of sharps being discarded in the Moree area. Harm Minimization aims to promote better health, social and economic outcomes. The Needle and Syringe program aims to minimize risk behaviours. Minimisation encompasses supply reduction and demand reduction. The Moree Action Plan included identification of hotspots, consultation with key partners, communication between partners and review of the partnership model.

The NSW Users and Aids Association is a drug user organization that advocates for health and human rights. It is a harm reduction organization that is non

judgmental. It uses evidence based and cost effective practices to prevent and reduce drug related harm.

14. Energy Supply

RESOLVED That the Association write to the Prime Minister and Premier expressing concern about the lack of Base Point Power which is affecting, businesses and industry and if it is not made ready available will have adverse consequences to business operations particularly those in Rural New South Wales (Carrathool Shire Council / Gunnedah Shire Council)

15. Health Services Rural Remote Communities

RESOLVED That the Association make representations to the Minister for Health on harm minimization and services to rural remote communities including but not limited to child psychological services (Broken Hill City Council / Leeton Shire Council)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.31pm.

Cr Katrina Humphries
Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW

MINUTES OF MEETING

Cowal Gold Operation Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

Date: Wednesday, 7 June 2017
Time: 9.00 am – Evolution Community Consultation Centre
Minutes taken by: Tarron Doyle

Attendees:

Independent Chair: Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH)
 Evolution: Anne Bolton (AB), Bronwyn Flynn (BF), Jason Grieve (JG),
 Tammy Rawson (TR), Tarron Doyle (TD)
 Lake Cowal Landholders: Bruce Dent (BD)
 Community Members: Angus Stitt (AS), Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD)
 Bland Shire Council: Tony Lord (TL)
 Forbes Shire Council: Graeme Miller (GM) Chris Roylance (CR)
 Lachlan Shire Council: John Ridley (JR),

Apologies: Max Finlayson (MF), Jamie Coad (JC), Kerry Mudge (KM), Ally Coe (AC)

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chair, Margaret MacDonald-Hill opened the meeting at 9:05 am.</p>	
<p>2. Declaration of Interest</p> <p>Margaret MacDonald-Hill advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, a member of the Mine Subsidence Board and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p>	
<p>3. CGO General Manager presentation</p> <p>Jason Grieve welcomed everyone to the Evolution Community Consultation Centre (ECCC). He indicated that the aim of the ECCC is to demystify the mine, provide information and to create transparency. He indicated the potential to extend to other towns.</p> <p>JG thanked the councils for their support during Mod 13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JG explained CGO's multi-faceted approach to fatigue management which has included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education for employees and families - Policy changes including company mandated transport, outsourcing of drivers and 11.5 hour shifts to allow for 10 hours of rest - Half a million dollar bus upgrades 	<p>ECCC Signage AB</p>

<p>Currently providing a wellness program that includes regular psychology sessions available in town.</p> <p>JG explained that during the Stage H recruitment process jobs were advertised as 'must reside in West Wyalong while on shift'. This did not exclude people from elsewhere applying and he listed many locations around Australia that successful employees reside. He explained the connection between the fatigue management policy and the residential necessity.</p> <p>Some statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% of jobs to local area - Bland Shire had a 19% success rate for applicants with Lachlan coming in second - Mixture of green and experienced roles <p>Some key points discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KD asked was the reason JG was raising this because of feedback and JG responded yes, he had indirectly heard murmurings and concerns. - CR discussed the challenge associated with changing cultural safety values and gave an example of the Forbes sale yards. - Forbes low unemployment rates were noted by GM. - KD suggested that the current roster and shifts would encourage a higher retention rate for staff and JG agreed. - MMH commended the holistic approach available to employees and their families across safety and wellbeing. 	
<p>4. Presentation</p> <p>Plaques presented to MMH, BD and AS as a token of appreciation for their 10 years of service to the CEMCC, by TL.</p>	
<p>5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by Angus Stitt, seconded by Graeme Miller.</p>	
<p>6. Business Arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>KD's new name tag is one of the redundant badge designs.</p> <p>CR proposed a date change for December meeting due to NSW Local Government conference. The date was changed to 29 November at Condobolin.</p> <p>Updated photo of committee needed and will be taken today.</p>	<p>AB to order new name tag.</p> <p>Attached.</p>
<p>7. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included on the agenda - no further discussion. 	

8. Reports

Please see Cowal Gold Operations – Environment, Social Responsibility & Approvals Presentation (Attachment A) for the full report.

Environment - TR provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Environment Department activities over the past three months, as per the presentation.

Some key points discussed include:

- Independent Environmental Audit undertaken May 2017
- No reportable environmental incidents during the quarter
- Lake Cowal:
 - water level currently 205.26 m RL (↓2.3m since peak in October)
 - Marker buoys deployed around boundary
 - No commercial fishermen as yet.
- Noise monitoring for Q2 planned for June
- Rehabilitation:
 - Catching up on the postponed 2016 rehab program
 - Topsoil stripped from Stage H expansion areas and stockpiled
 - Direct seeding trial implemented and initial germination observed
 - Soil amelioration program continuing with gypsum application to Stage H expansion area and topsoil stockpiles
 - 3000 trees planted on the NWRE.

Social Responsibility - AB provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Social Responsibility Department activities over the past three months, as per the presentation.

Some key points discussed include:

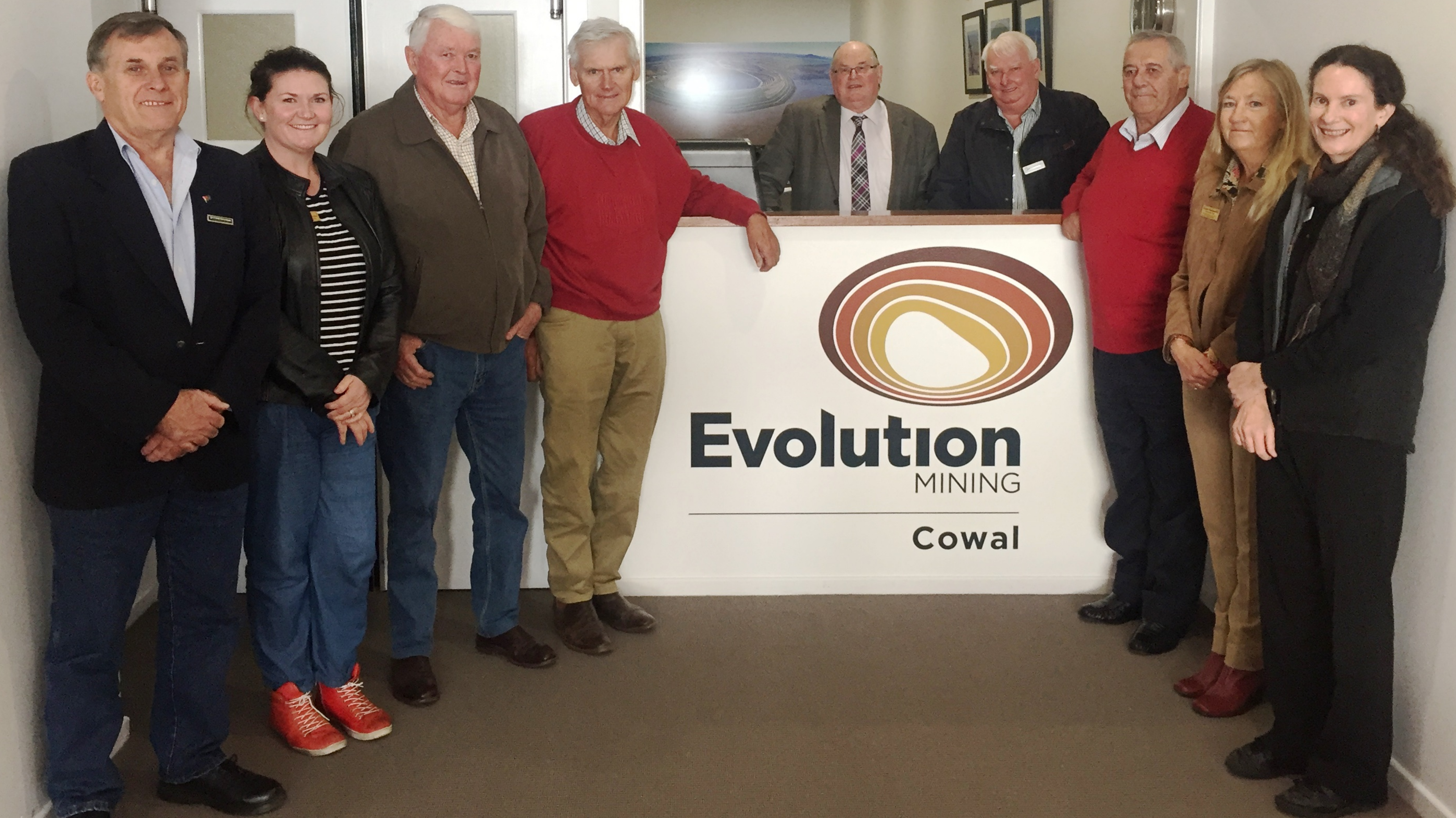
- Cowal Awarded NSW Mining Operation of the Year, 6 April 2017
- Review of Sponsorships and Donations over previous quarter
- Round 1 CPP funding awarded (Attachment B)
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage works undertaken in April and May as part of Stage H cutback
- Project Bridge Careers Day held in March at WCC, Condobolin for 108 regional students, providing information to help their career decisions
- ECCC – 3D model of the mine and other comms arriving soon

Approvals - BF provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operation's Approvals activities over the past three months, as per the presentation.

Some key points discussed include:

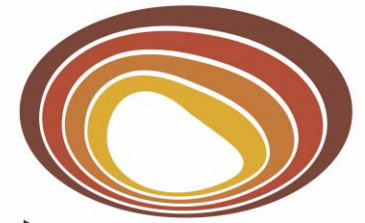
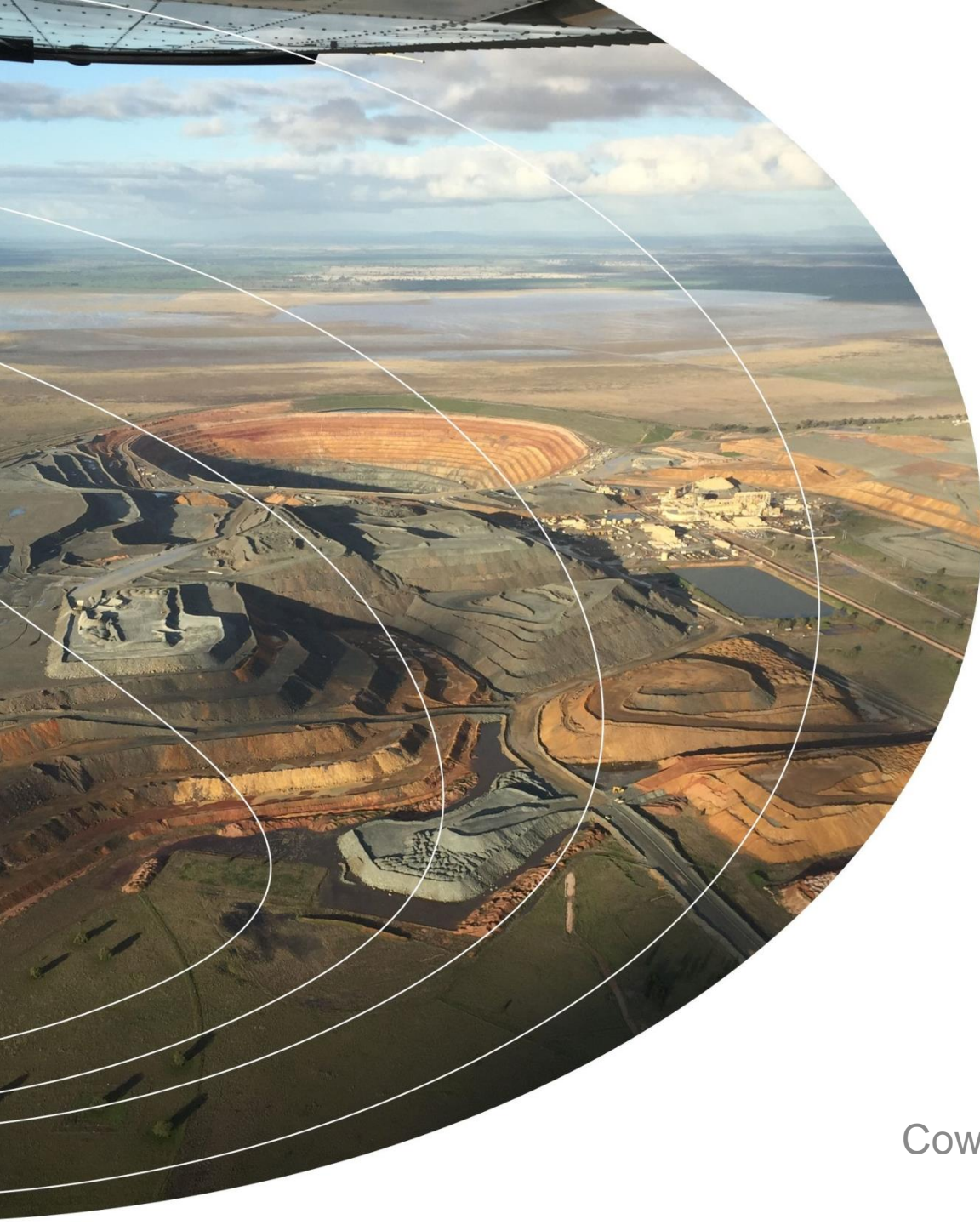
- CGO Approvals since January 2017
- Mod 14 – Processing Rate Increase
 - Increase the maximum ore processing rate from 7.5Mtpa to 9.8Mtpa

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<p>9. General Business</p> <p>BD would like access to Boongarrie Lane by enviros to cease and the blast monitors to be moved due to poor quality of the roads after rain events.</p> <p>Discussed updating contact details for committee members. CEMCC newspaper advertisement to advise contact details are available from Evolution [Community Relations contact number]</p> <p>MMH discussed revised CCC guidelines for the DP&E, noting the CEMCC Charter was in place prior to the 2007 guidelines. She sought support for the position of Deputy Chair for Lisa Andrews as her successor and alternate whenever she might be unavailable. She also proposed that minutes continue to be taken by Evolution staff so long as the CEMCC had no issue with this. Both suggestions were unanimously supported by the CEMCC.</p> <p>MMH advised that MF had suggested a presentation by Professor Peter Gell, who did the triannual bird surveys for Cowal. She had discussed with JC to have him attend a future CEMCC.</p>	<p>BF to follow up with enviros</p> <p>BD to contact CR regarding signage and grading</p> <p>AB to update ad. Committee members to email AB preferred contact method and details</p>
<p>10. Meeting Closed – 11:20 am</p>	
<p>11. Next Meeting</p> <p>August 30th at the Jemalong Regional Education Centre Forbes</p> <p>Remaining 2017 Meeting Date/s:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 29 in Condobolin 	



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**Community
Environmental
Monitoring &
Consultative
Committee**

Cowal Gold Operations - 7 June 2017

Agenda

- Evolution Policy
- Legal Obligations
- Compliance Audits
- Environmental Incidents
- Lake Cowal
- Environmental Management
- Social Responsibility
- Complaints and Grievances
- Looking Ahead



Environment and Sustainability Policy



Environment and Sustainability Policy



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

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

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Klein".

Jake Klein
Executive Chairman

Issue Date:
February 2015

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

- Regular assessment of the environmental performance of the Company's activities to ensure compliance with the Company's commitments and conditions; and to report findings to stakeholder, the community and regulatory authorities

Legal Obligations



Development Consent DA 14/98 – granted February 1999

- MOD12 granted May 2016
- MOD13 granted February 2017

Mining Lease 1535 – granted June 2003

- MOP (Sept 2016 - August 2018) variation approved May 2017.

Environmental Protection Licence 11912 – granted Dec 2003

- **EPL variation approved May 2017**

Water Access Certificates (2025/ 2026)

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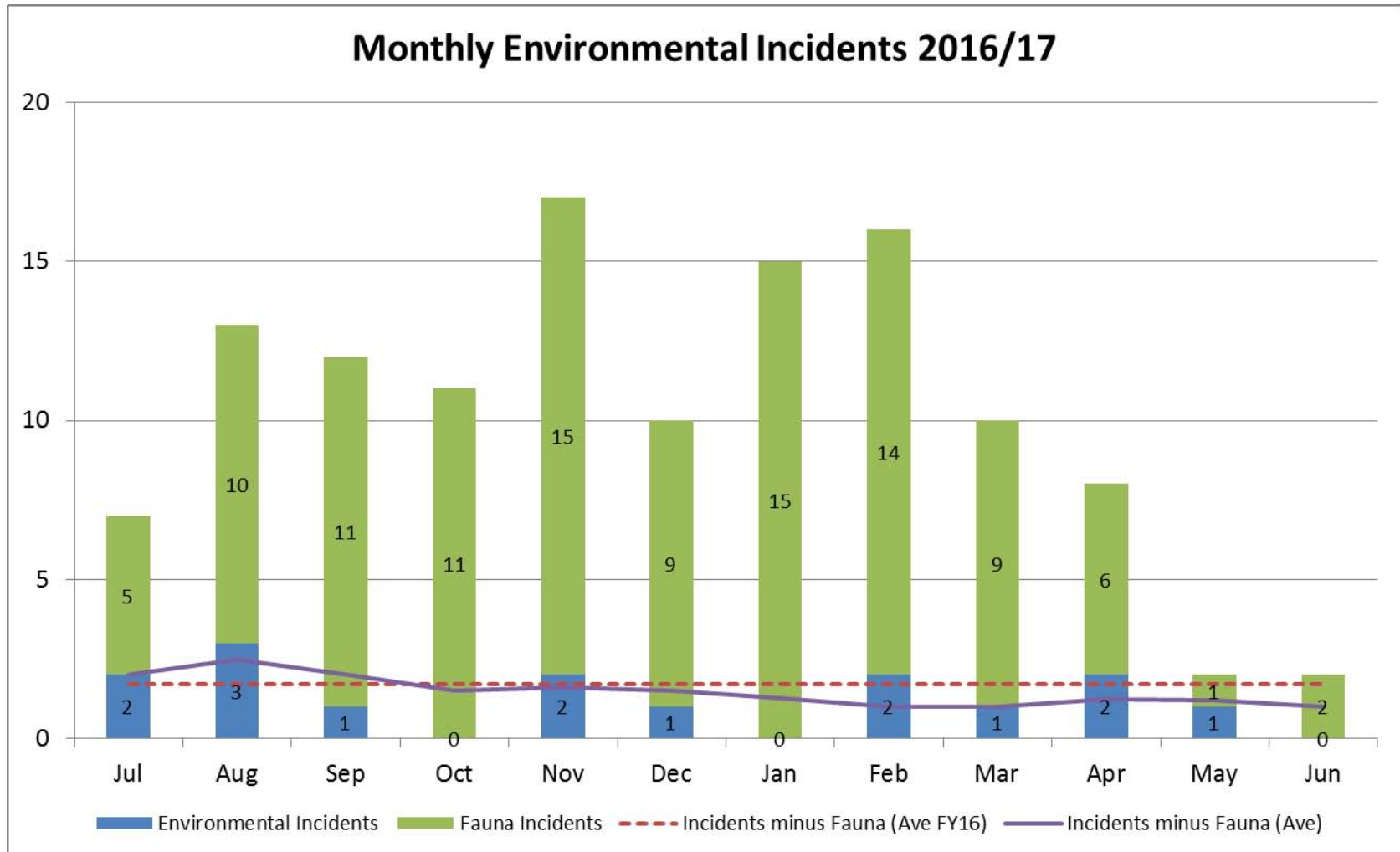
Compliance Audits

✓ Evolution Group HSE Audit	January	2017
✓ Independent Environmental Audit	May	2017
■ Bunding Integrity Audit	June	2017
■ Independent Monitoring Panel Audit	September	2017
■ ISO14001 EMS Audit	November	2017



Environmental Incidents

- No reportable environmental incidents during the quarter



■ April 2017

- 9 deceased Willy Wagtail birds (*Rhipidura leucophrys*) were found in the empty intermediate bulk containers (IBC)
- Excavator working on heritage survey area inadvertently dug into a juvenile Brown Snake which was below the ground surface.
- A Bearded Dragon (*Pogona Barbata*) was found deceased on the main mine access road. Injuries consistent with vehicle impact.
- A Stubble Quail (*Coturnix pectoralis*) was found deceased in the elution bund.
- Deceased juvenile brown snake (*Pseudonaja textilis*) found in graded paddock with severed tail from grader.
- Deceased and desiccated emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) carcass found in the northern up catchment diversion drain.

■ May 2017

- Deceased bird (*Corvus coronoides*) found on ground below substation stairs next to D6.

■ June 2017

- Contractor impacted with Emu on access road whilst driving to site for daily delivery and mail pickup.
 - Contractor departing site, struck emu on access road.
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Lake Cowal

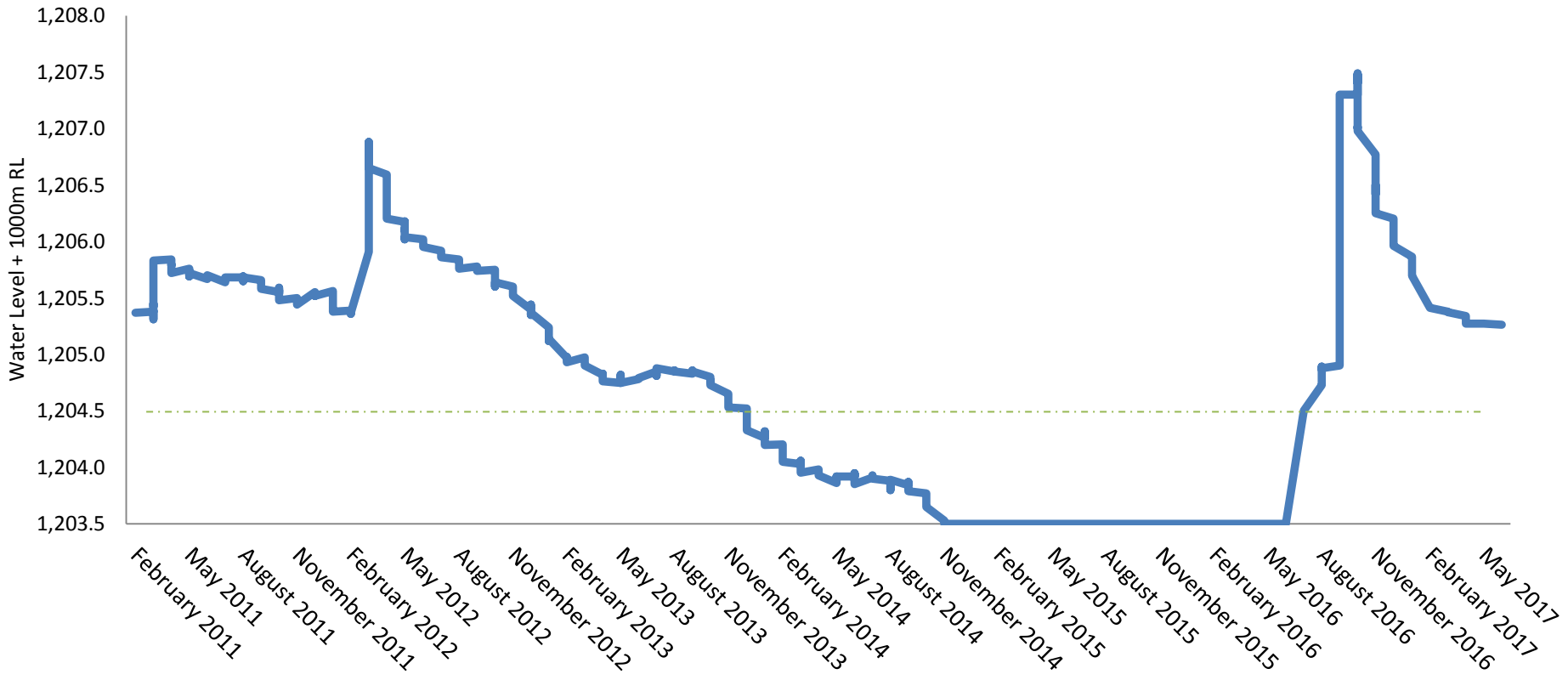
- Currently 205.26 m RL (↓2.3m since peak in October)
- Marker buoys deployed around boundary
- No commercial fishermen as yet



Lake Cowal



Lake Cowal Water Level 2011 - 2016



Environmental Management



- **Approved Management Plans**

- Noise Management Plan
- Soil Stripping Management Plan
- Air Quality Management Plan
- Water Management Plan
- Blast Management Plan
- Rehabilitation Management Plan
- Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
- Indigenous Archaeology Management Plan
- Land Management Plan
- Lake Protection Bund Management Plan
- SGWMB Management Plan

- **Approved Management Plans in Review**

- Addendum to the Monitoring Programme for Lake Protection Bund, Water Storages, Tailings Storage Facilities and Pit Walls
 - Addendum to the Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan
 - Rehabilitation Strategy as part of the Rehabilitation Management Plan
 - Environmental Management Strategy
 - Flora and Fauna Management Plan and
 - Biodiversity Offset Management Plan
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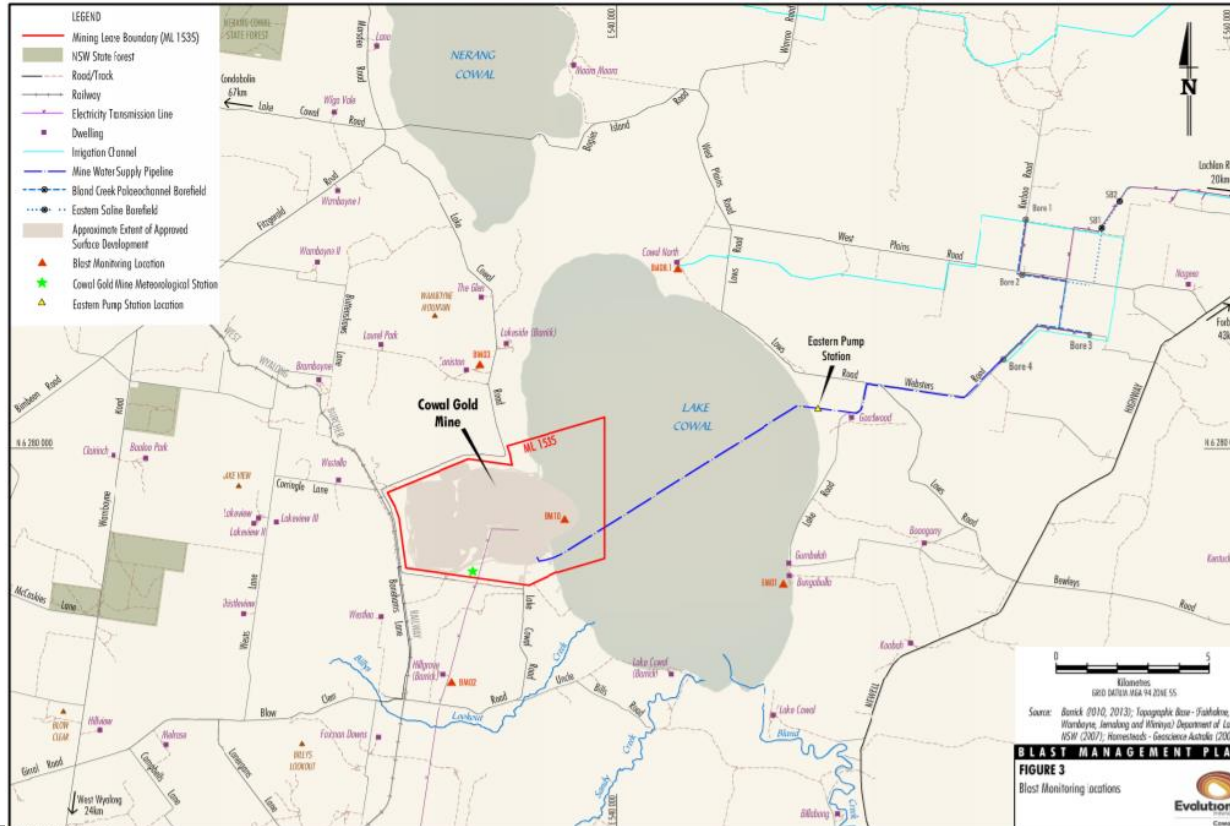
Air Quality

- No complaints were received relating to dust at the CGO during the reporting period
- No exceedances of the Development Consent air quality impact assessment criteria occurred during the reporting period
- Compliance with the assessment criterion of 4 g/m²/month average annual deposited dust was achieved at all privately-owned residences, and at all bird-breeding and native fauna areas.



Blasting

- No blast related events exceeded the maximum compliance level of 120 dB(L);
- No blast related event exceeded the 115 dB(L) level (normal weekdays and Saturdays) or the 95 dB(L) level (Sundays / Public Holidays).
- Compliance with the allowable exceedance of 5% of the total number of blasts over a 12 month period.
- One blast related complaint



Operational Noise

- Noise monitoring for Q2 planned for June
- No non-compliances of the noise impact assessment criteria were reported during the reporting period.
- No community complaints received during the reporting period relating to operational noise



Surface Water

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to surface water at the CGO during the reporting period
- pH values in on-site water quality monitoring data has remained fairly stable, consistent with previous years results. Electrical Conductivity of all sites reflected rainfall affecting dam volume.



Lake Water

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to lake water at the CGO during the reporting period
- pH and electrical conductivity values consistent with previous flooding events, with no observed impact from Cowal Gold Operations.



Groundwater

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to groundwater at the CGO during the reporting period
- Groundwater quality results and trends illustrate that the water management control measures appear to have successfully prevented groundwater contamination
- The volume extracted from the Bland Creek Palaeochannel within licence conditions of 15 ML/day.



Fauna and Flora

- No deaths of animals by cyanide in the CGO Tailings Storage Facilities area since operations began in April 2006
- ~150 trees felled during the reporting period for the Stage H expansion. Vegetation clearance protocol implemented. Minimal fauna habitat. No threatened species identified.
- No environmental incidents or complaints were reported or received at the CGO relating to threatened flora or fauna during the reporting period



Cyanide

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to cyanide at the CGO during the reporting period
- No non-compliances of CNWAD levels of the aqueous component of the tailings slurry stream - 20 mg/L CNWAD (90 percentile over six months) and 30 mg/L CNWAD (maximum permissible limit at any time).
- No cyanide related fauna deaths

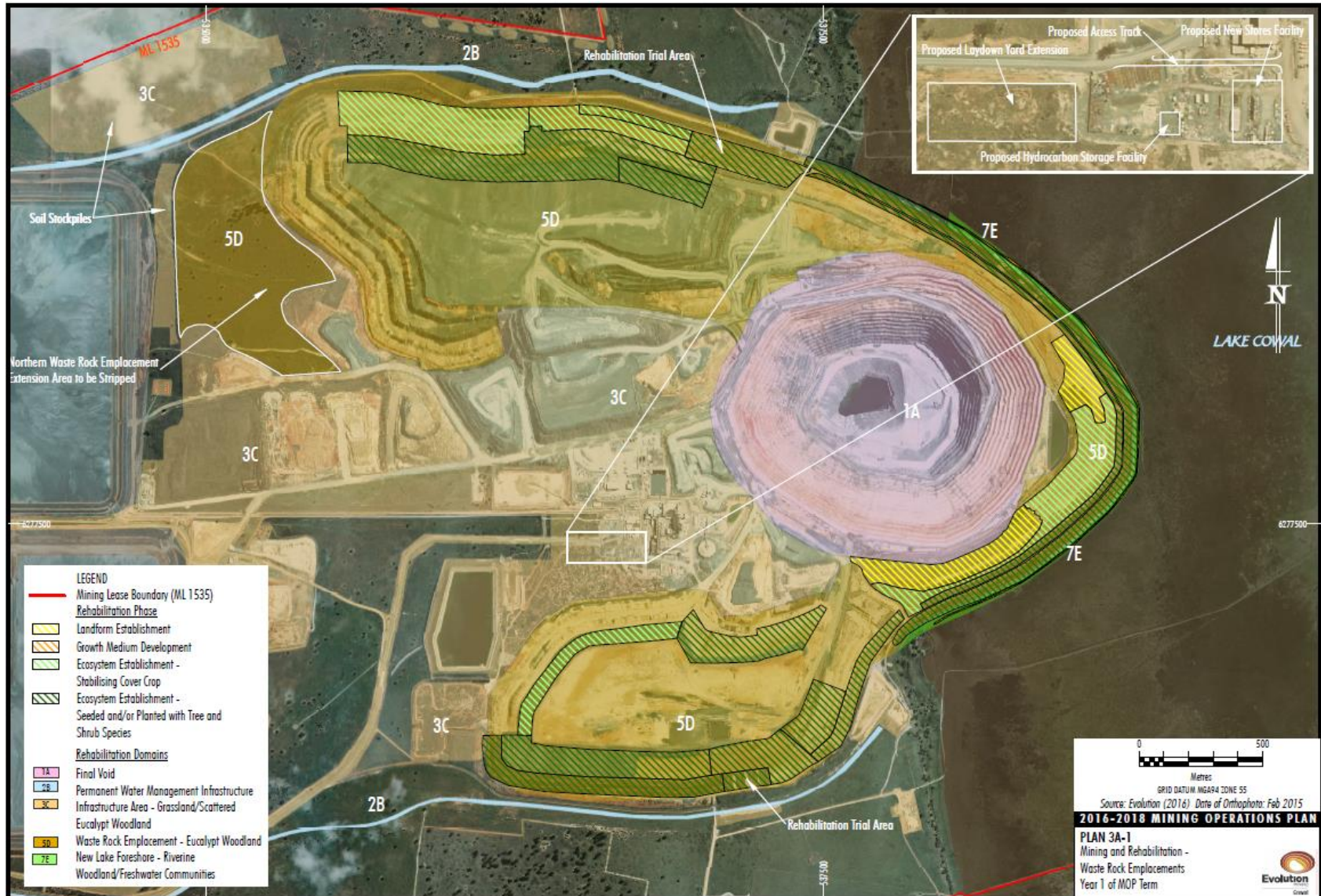


Rehabilitation

- Catching up on the postponed 2016 rehab program
- Topsoil stripped from Stage H expansion areas and stockpiled
- Direct seeding trial implemented and initial germination observed
- Soil amelioration program continuing with gypsum application to Stage H expansion area and topsoil stockpiles
- 3000 trees planted on the NWRE



Rehabilitation - MOP Year 1



Rehabilitation



Rehabilitation



Biodiversity Offset Areas



- 20 ha of trees planted on the Southern offset areas
- Fencing works being undertaken on the Southern and Northern Offsets
- Lake Cowal wetlands project approved with the Riverina Local Land Service

Cowal Awarded NSW Mining Operation of the Year, 6 April 2017



Social Responsibility

Fischer Family Memorial
West Wyalong Hospital Patient Sitting Room
West Wyalong Lions Club



Healthy Brain Presentation
Bellarwi CWA

Social Responsibility



West Wyalong Gold Triathlon
West Wyalong Swimming Club

Shop Locally Fashions on the
Field Campaign
West Wyalong Harness Racing



Cultural Heritage – Stage H

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys of areas to be impacted by Stage H in April and May
- 15 Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) on site April
- Salvage of Registered Site B and Registered Site C



Archaeologist Succession Planning implemented – Colin Pardoe hands over to Jamie Reeves

Salvage works adjacent to western side of tailings dams



Project Bridge

- Cowal and the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC), initiated a collaborative partnership between Evolution, the WCC and key Evolution supply partners: SRG, Maxam, BK Hire, Boart Longyear, Milbrae and BP Australia
- Objective being - to maximise education and employment outcomes for local Wiradjuri people and the broader Central West community.
- Project Bridge is only in its early days but has already resulted in 12 Wiradjuri people completing a Job Ready Training program, with 3 graduates receiving employment offers.
- A Careers Day was held in March for 108 regional students, providing information to help their career decisions.



Evolution Cowal Consultation Centre



- Evolution Cowal Consultation Centre (ECCC)
 - SR staff are currently working out of the ECCC 4 days/week
 - Allows CGO staff to arrange meetings with external stakeholders in a convenient location
 - Convenient facility to conduct interviews for Stage H recruitment
 - 3D Model of Mine and other comms to arrive by 30 June
 - Increasing our engagement with the local community



Complaints and Grievances



- One complaint during the quarter.

DETAILS	Resident of Lake Cowal
COMPLAINT / CONCERN	Blasting
DATE and TIME	23/05/2017 – 12:30pm
OUTCOME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A landholder on the Eastern side of Lake Cowal called the Senior Environmental Advisor to complain that the blast had shaken their house. No damage was reported. Landholder just wanted to let CGO know, as it hadn't happen for a long time. Senior Environmental Advisor requested a review of the blast data from external blasting consultants and called Mining Superintendent to find out the details of the blast. <p>25/05/2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary blast results were received from external consultants indicated that the blast was within compliance limits (95.9 dB(L)). Senior Environmental Advisor emailed the blast investigation to the landholder and called to discuss the results.
DATE OF RESPONSE	<p>Initial response – 23/05/2017</p> <p>Complaint closed – 25/05/2017</p>

CGO Approvals

- Mod 13 (Mine Life Extension) was approved on 7th February 2017
 - Deepening of pit, joining the TSFs, upgrades to process plant
 - A number of EMP's are currently under revision as a result:
 - Cyanide MP (submitted)
 - Water MP & Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Program (August 2017)
 - Monitoring Program for Detection of Movement of LPB, Water Storages, Tailings Structures and Pit-Void Walls (August 2017)
 - Hazardous Waste & Chemical MP (July 2017)
 - Rehabilitation MP (August 2017)
 - Erosion & Sediment Control Plan (July 2017)
 - Emergency Response Plan (July 2017)
 - Noise Management Plan (August 2017)
 - Environmental Management Strategy (July 2017)
 - Transport of Hazardous Materials Study (November 2017)
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Modification 14

Processing Rate Increase

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Modification 14



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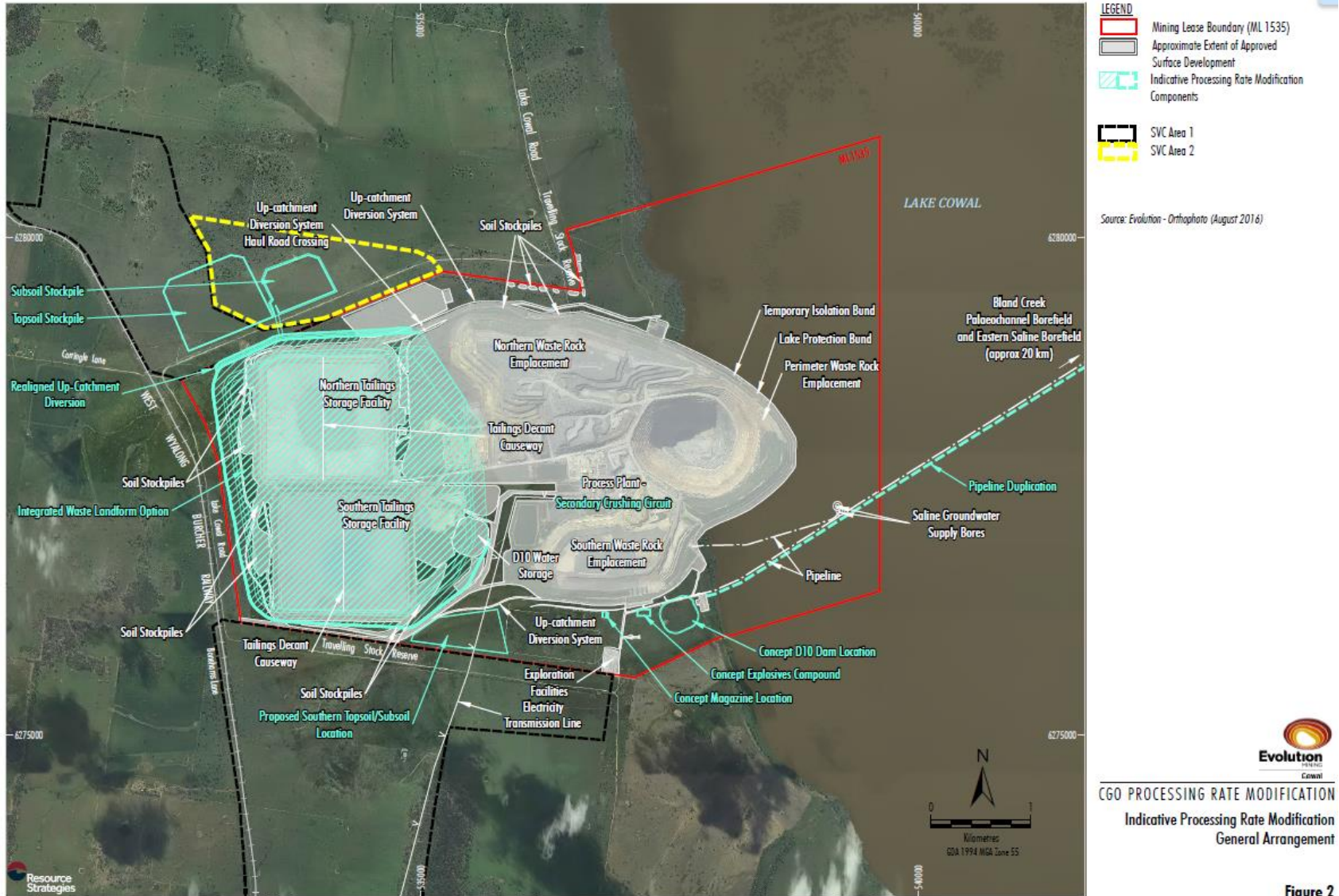


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Modification 14

Next Steps

- Continue engineering studies
 - Undertake specialist environmental studies
 - Community consultation
 - Complete Environmental Assessment
 - Environmental Assessment lodgement (February 2018)
 - Public exhibition of Environmental Assessment (March 2018)
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Looking Ahead

- Stage H commencement July
- Annual review July
- East Girral – Stakeholder Consultation July
- Melbourne Cup Tour - West Wyalong July
- National Town Crier Championships September
- Family & Community Open Day September
- Independent Monitoring Panel October



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ALWAYS LOOKING AHEAD

Feedback



Environmental management plans and monitoring data are publically available

<http://evolutionmining.com.au/cowal/>

Cowall Partnering Program - Round 1 2017 - Recommendations

Organisation/Group	Initiative/Event	Total Budget (\$)	Amount Requested (\$)	Recommendation ex GST (\$)
Forbes PA & H Assoc Inc	Forbes Show 2017	\$50,000.00	\$8,800.00	\$4,000.00
Forbes and District Lions Club Inc	Upgrade Lions Park in Forbes	\$4,685.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Forbes Community Mens Shed Inc	Purpose Built "Men's Shed"	\$260,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,000.00
Forbes Eisteddfod	Forbes Eisteddfod 2017	\$25,337.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Little Learners Early Intervention House With No Steps	Routine based interview training for Little Learners key support workers	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,818.00
Jemalong Irrigation	Ride on Lawn Mower for Jemalong Weir	\$7,899.00	\$7,899.00	\$7,181.00
Red Bend Catholic College	Intensive Water Confidence and Learn to Swim Programme	\$2,004.80	\$2,004.80	\$1,823.00
Forbes High School	Forbes High School - School Education and Activity Area - Rubber Wetpour 153.5m2	\$77,333.00	\$30,393.00	\$3,000.00
Bedgerabong School P&C Association	Shade sails over playground equipment at school	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$2,000.00
Bedgerabong war memorial church	WW1 Centotaph repair	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Forbes North Public School P&C	Technology Upgrade	\$100,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$3,000.00
Forbes North Public School P&C	FNPS 60th Birthday Fair and Easter Raffle	\$3,500.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Forbes Shire Council	3D Street Art Workshop	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Wirrinya Progress and Sports Association	Wirrinya Community Tennis Court, Replacement of tennis court fence	\$59,119.50	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Events West Wyalong	Aussie Fest in the West	\$67,000.00	\$40,820.00	\$5,000.00
Bland Shire Council	National Town Criers Festival	\$15,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$7,750.00
Ungarie RSL Sub-Branch	Refurbishment Ungarie War Memorial	\$14,740.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,636.00
Weethalle Rodeo & Gymkhana	Weethalle Rodeo & Gymkana	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
West Wyalong Community Rose Garden	Community Rose Garden	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
West Wyalong Hospital Auxilliary	Electric Beds	\$10,170.00	\$10,170.00	\$10,170.00
West Wyalong Meals on Wheels	Volunteer recruitment, training, support and recognition	\$4,610.00	\$4,610.00	\$3,645.00
West Wyalong's Men's Shed	Upgrade of equipment & tools to cordless	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00	\$4,000.00
West Wyalong Show Society Inc	West Wyalong Show	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
West Wyalong & District Transport Group	Social Inclusion	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
West Wyalong Bowling & Recreation Club	2017 Easter Bowls Carnival	\$9,100.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,990.00
West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council	Museum Keeping Place	\$54,200.00	\$8,311.58	\$7,556.00
West Wyalong Legends Pro Am Committee	West Wyalong Legends Pro Am	\$13,000.00	\$4,700.00	\$2,000.00

West Wyalong Horse Sports - Rodeo Assn	Amenities Block	\$41,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00
West Wyalong High School	Solar Panels	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00
West Wyalong Public School	Upgrade Security System	\$14,405.00	\$14,405.00	\$3,000.00
Wyalong Public School	Wet-Weather Walkway	\$15,114.00	\$15,114.00	\$3,000.00
St Mary's War Memorial School	Wellness Play Area	\$21,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$3,000.00
Ray & Linda Moore	"Moorepark" Wildlife Rescue & Sanctuary	\$15,000.00	\$11,578.00	\$1,000.00
Condo Kilo Killers	NSW Knockout Health Challenge 2017 - Team Condo Kilo Killers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Western Plains Regional Development	Condobolin Railway Museum	\$4,121.00	\$2,124.00	\$1,931.00
Burcher Progress Association.	Public Amenities Block between recreation ground and caravan camping ground	\$33,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Central West Family Support Group Inc.	"Minore" The Place where It Is (Wiradjuri Language)	\$18,564.31	\$17,103.92	\$8,000.00
Central West Farming Systems Inc (CWFS)	CWFS Technology in Ag Workshop	\$10,120.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,500.00
Condobolin Country Womens Association	Repairs to the Condobolin CWA Building	\$28,600.00	\$16,000.00	\$3,000.00
Rotary Club of Condobolin	Shared walking and cycling track seats and shelters in Condobolin	\$23,760.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Western Plains Regional Development	Condobolin Visitor Information Centre	\$25,997.00	\$9,090.90	\$3,000.00
Western Plains Regional Development	Powering the Community Project	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Lachlan Shire Council	Tullibigeal Centenary Celebrations - History Signage	\$11,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$5,000.00
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Caretakers Hut	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00
Condobolin High School	Hands on Agriculture Education in Condobolin 2017	\$9,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,000.00
Condobolin Preshcool and Childcare Centre	Supporting children's growth through occupational therapy	\$3,160.62	\$2,844.55	\$2,000.00
Growing Lachlan Alliance	Growing Lachlan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
TOTALS		\$187,822.93	\$512,968.75	\$220,000.00

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
JUGIONG WATER TREATMENT PLANT on 22 June 2017**

The meeting commenced at 1.31pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson C Manchester, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris,
Deputy Chairperson D Palmer, Cr G Sinclair, Administrator W Tuckerman.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr P Rudd (General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production & Services Manager and
Acting Corporate Services Manager), Mr T Goodyer (Operations Manager), Mrs A
Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Nil

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of
the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their people both past and present and
extend that respect to other Aboriginal Australians who are present.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - 1.34 pm

*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.*

17/033 RESOLVED on the motion of Deputy Chairperson Palmer and Cr McCann that Council
move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

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

Lloyd Davidson from StateCover presented an overview of workers' compensation
premiums for the 2017/18 financial year.

17/034 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Morris and Deputy Chairperson Palmer that Council
revert back to Open Session.

OPEN SESSION – 2.20pm

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 27 APRIL 2017

17/035 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and McGlynn that the minutes of the meetings held on 27 April 2017 having been circulated and read by members be confirmed.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

8. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

17/036 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Morris that Council consider the late report of **Developer Services Charges**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

10. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

**Minutes of the Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL held at
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12. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

12.1 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

12.1.1. COUNCIL INVESTMENTS (G35507005)

17/037 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Callow and Deputy Chairperson Palmer that the report detailing Council Investments as at 31 May 2017 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Accountant

BACKGROUND

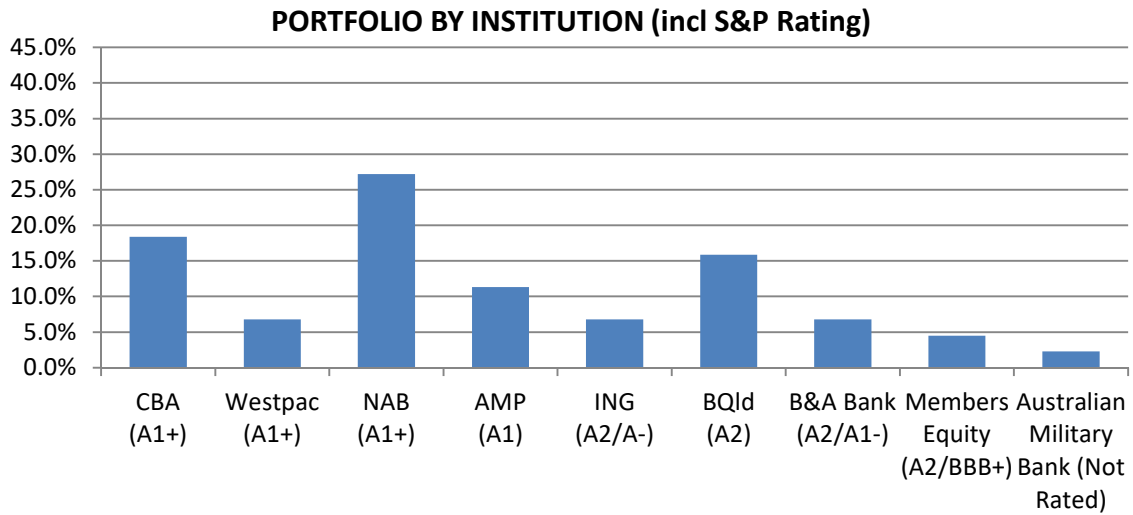
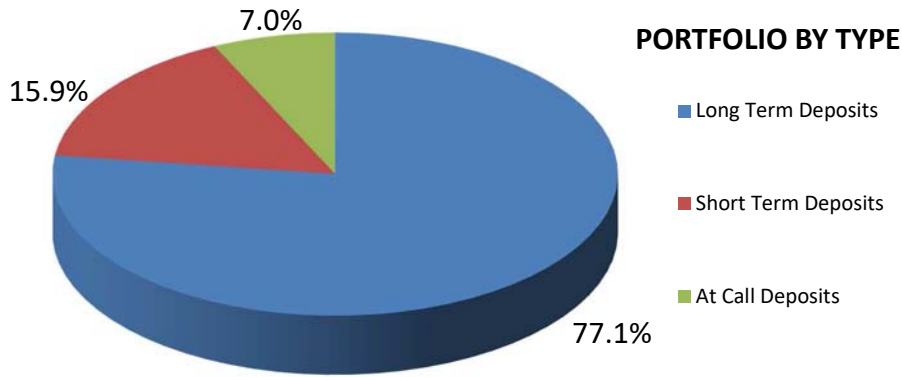
A report on Council's Investments is required to be presented for Council's consideration in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. Council's Investment Policy PP-004 - Reporting and Reviewing Investments requires the provision of a report detailing the investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio, maturity date and market value.

REPORT

The following details Council Investments as at 31 May 2017:

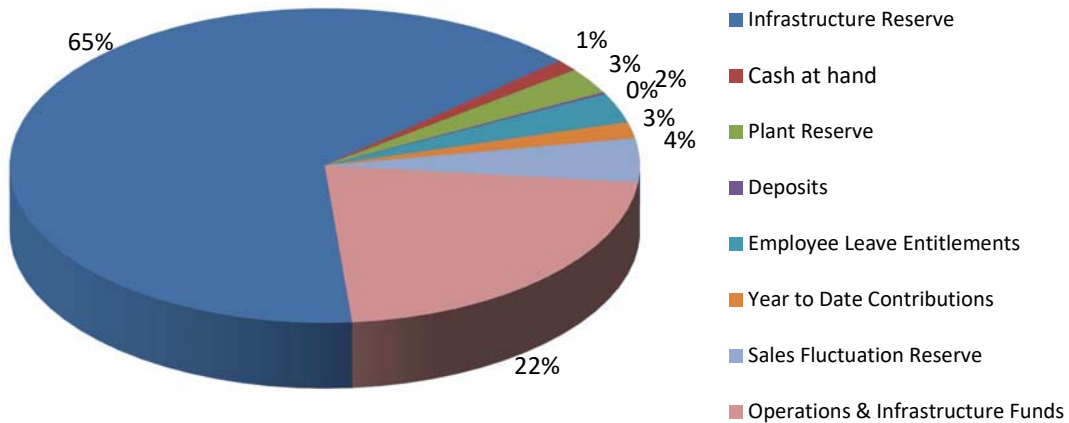
	Market Value (\$)	Term (days)	Rate	Maturity Date	% of Portfolio
Long Term Deposits	34,000,000.00				77.1%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.73%	05/11/17	6.8%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.60%	05/12/17	6.8%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.70%	04/12/17	6.8%
AMP	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.40%	19/12/17	6.8%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.57%	08/01/18	6.8%
National Australia Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.36%	12/02/18	6.8%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,097	3.11%	17/03/18	6.8%
Commonwealth Bank	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.06%	20/04/18	6.8%
Westpac Banking Corporation	3,000,000.00	1,096	3.04%	25/06/18	6.8%
Bank of Queensland	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.00%	29/10/18	6.8%
ING Direct	3,000,000.00	1,098	3.18%	18/03/19	6.8%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	1,000,000.00	548	3.00%	1/12/17	2.3%
Short Term Deposits	7,000,000.00				15.9%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	1,000,000.00	365	2.97%	31/05/17	2.3%
Bank of Queensland	1,000,000.00	365	2.85%	31/05/17	2.3%
AMP Bank	1,000,000.00	181	3.00%	15/06/17	2.3%
Bendigo & Adelaide Bank	1,000,000.00	365	2.67%	10/08/17	2.3%
Members Equity Bank	2,000,000.00	180	2.77%	11/07/17	4.5%
Australian Military Bank	1,000,000.00	365	2.85%	28/03/18	2.3%
At Call Deposits	3,100,210.00				7.0%
Commonwealth Bank At Call A/c	2,100,000.00	At Call	1.70%	N/A	4.8%
AMP Bank At Call A/c	1,000,210.00	At Call	2.55%	N/A	2.3%
Total Value of Investment Funds	44,100,210.00				100.0%

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RESERVES & CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENTS



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

Cash Book balance as at 1 February 2017	\$267,515.75
Plus Deposits	
February	\$1,435,519.55
March	\$4,141,901.40
Less Payments	
February	-\$1,451,230.73
March	-\$3,857,953.88
Cash Book balance as at 31 March 2017	\$535,752.09
Less Outstanding Deposits	-\$19,944.58
Plus Unpresented Cheques	\$189,130.41
Bank balance as at 31 March 2017	\$704,937.92

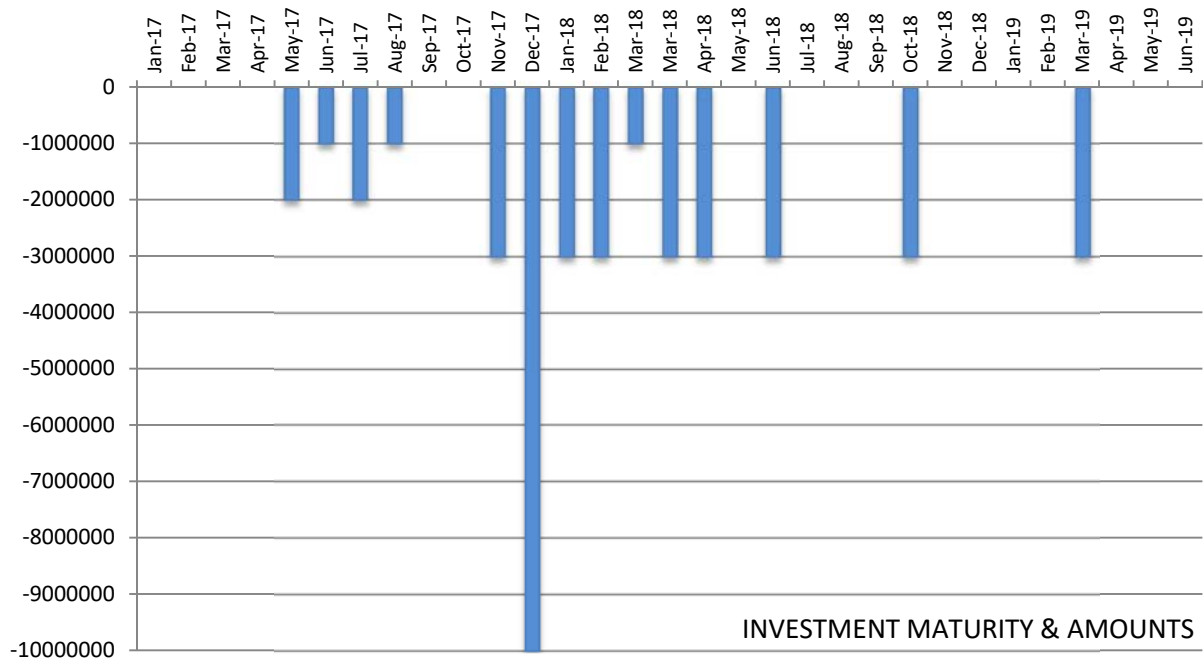
It is hereby certified that the above investments have been secured in accordance with:

- Local Government Act, 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005;
- Investment Order - dated 12 January 2011; and
- Council's Investment Policy PP-004 (adopted 23/6/2016).

Councillors will be aware of Council's Restricted Assets, which will now form part of the report.

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The following table sets out GWCC's investment maturity timetable



Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

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12.1.2. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT (G35201005)

17/038 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McGlynn and McCann that the report detailing Council's capital works program as at 31 May 2017 be received and noted.

Report prepared by Accountant

BACKGROUND

Capital Works represents an important part of Council's activities and expenditure. This report details progress year to date on programmed and emergent capital works. Water mains are a significant part of the annual program and are also reported in more detail.

REPORT

This report is presented for information on the progress of Council's Capital Works Program as at 31 May 2017.

Description	2016/17 Estimate	Costing to 31/05/2017
Total New -Water Mains-Developers	\$ 40,000	\$ 45,098
Total New -Water Mains	\$ 120,000	\$ 37,267
Total New System Assets-Reservoirs	\$ -	\$ -
Total New System Assets-Pumping Stations	\$ 296,000	\$ 152
Total New System Assets-Treatment	\$ 136,900	\$ 34,445
Total New System Assets-Bores	\$ 400,000	\$ 358,385
Total New System Assets-Services-Meters	\$ 125,000	\$ 66,190
Total New System Assets - Backflow	\$ 45,000	\$ 51,017
Total New Plant & Equipment	\$ 155,000	\$ 38,427
Total New Intangibles	\$ 116,955	\$ 97,313
Total New Assets-Buildings	\$ -	\$ -
Temora Workshop	\$ 1,146,494	\$ 386,513
Capital New Land & Buildings	\$ 460,000	\$ 152,705
Total New Capital	\$ 3,041,349	\$ 1,267,512
Total New System Assets-Mandamah Stage 1	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 171,774
Total New Capital (incl Mandamah)	\$ 5,041,349	\$ 1,439,286
Total Renewals Mains	\$ 844,200	\$ 453,055
Total Renewals Reservoirs	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,773
Total Renewals Pump Stations	\$ 1,232,500	\$ 257,388
Total Renewals Treatment	\$ 39,500	\$ 44,993
Total Renewals Bores	\$ 250,000	\$ 230,560
Total Renewals Services Meters-Taggles	\$ 145,000	\$ 69,873
Total Renewals Plant and Equipment	\$ 336,700	\$ 135,393
Total Renewals-Buildings	\$ 224,600	\$ 80,607
Total Capital Renewals	\$ 3,073,000	\$ 1,275,642
Total Plant Purchases	\$ 650,000	\$ 1,308,323

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

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Total Plant Sales	-\$ 580,000	-\$ 502,372
Total Plant Purchased & Sold	\$ 70,000	\$ 805,951
Grand Total	\$ 8,184,349	\$ 4,034,580

Description	2016/17 Estimate	Costing to 31/05/2017	Progress %	Commentary
New System Assets-Mains Developer Paid				
Commissioning Developer Provided Mains	\$ 40,000	\$ -	na	Overarching budget
Capital New Developer Design - GWCC	\$ -	\$ 3,775	na	
Mains Temora- Gallopli & James Streets	\$ -	\$ 22,452	100%	Job Completed
Mains Aria Park Cut In & Mains Extension	\$ -	\$ 696	100%	Job Completed 2016 Financial Year. Invoices received in new Financial Year
Mains West Wyalong Evans Street	\$ -	\$ 199	100%	Job Completed 2016 Financial Year. Invoices received in new Financial Year
Mains Coolamon Mirrool Wallace Road	\$ -	\$ 6,656	100%	Job Completed
Mains Temora Tewkesbury	\$ -	\$ 548	100%	Job Completed 2016 Financial Year. Invoices received in new Financial Year
Mains Coolamon Wallace Street	\$ -	\$ 13,038	100%	Job Completed
Mains Rannock Road & Campbells Lane	\$ -	\$ 106,028		
Water Mains-Developers	\$ 40,000	\$ 153,392		
New System Assets-Mains				
Easement Compensation	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,315	na	Not project based capital works
Total New Mains To be Determined	\$ 100,000	\$ -	na	Overarching budget
Aria Park Fill Station Aria Park	\$ -	\$ 10,986	100%	Job Completed
Aria Park Mains Extension to relocate Fill station	\$ -	\$ 23,433	100%	Job Completed
Total New -Water Mains	\$ 120,000	\$ 35,734		
Capital Renewals-Mains				
Total Renewals- To be Determined	\$ 300,000	\$ -	na	Overarching budget
Total Mains Renewal Investigations	\$ -	\$ 1,326		
Total - West Wyalong Stadium Main	\$ -	\$ 11,786	100%	Job Completed
Total - Wallace Street GSE Correction	\$ -	\$ 19,500	100%	Job Completed
Total Wyalong-Showground Road RMS Stage 2	\$ -	\$ 6,049	100%	Job Completed
Total Wyalong-Showground Road RMS Stage 3	\$ -	\$ 55,606	100%	Job Completed
Total Wyalong-Showground Road RMS Stage 4	\$ -	\$ 80,502	100%	Job Completed
Total Compton Rd & Neeld Street	\$ -	\$ 109,292	100%	Job Completed
Total Capital Renewals - Mains	\$ 300,000	\$ 284,061		
Cootamundra - Temora Road				
Total Cootamundra-Temora Road	\$ 60,500	\$ -	0%	Job not yet commenced
Total Cootamundra-Temora Road	\$ 60,500	\$ -		
Weethalle Fishers Lane				
Total Weethalle Fishers Lane	\$ 483,700	\$ 168,994	100%	Job Completed
Total Weethalle Fishers Lane	\$ 483,700	\$ 168,994		

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.1.3 DEVELOPER SERVICES CHARGES (G95881005)

17/039 RESOLVED on the motion of Deputy Chairperson Palmer and Cr McCann that Council:

1. Approve Council staff to commence discussions with constituent councils for them to put in place procedures necessary to support Goldenfields Water's use of VPAs in the planning process.
2. Maintain existing Developer Service Charges without any indexation until a new Developer Servicing Plan has been resolved.
3. Receive a further workshop on the results of the discussions with constituent Councils and consider a proposed template VPA for use by Goldenfields Water.

Report prepared by Production and Services Manager

BACKGROUND

As per the associated workshop and the subsequent report provided to the April 2017 Council Meeting, Council resolved to:

1. Adopt a program under s356 for inclusion in the Development Servicing Plan.
2. Offer a 50% reduction of the Developer Services Charge subject to financial assessments.
3. Develop a policy around the future Development Servicing Plan.

REPORT

Since the April Council Meeting, staff have assessed the ability of flexibility in levying developer services charges for commercial and industrial development applications. Staff have sought legal advice as well as reviewed the implementation guidelines provided under DPI Water's Best Practice Management.

Staff previously discussed with Council, the ability to allow potential commercial and industrial developments to make an application via a section 356 donation with the implementation of a new donation policy.

Council staff now believe the most appropriate process for reviewing individual industrial and/or commercial applications on behalf of Goldenfields Water is via the implementation of Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs).

This process would allow both the Council and potential developers to investigate and agree on the implementation and staging of appropriate developer charges associated with actual impacts on our system and still remain compliant under best practice management obligations. This process will negate the need to implement commercial and industrial charges under s64 of the Local Government Act 1993 and s306 of the Water Management Act 2000 via the generic mechanism currently applied under the existing Development Servicing Plan (DSP).

Usually a VPA is triggered and conditioned via a General Purpose Council at the time of a development application. Legal advice recently sought has provided staff with the confidence that a County Council (Water Authority) can instigate VPA's as part of any

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request made by a person to connect to the water supply system where a certificate of compliance under s306 of the Water Management Act is sought from the Council in connection with the carrying out of development. Such development includes building works, subdivision and change of use.

Concerns have been raised over Goldenfields Water's current DSP and associated charges via constituent councils and the need for fast tracking a review and development of a new DSP for transparency and flexibility purposes will be prioritised.

The introduction of VPA's will only be effective if the constituent Council's agree to put in place procedures necessary to support Goldenfields Water's use of VPAs in the planning process. Failure of constituent Council's to help in this regard will require the levying of developer charges as per existing conditions by Goldenfields Water.

It is proposed that Staff will commence the development of a new DSP once the IWCM project has been finalised in the 2017/18 financial year. Constituent Councils are included within the IWCM project as Project Reference Group members and will have the ability to raise any concerns through that process.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Council currently estimates that developer charge income is \$450,000 - \$950,000 per annum. Income is solely dependent on development and fluctuates accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

12.2.1. COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT POLICY (G40350505)

17/040 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Callow and Sinclair that Council endorses PP020 Complaints Management Policy.

Report prepared by HR Coordinator

BACKGROUND

PP020 Complaints Management Policy establishes an effective complaints management system in accordance with the best practice model as provided by the NSW Ombudsman.

REPORT

PP020 Complaints Management Policy sets a complaints management system which ensures complaints regarding Goldenfields Water County Council are received, recorded and resolved in a timely and appropriate manner and dealt with fairly and impartially.

Attachments: PP020 Complaints Management Policy

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.2. INTERNAL REPORTING POLICY (G40350505)

17/041 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs McGlynn and Sinclair that Council endorses PP021 Internal Reporting Policy.

Report prepared by HR Coordinator

BACKGROUND

PP021 Internal Reporting Policy establishes an internal reporting system for staff and Board Members to report a public interest issue in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (PID Act).

REPORT

In accordance with the PID Act, Goldenfields Water County Council (Council) is required to establish an internal reporting system which allows staff and Board Member to report wrongdoing without fear of reprisal. PP021 Internal Reporting Policy sets out Council's internal reporting process and the responsibilities of all relevant parties as required under the legislation.

Attachments: PP021 Internal Reporting Policy

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY (G40350505)

17/042 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McCann that Council endorses PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

Report prepared by HR Coordinator

BACKGROUND

Goldenfields Water County Council (Council) has a legislative obligation to ensure the principles of equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination are promoted and adhered to in the workplace.

REPORT

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity shall demonstrate Councils commitment to the principles of equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination.

Attachments: PP017 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.4. ADOPTION CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE (G05601005)

17/043 RESOLVED on the motion of Administrator Tuckerman and Cr Callow that Council adopts the Code of Meeting Practice.

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

Chapter 12 Part 2 Division 1 of the Local Government Act 1993 advises on the preparation, public notice and exhibition of Councils Draft Code of Meeting Practice

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the Draft Code of Meeting Practice has been on public exhibition for 28 days with submissions open for 42 days. No submissions have been received.

The Code of Meeting Practice is now re-presented to Council for adoption.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Code of Meeting Practice

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

**12.2.5. ADOPTION 2017-2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM AND 2017-2018
OPERATIONAL PLAN (G05601005)**

17/044 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Sinclair that Council

1. Adopts the 2017 to 2021 Delivery Program
2. Adopts the 2017-2018 Operational Plan

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the establishment of a new 4 year delivery program after each ordinary election and for the Draft plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires an operational plan to be adopted before the beginning of each year and for the Draft plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

REPORT

In accordance with legislative requirements the Draft 2017 - 2021 Delivery Program and the 2017 - 2018 Operational Plan have been on public exhibition for 28 days. No submissions have been received.

The 2017 - 2021 Delivery Program and the 2017 - 2018 Operational Plan are now re-presented to Council for adoption.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Draft 2017 to 2021 Delivery Program

Draft 2017 – 2018 Operational Plan

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

12.2.6. LGNSW WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (G40151005)

17/045 RESOLVED on the motion of Deputy Chairperson Palmer and Cr Callow that Council endorse Chairperson Manchester, Deputy Chairperson Palmer, Cr McCann and the General Manager to attend the LGNSW Water Management Conference.

Report prepared by General Manager

BACKGROUND

The annual Local Government NSW Water Management Conference presents a broad range of information from a local government perspective on water management, issues associated with water supply and sewerage services provided by water utilities.

REPORT

The Local Government NSW Water Management Conference will be held at Dubbo on Monday 4 September 2017 to Wednesday 6 September 2017.

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.

Attachments: Nil

Tabled Items: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation does not impact on Council's financial position

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation made was adopted.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Thursday 24 August 2017 commencing at 1.00pm.

15. QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

Cr McCann sought and was provided information regarding the status of the Mandamah Project.

Cr McGlynn sought and was provided further information regarding the Mandamah Project.

Deputy Chairperson Palmer sought and was provided an explanation on the lateness of the customer accounts and the status of outstanding debtors.

Cr Morris sought and was provided an update on water connection at Barellan Aged Care facility.

Cr Callow thanked the General Manager and the Chairperson for meeting with Juneec Shire Council, the feedback was very positive.

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was closed at 3.10 pm.

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RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

29 MARCH 2017

PRESENT

Cr Yvonne Braid	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Pam Halliburton	Junee Shire Council
Cr Dan Hayes	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Rod Kendall	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Ian Marston	Lockhart Shire Council
Cr Dallas Tout	Wagga Wagga City Council
Cr Jan Wyse	Bland Shire Council
Ms Adele Casey	Bland Shire Council
Mr Tony Donoghue	Coolamon Shire Council
Mr Steve Firth	Temora Shire Council
Mr Grant Johnson	Junee Shire Council
Ms Susan Kane	Greater Hume Shire Council
Ms Kristy Kay	Federation Council
Mr Ken Trethewey	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council
Ms Kristin Twomey	Snowy Valleys Council
Mr Peter Veneris	Lockhart Shire Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Kendall Reid	Federation Council
Ms Carolyn Rodney	Wagga Wagga City Council

RIVERINA REGIONAL LIBRARY STAFF

Mr Robert Knight	Executive Director
Ms Amy Heap	Outreach and Promotions Coordinator
Mr Brian Plummer	Support and eServices Coordinator
Ms Karen Wendt	Business and Communications Coordinator

The meeting of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee commenced at 9:37am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to Acknowledge the Wiradjuri people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land that we are meeting on today. I would also like to pay my respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present today.

APOLOGIES

Cr Kerrilee Logan	Coolamon Shire Council
Cr Max Oliver	Temora Shire Council
Cr Annette Schilg	Greater Hume Shire Council
Cr Dennis Sleigh	Temora Shire Council
Cr Greg Verdon	Lockhart Shire Council
Mr James Davis	Junee Shire Council
Ms Sue Fletcher	Snowy Valleys Council
Ms Louise Parr	Federation Council
Ms Fiona Schirmer	Federation Council
Mr David Smith	Greater Hume Shire Council
Ms Rosalind Wight	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

REPORTS FROM STAFF

RP-1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

On the motion of Cr Kendall and Cr Halliburton

That the minutes of the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

RP-2 MANAGER FINANCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Recommendation

On the motion of Ms Casey and Ms Twomey

That the Committee:

- a endorse the draft RRL Budget for 2017/18**
- b note that once endorsed by the RRL Advisory Committee and the Executive Council, the 2017/18 RRL Budget will be placed on public exhibition as part of the Executive Council process**
- c note the RRL Budget Review for the quarter ended 31 December 2016.**

CARRIED

RP-3 RRL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Recommendation

On the motion of Ms Kay and Cr Wyse

That the Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RP-4 RRL LIBRARY ACTIVITY STATISTICS REPORT

Recommendation

On the motion of Cr Hayes and Cr Wyse

That the Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

RP-5 DRAFT RRL MEMBER COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS 2017-2018

Recommendation

On the motion of Ms Casey and Cr Halliburton

That the Committee endorse the draft 2017-2018 RRL Member Council Contributions table as an interim document for presentation to the June 2017 meeting of the Executive Council, subject to there being no significant variations prior to that time.

CARRIED

RP-6 DRAFT RRL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017-2018

Recommendation

On the motion of Cr Braid and Ms Twomey

That the Committee endorse the draft RRL Management Plan 2017-2018 as an interim document for presentation to the June 2017 meeting of the Executive Council, subject to there being no significant variations prior to that time.

CARRIED

RP-7 RRL VOLUNTEER ATTRACTION AND TRAINING STRATEGY

Recommendation

On the motion of Cr Braid and Mr Trethewey

That the Committee endorse the RRL Volunteer Attraction and Training Strategy.

CARRIED

RP-8 RRL BOOK CLUB POLICY

Recommendation

On the motion of Cr Kendall and Cr Halliburton

That the Committee endorse the RRL Book Club Policy.

CARRIED

RP-9 RRL MEMBER COUNCIL REPORT

Recommendation

On the motion of Ms Casey and Mr Trethewey

That the Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Knight wished to acknowledge and thank Wagga Wagga City Council for their financial contribution toward the installation of air-conditioning units at the RRL Administration Centre.

PRESENTATION

Ms Heap delivered a presentation titled: Active Minds.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee rose at 10:55am.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Code of Dress for Council Meetings



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

DP10.2: Ensure councillors take ownership and a strong leadership role

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council at its meeting held on 20th June 2017 resolved to establish an appropriate dress code for councillors when attending formal meetings of council. This matter was further discussed at the July Workshop of council.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to council associated with this matter.

Summary

Based on the fact that there would be many varying definitions of the word 'appropriate' it was agreed that it would be a simpler exercise to identify what is 'inappropriate, in a similar fashion to licensed premises.

Consequently, the following items of dress will be considered inappropriate attire for a formal council meeting: thongs / singlets / T-shirts / shorts.

In order to enforce this dress code it will be necessary to amend council's current Code of Meeting Practice.

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice is amended to reflect a Code of Dress, identifying inappropriate attire, for councillors attending formal meetings of council.

9.2 West Wyalong Stadium – Review of Annual Fees and Charges for 2017/2018



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

DP 9.1 Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations

Author: General Manager

Introduction

This report deals with the outcome of a review of the proposed fees and charges for the use of the newly refurbished West Wyalong Stadium.

A meeting was held with representatives of the West Wyalong Basketball Association on Monday 26th June attended by Mr. Tony Parkes, Mr. Derek White, and Mr. Andrew Bartlett along with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Executive Assistant.

Agreement was reached for the following proposed fees:

- Senior Basketball fee to be \$300 per night that the stadium is used. Not per week for 52 weeks.
- Ladies Day Basketball fee to be \$200 per session – again only when used.
- Junior Basketball fee to be \$300 per session – again only when used.
- Rep Basketball Training Fee was agreed at \$250 per team, per year. Applicable whether used or not, covering all rep players incidental training - provided there are no conflicting bookings.
- All fees cover full access to the stadium with no extra costs for electricity, water, or canteen. The fee is an all inclusive costing.
- No fees for any regular user group meetings.

It is also intended to increase the casual hire rate from \$250.00 to \$300.00.

There has also been a need to review the proposed fees for the use of this facility by the Life Ball and Indoor Tennis groups. Both these groups are casual but regular users of the facility and as such create a unique situation when determining an annual fee.

Accordingly it is being recommended that a separate category be established as 'Regular Casual Users' and that the fee be set at \$5.00 per person per session. This should create a much fairer and equitable situation particularly given that these groups consist mainly of aged members seeking health and well being opportunities.

Financial Implications

By adopting the above fee structure the Basket Ball Association will be paying an additional \$3,400.00 per annum but will not be responsible for any of the utilities and will not pay for the use of the canteen.

The original estimated income for the use of this facility will be reduced by approximately \$16,400.00

The overall result on the net costs of the Stadium will be better known after 12 months of operation at which time the fee structure can be reviewed in consultation with the users.

Summary

A revised schedule of Fees and Charges is included as an attachment to this report and will need to be formally adopted as an addendum to council's Revenue Policy.

The issue of ongoing management of the facility, including access and the distribution of keys to the facility will also be reviewed in consultation with the users.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the report outlining the review of the proposed fees and charges for the use of the West Wyalong Stadium is received and noted;**
- 2. That the attached revised schedule of fees and charges for the use of the West Wyalong Stadium be formally adopted as an addendum to council's 2017/18 Revenue Policy; and**
- 3. That the West Wyalong Basket Ball Association be advised of council's decision and thanked for their input into the review process.**

2017/18 Fees and Charges Schedule - Addendum – West Wyalong Stadium

ACTIVITY	FEE/CHARGE 2017/18	GST STATUS	COSTING METHOD	COMMENT
WEST WYALONG STADIUM				
Domestic Competitions				
Basketball – Junior (including Aussie Hoops)	\$300 per session	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable per season at time of booking
Basketball - Senior	\$300 per session	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable per season at time of booking
Basketball – Ladies Day	\$200 per session	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable per season at time of booking
Regular Casual Users				
Lifeball	\$5 per person per session	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at least monthly
Indoor Tennis	\$5 per person per session	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at least monthly
Casual Hire				
Casual Stadium hire including private events & functions	\$300 per day	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at time of booking
Casual hire of meeting rooms/foyer area	\$20 per booking	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at time of booking Basketball, Lifeball & Tennis exempt
Training – Basketball team	\$250 per team	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at time of booking
Training – AFL, Soccer, Netball, etc	\$100 per booking	Inclusive	Partial	Fees payable at time of booking

9.3 New Local Government Award for NSW Councils



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

DP13.2 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures.

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Commencing on 1st July 2017 is a new Award for all local council employees in NSW. The Award has been negotiated between the relevant unions, representing the employees and LGNSW representing the councils.

The 2017 Award rescinds and replaces the former *Local Government (State) Award 2014*.

It should be noted that not all of Bland Shire Council's employees are members of a Union but they will be covered by the content of the new Award.

Financial Implications

The 2017 Award prescribes increases in rates of pay and allowances for employees covered by the Award, including a 2.35% increase in rates of pay (with a minimum increase of \$20.40 per week to non-traineeship wage rates) which takes effect from the commencement of the first full pay period on or after 1 July 2017.

This increase has been incorporated into council's 2017/18 budget.

Summary

The Award has a greater emphasis on Work, Health and Safety issues, the treatment of rostered days off (RDO's), hours of work and changes to the provisions for sick leave and carer's leave that will require a revision, by council's Human Resources section, on how this type of leave is treated.

Bland Shire Council has also had in place for many years an Employees Council Agreement that has included a number of additional benefits aimed at improving staff performance and productivity based on the premise that such benefits increase staff morale and assists in the recruitment of high calibre staff to council's workforce.

This Agreement has been endorsed by Council, the United Services Union (USU) and the Development and Environmental Professionals Association (DEPA).

With the introduction of the 2017 Award all of these benefits, with the exception of the provision of the five (5) weeks annual leave, are now incorporated within this new Award.

The Agreement includes the following clauses:

12. ANNUAL LEAVE

- 12.1 An employee is entitled to five weeks annual leave in a twelve month period at ordinary pay with accrual for the additional weeks accruing on a weekly basis of each year during the period of this Agreement.
- 12.2 Staff will be required to take the additional week's annual leave each year noting that this additional week's leave does not accrue beyond the 12 month period and if not taken the additional week's leave will be forfeited

Consequently, it is not feasible to continue with a formal agreement for just one benefit that can easily be covered by inclusion in the letter of offer for new employees joining council and by way of a letter to all existing staff confirming the retention of this particular benefit.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the information on the introduction of the 2017 Local Government (State) Award is received and noted;**
- 2. That the current 'Employees Council Agreement' is not renewed on the basis that all existing benefits listed in the document, with the exception of five (5) weeks annual leave, are now incorporated in the new Award; and**
- 3. That the existing benefit of five (5) weeks annual leave be confirmed by way of letter to all existing staff and included in the letter of offer to any new staff joining council's workforce.**

9.4 125th Anniversary of the Establishment of Wyalong and West Wyalong - 2019



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP 4.1 Facilitate Council events to build social capital and a sense of belonging within the community

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The township of Wyalong was established in 1894 and not long after a major settlement developed west of Wyalong resulting in the formation of West Wyalong.

Therefore, 2019 will mark a significant time in the history of Wyalong and West Wyalong and it has been suggested at a Community Reference Group meeting that a committee be formed to organise appropriate celebrations during 2019.

Financial Implications

While there has been no specific budget allocation in 2017/2018 for this purpose funds from council's tourism budget could be utilised for any preliminary costs with a further allocation of funds being set aside in the 2018/2019 budget.

Summary

Celebrating significant historical milestones such as this provides an opportunity to nurture a strong sense of community and to enrich the cultural life of the residents.

The establishment of a committee to identify appropriate celebratory events would be the first step in ensuring a successful 125th Anniversary.

Recommendation:

That council calls for Expressions of Interest for membership of an organising committee to identify appropriate celebratory events for the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of Wyalong and West Wyalong.

9.5 Strengthening Communities Grant – Events West Wyalong



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP 3.1 Develop and support a strong sense of community, providing advice and support to community groups

Author: Community Development Officer and Community Relations Officer

Introduction

Events West Wyalong have applied for a Strengthening Communities grant of \$15000 (a \$9000 cash contribution and in-kind support to the value of \$6000) to assist with the cost of hosting the 'Aussie Fest In the West' Festival to be held on 27, 28 and 29 October 2017.

The aim of Aussie Fest in the West is to provide a variety of events that the West Wyalong community and its visitors can enjoy and participate in, with the objective being to deliver diverse and memorable cultural experiences.

The events will take place in West Wyalong to be held at various locations including the Main Street, Ron Crowe Oval and McCann Park over the course of 3 days.

Events West Wyalong projects a real cash expenditure of \$16315 to deliver the festival. This figure includes \$4105 for the In the West Art Prize, Photography competition and Exhibition; \$180 for colour run consumables and catering; \$8410 for the Ron Crowe Oval event (including audio, lighting rig, band, security and children's entertainment); \$3620 for publicity advertisements and program and \$1800 prize money for 'best floats and best billy carts'.

Events West Wyalong further project a real cash income figure from the event of \$11822 which includes: \$4073 from estimated event entry by gold coin donation, competition fees and 30% profit from sales; \$475 from colour run entry fees (estimated on 2016 figures) and \$7274 from entry fees and bar takings (estimated on 500 people attending the Ron Crowe Oval event).

The projected expenditure figure balanced against the projected income figure leaves a cash shortfall of \$6293.

According to the attachment distributed with the minutes of the Evolution Mining Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee Meeting held on June 7 2017, a \$5000 cash contribution was allocated by Evolution Mining under their Community Partnership Program towards the cost of the festival. This information was not declared within the income section of the application made to Council. Furthermore, South West Slopes Credit Union are also noted on the Events West Wyalong website as a 2017 sponsor (as at 10 July 2017) which was also not declared within the funding application made to Council. When the addition of the \$5000 funding provided by Evolution Mining is considered, it suggests that the Aussie in the West Fest will operate at a deficit of only \$1293. This is without the addition of the support provided by the South West Slopes Credit Union.

In-kind support for the event is requested to assist with road closures, the use of Ron Crowe Oval, including the provision of 3 phase power and collection and transportation of the stage.

Further noteworthy, Council's current grant funding policy, recommends the level of funding provided to community groups for the provision of events and activities should reduce on a sliding scale of least 25% per annum to work towards events and activities becoming self sustainable in the future.

Council's allocation to the In the West festival in the 2015 – 2016 financial year was a \$15000 cash contribution along with \$5000 in-kind support. In the 2016 – 2017 financial year Council provided a \$10000 cash contribution, along with in-kind support to the value of \$5000.

In 2016 in addition to its support, Council sponsored the In the West art competition and Bland Shire Inquisitive Art Prize to the value of \$5000 from which the winning sculpture created by local artist Ralph Tikerpae has been acquired by Council and is now on display in Coinda Park.

In order to accord with the abovementioned policy guidelines, it is recommended that Council this year provide a cash contribution of \$5000, with in-kind support to the value of \$5000.

Council's cash contribution could help cover the costs of the art and photography competitions, including the continuation of the Bland Shire Inquisitive Art Prize, and a proposed new literary competition.

The recommended cash contribution aligns with the financial support provided by Evolution Mining and accords with Council's abovementioned Grants and Donations Policy.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$40000 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Grant Fund.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council provide a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$5000 to Events West Wyalong in support of the 2017 In the West Festival of which \$4000 is specifically allocated for the provision of the In the West Art Prize (including the Bland Shire Council Inquisitive Art prize), photography competition and exhibition and literary competition.

Officers Recommendation:

That Council provide a \$5000 in-kind contribution to Events West Wyalong for the provision of the 'Aussie in the West' Festival to be allocated from the Strengthening Communities Grant fund.

9.6 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Women’s Bowling Club



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP 3.1 Develop and support a strong sense of community, providing advice and support to community groups

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Women’s Bowling Club has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant to support their annual spring bowls carnival on September 23-24.

The event is expected to attract 84 bowlers from Canberra, Wagga, Ganmain, Leeton, Lockhart, Gundagai and the Bland Shire region.

Council has supported the carnival for a number of years and last year approved a Strengthening Communities grant of \$390. These funds were later returned to Council after the tournament was called off due to inclement weather and the closure of major access roads to West Wyalong.

This year the club has applied for \$1000 in funding.

This request is not consistent with the intent of Council’s Grants and Donations Policy which states – *“To encourage and promote sustainability, grants and donations for all recurrent community events and programs should reduce on a sliding scale of at least 25 per cent per annum or funding application, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the initial funding level for the life of the project/event.”*

In its application, the Women’s Bowling Club highlight the importance and value of women’s sport to the Bland Shire and the positive impact the carnival will have on the local economy by attracting players to stay overnight and shop in the local area.

The club estimate total expenditure for the carnival of \$4480 (including \$4130 in prizemoney and catering) and income of \$5000. This indicates a projected profit of \$520 before any contribution from Council.

Financial Implications

Council has \$40,000 available in its Strengthening Communities budget

Summary

One of the objectives listed under Council’s Community Grants and Donations Policy is to – *“Create sustainable partnerships which encourage learning and self sufficiency”*.

After receiving Council support for a number of years, the West Wyalong Women’s Bowling Club have created a self sufficient event which does not rely on ongoing public funding to continue.

As such and based on the projected surplus budget included with the application it is recommended that Council not approve the request for additional grant funding.

However, the club should be congratulated on its efforts to create a self sustainable event which continues to provide economic and social benefits to the Bland Shire community.

Recommendation:

That Council not approve a Strengthening Communities application from the West Wyalong Women's Bowling Club and the club be congratulated on its efforts to build a fully self sustainable event which continues to provide economic and social benefits to the community.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements – June 2017



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

DP10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management

Author: Director Corporate, Community, Development & Regulatory Services

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2017.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2017

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 1,925,269.43
BCard	\$15,990.00
	\$ 1,941,259.43
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 20,235,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 4,628,288.63
	\$ 24,864,058.63
Net Balance	\$ 26,805,318.06
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	92.76%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.06.17
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING JULY 18TH, 2017

Balance as at 01.06.17 \$ 4,164,749.43

Add Receipts

For month of June 2017 \$ 4,623,952.22

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
8/6/17	OLG – Financial Assistance Grant	\$ 3,575,399.00

Less Payments

For month of June 2017 \$ 6,863,432.22

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
6/6/17	Transfer to Cash at Call	\$ 2,500,000.00
8/6/17	Volvo Commercial Vehicles – Garbage Compactor	\$ 370,690.78
30/6/17	Beyond Bank - Term Deposit	\$2,000,000.00

Cash Balance \$ 1,925,269.43

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period June 01, 2017 to June 30, 2017.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund		Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques		025207 - 025235	\$ 88,924.73
Auto-pay	Creditors	E011271 – E011624	\$ 3,698,529.51
Auto-pay	Payroll	4/6-25/6	\$ 412,081.02
May Bank Charges & Commission etc			\$ 467.53
Direct Debits		Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 2,663,429.43
			\$ 6,863,432.22

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 18th July 2017, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

.....
General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$6,863,432.22 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 18th July 2017 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2016/17)	\$9,430,875.25
Rates received as at 30/06/2017	\$8,929,475.61
% of rates received to date	94.68%

The total rates income includes rates in arrears and accumulated interest.

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of June, 2017
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 June to 30 June 2017, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$6,863,432.22

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th June 2017. 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
16-January-2017	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	182 days	2.75%	17-July-2017
31-October-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	304 days	2.77%	31-August-2017
21-June-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	334 days	2.53%	21-May-2018
14-November-2016	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	304 days	2.79%	14-September-2017
04-May-2017	Rural Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	188 days	2.60%	08-November-2017
19-June-2017	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	270 days	2.50%	16-March-2018
08-September-2016	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.90%	08-September-2017
08-September-2016	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.90%	08-September-2017
08-September-2016	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	366 days	2.90%	08-September-2017
20-March-2017	People's Choice (Term Deposit)	500,000.00	184 days	2.59%	20-September-2017
16-March-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	277 days	2.75%	18-December-2017
15-March-2017	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	216 days	2.60%	17-October-2017
15-June-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.60%	15-June-2018
29-November-2016	Westpac (FRN)	2,000,000.00	1826 days	3MBBSW+1.2%	29-November-2021
02-February-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	180 days	2.75%	01-August-2017
17-March-2017	Credit Suisse (FRN)	1,035,770.00	1453 days	3MBBSW+1.95%	19-March-2021
11-April-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	275 days	2.75%	11-January-2018
30-June-2017	Beyond Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	60 days	2.70%	29-August-2017
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,826.05	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	4,577,462.58	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	24,864,058.63			

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

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Officer's Recommendation:

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

- **9.8 - Community Services Report**
- **9.9 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – June 2017**
- **9.10 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.11 - Children's Services Monthly Update**
- **9.12 - Bland HACCC Services Update**
- **9.13 – Development & Regulatory Services Activity Report**
- **9.14 - Asset & Engineering Services**

9.8 Community Services Report



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP3.1 Develop and support a strong sense of community, providing advice and support to community groups

DP3.2 Provide cultural activities and community programs that foster social development and community wellbeing

Author: Community Development Officer

July Holiday Activities

Creative Braids and Canapés

The Creative Braids and Canapés session was held on Thursday 6 July in the Bland Shire Council Chambers with a full capacity attendance of 15 young ladies turning out for the event. Those who attended enjoyed delicious mocktails with canapés and slices from What's Cooking prior to getting hands on with the hair styling experience. The girls picked up the braiding so quickly and now have the skills to continue improving their technique. Council was proud to partner with local hair salon Hair Off Main to deliver the valued activity to young people. Positive mindset and body image messages were also imparted to the young ladies at the event.



NRMA Safer Driving Lessons

The hugely popular NRMA driving lessons are being held on Tuesday 11 July as part of Bland Shire's July school holiday program with the 12 available lessons booking out within 24 hours of the program being promoted. The NRMA Safer Driving School offers training with only the highest quality driving instructors and ensures young learner drivers are provided with quality driving tuition to become safer drivers for life.

Griffith Cinema and Bowling experience

Council's Movie and 10 Pin Bowling excursion to Griffith on Friday 14 July is booked to capacity with a total of 18 young people attending the event. The all inclusive excursion includes two games of 10 pin bowling, a movie screening, snacks and lunch all for just \$20 thanks to the generous support of Wyalong Community Transport who have heavily subsidised the event.

Group fitness and weights 'how to' session

Bookings for the Group Fitness and Weights 'how to' session were fast to fill up with a number of young people booked in to learn the tricks of the fitness trade. Council is proud to have partnered with new local business Seek Fitness Club to be able to deliver this educational and extremely worthwhile experience to our young local residents. The activity provided young people with the skills to use gym equipment safely and in an effective manner which is vital to ensuring safety in the gym environment.

Weethalle Silo Project Official Opening

The official opening of the Weethalle Silo Art Project was held on Saturday 1 July with a crowd of over 500 people turning out to celebrate the event. The silos were officially opened by Mayor Tony Lord, Deputy Mayor Jan Wyse and owner of the silos, Paul Northey who thanked all sponsors and contributors to the project. In addition to the formalities of the event, the Whistle Stop market stalls, The Western Wheelers Car Club display and the appearance of the Emirates Melbourne Cup all provided additional points of interest for those who attended. A free sausage sizzle was also made available at the opening.



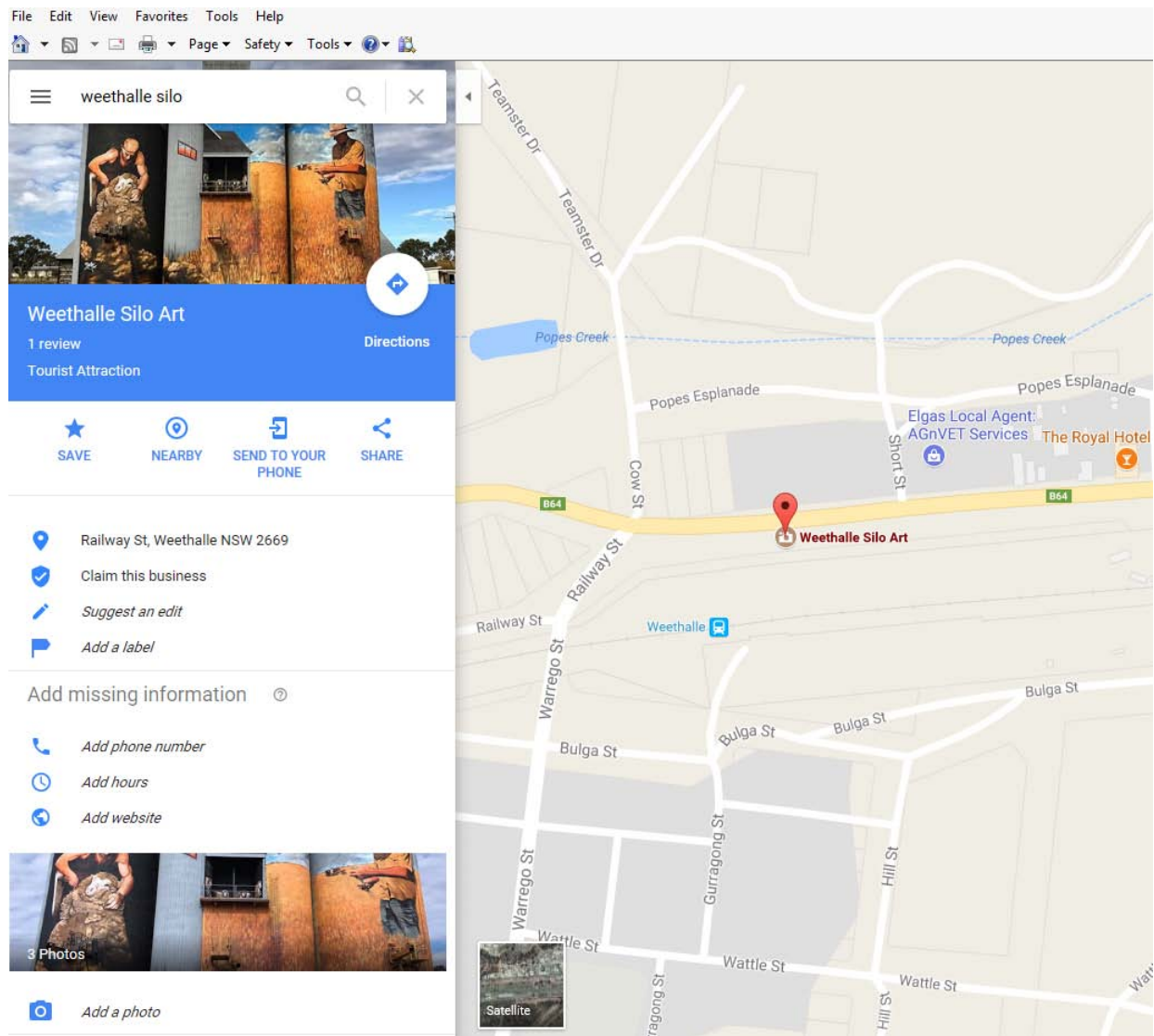


The Silos have already generated an unprecedented level of interest on social media with over 1 million people being reached through online promotion of the project across a number of platforms and social media pages. The statistics from Council's social media page alone are phenomenal with over 310,000 people having viewed images of the new attraction on Council's Facebook page and over 17,000 positive reactions received. During the week of 26 June – July 2 Council also attracted 145 new followers on Facebook bringing the total number of followers to 2578. This figure continues to rise at the time of printing.



Weethalle Silo Project Tourism

Council has further made provisions to have the Silo Art Project officially included as a landmark and tourist attraction on Google Maps, Apple Maps and Trip Advisor to ensure tourists are able to locate the silos with ease and provide feedback on their experience. This will also provide Council with an effective tool to monitoring tourism within the area.



9.9 Economic Development & Tourism Report – June 2017



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.2 Attract a diverse range of Visitors to the Shire

DP15.2 Continue ongoing engagement and communication with the Shire's existing industry and business including support for diversification and alternate industry or business

DP15.3 Lobby for and work with industry, government and education providers to ensure Bland Shire residents and businesses have access to competitive telecommunication services

DP16.2 Through partnerships with stakeholders foster our education, learning and training industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire

Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

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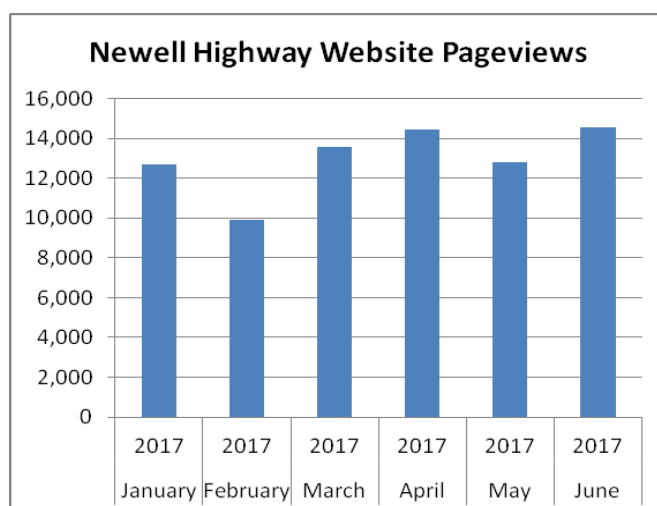
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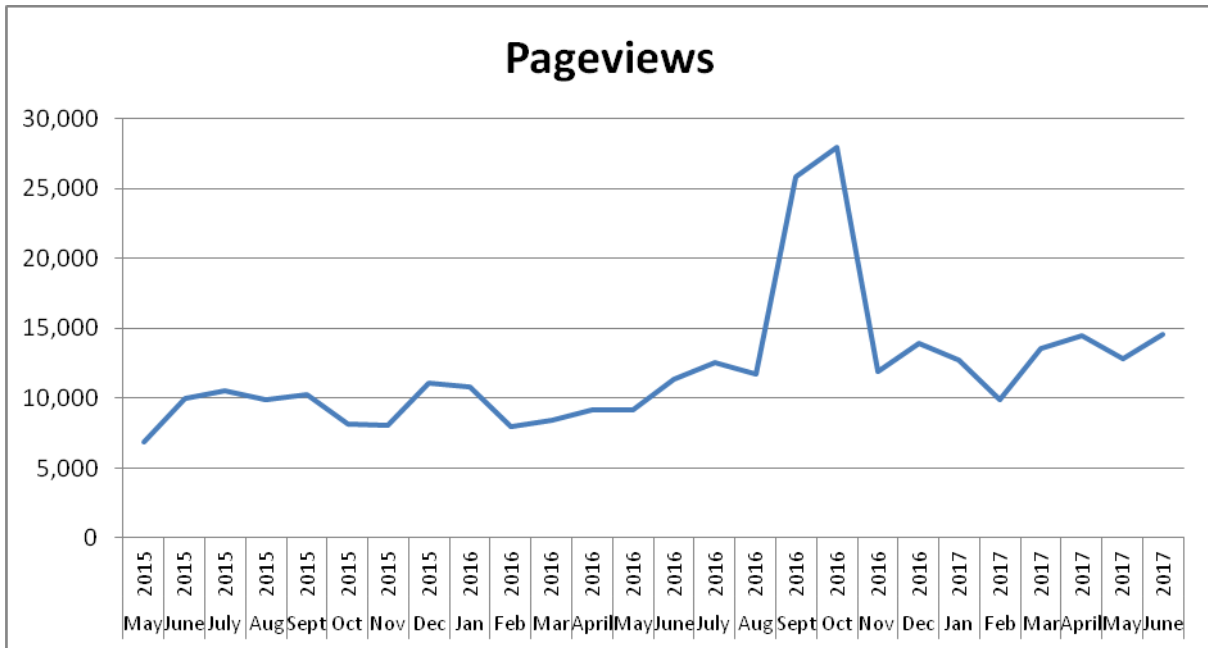
Financial Implications

Nil

Newell Highway Website Analytics

	January	February	March	April	May	June
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Pageviews	12,710	9,904	13,570	14,467	12,789	14,554
Visits	5,157	3,998	5,842	5,775	5,088	5,748
Visitors	4,046	3,228	4,687	4,581	4,016	4,491
Desktop	35.3%	39.2%	37.8%	34.7%	36.6%	38.9%
Mobile	45.7%	40.7%	42.8%	44.8%	42.6%	40.7%
Tablet	18.9%	20.1%	19.4%	20.5%	20.9%	20.4%





BEC Visual Merchandising

The BEC and Bland Shire Council will be delivering one on one Visual Merchandising consultations and on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July 2017.

BEC E-Commerce Workshop

The BEC and Bland Shire Council will be delivering an E-Commerce workshop on Monday 14 August from 6pm – 9pm and one on one consultations commencing on Tuesday 15 August.

Future Towns Program

The attendees at the Future Towns Program workshop held on 13 June 2017 heard from three excellent presenters:

- Bland Shire Digital Database - Anthony Dunstan
- Solar for Business Demystified – Lisa Miller and Kylie Walker from the Office of Environment & Heritage
- nbn in the Bland Shire – Jonathon James



Google Business Garage Workshop



The Google Business Digital Garage Workshop attracted over 60 attendees from within and outside the Bland Shire with some participants travelling from Sydney to attend.



The workshop covered the practical steps businesses need to take to help put their business on Google Maps & Search and be found online by new customers.



70th MAAA National Model Aircraft Championships 23 – 30 April 2018

At the recent MAAA Council Conference held in Tasmania, the proposal submitted by NSWFFS, to hold the 70th Nationals in West Wyalong, was unanimously approved. The dates that the 70th MAAA National Model Aircraft Championships will be held in West Wyalong are 23 – 30 April 2018.

The release of the Newell Highway West Wyalong to Forbes Flood Report

On Friday 23 June 2017 the report on the flooding of the Newell Highway between West Wyalong to Forbes was released by Cr Tony Lord, Cr Ken Keith OAM and Peter Brain from the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research Pty Ltd.

The total impact in terms of lost total gross regional product (GRP), in terms of the flow-on impact for lost increases and household consumption expenditure on the economy, is modelled at \$_{CVM}132 million, and the loss of two million hours of work with the contribution of some loss of employment, but most likely under-employment, of 4,700 workers. (\$_{CVM} = \$ chain volume measure million, which is flows of constant 2014-15 value converted from current values by the ABS using their chain volume methodology.)



Canberra Meetings

Cr Lord and the Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor travelled to Canberra on Wednesday 14 June and held meetings with the Caravan Industry Association of Australia, Minister McCormack, Ministers Ciobos Staff and Telstra in relation to the Smart Tracker Pilot Project and Telstra Air.



2017 Bland Shire Events

DATE	JULY EVENTS	LOCATION
Jul 1	2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour	West Wyalong
Jul 8	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Jul 15	St Mary's Debutante Ball	West Wyalong
Jul 23	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong
Jul 30	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong

DATE	AUGUST EVENTS	LOCATION
Aug 5-6	Australian Yard Dog Championships	West Wyalong
Aug 12	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Aug 20	Weethalle Show	Weethalle
Aug 27	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong

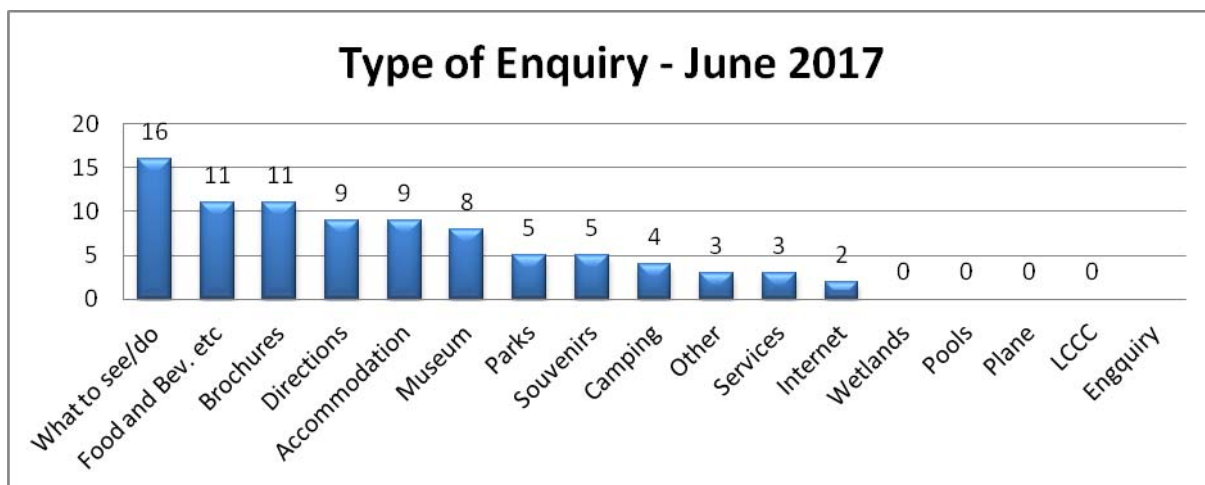
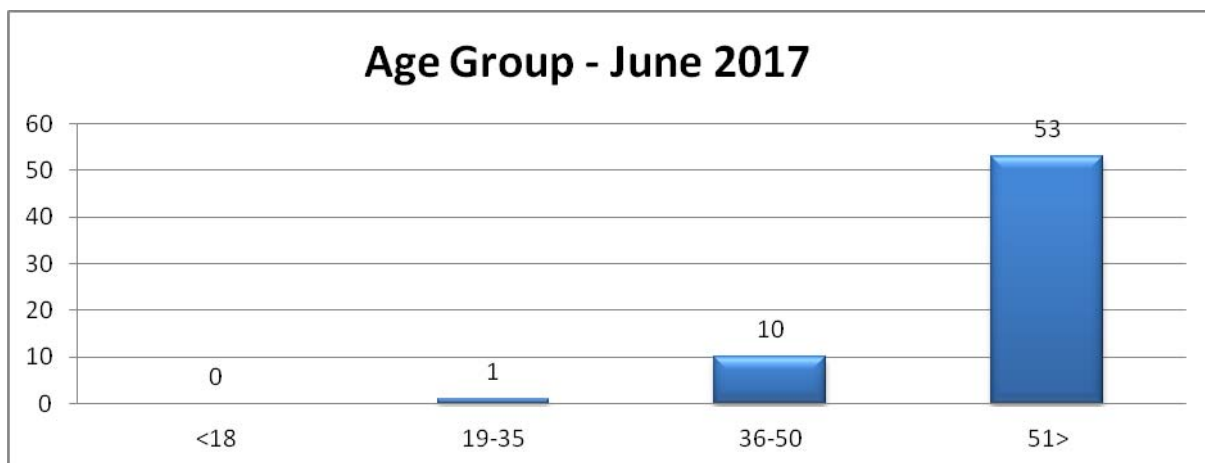
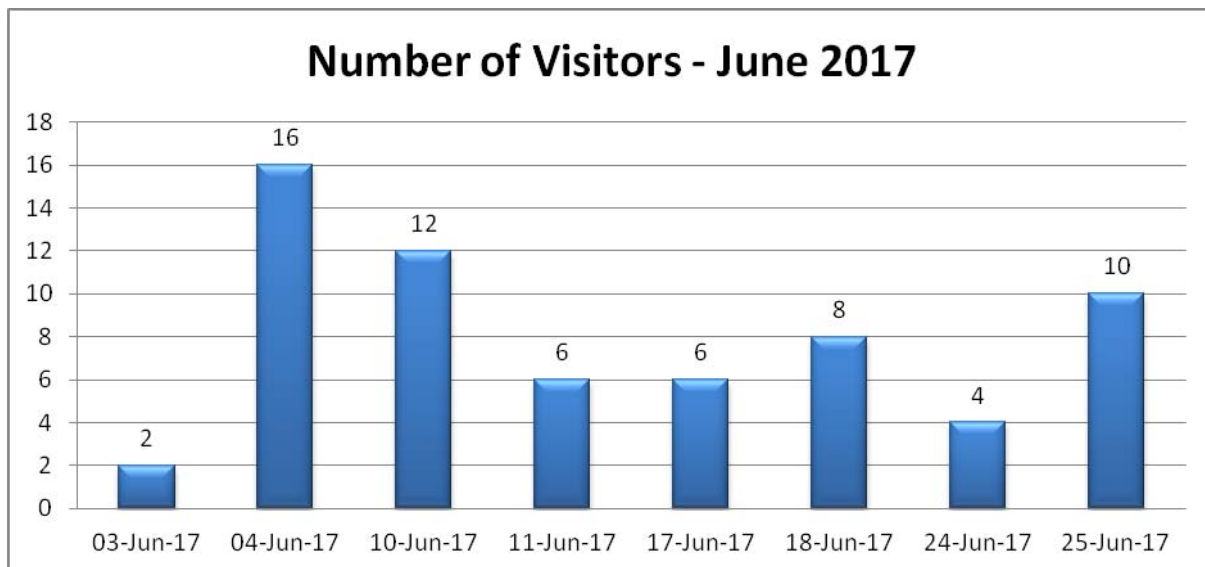
DATE	SEPTEMBER EVENTS	LOCATION
Sept 5-7	26 th Annual National Town Criers Championships	West Wyalong
Sept 6	West Wyalong Show	West Wyalong
Sept 9	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Sept 23-24	Clay Target Open Shoot	West Wyalong

DATE	OCTOBER EVENTS	LOCATION
Oct 1	West Wyalong Rodeo	West Wyalong
Oct 7	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Oct 14	Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
Oct 21-22	Wings of West Wyalong NSW Free Flight	West Wyalong
Oct 22	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong
Oct 27-29	Aussie-fest In the West Festival	West Wyalong
Oct 30	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong

DATE	NOVEMBER EVENTS	LOCATION
Nov 11	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Nov 12	Crooked Mile Show & Shine	West Wyalong
Nov 26	Clay Target Shooting Competition	West Wyalong

DATE	DECEMBER EVENTS	LOCATION
Dec 1	Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival	West Wyalong
Dec 8	West Wyalong Christmas Markets	West Wyalong
Dec 16	Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong

Visitor Information Centre Statistics



Other: include questions about free camping, Emirates Melbourne Cup tour, Silo Art opening and car repairs.

Statistics from VIC during weekdays (Monday to Saturday morning 12pm) June 2017

- 272 Visitor Inquiries
- 47 VIC Phone/Email Inquiries

9.10 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP3.4 Foster a community learning culture optimising our physical and virtual spaces

Author: Senior Library Officer

July School Holiday Program

Approximately 80 children participated in the library's July school holiday program. The program included making pom-pom puppies, baking pretzels, learning to knit with the library's resident knitting group Knit and Knatter, and sand art. The library also provided some additional fun during the holidays with marbles and chalk drawing – both kits provided by Riverina Regional Library.



Basic Computer Training for Seniors Program

The library's Basic Computer Training for Seniors program, which ran for two hours every Tuesday over a period of six weeks, was from all accounts highly successful. The free program, which attracted a large number of participants, was designed for seniors with no or very limited experience using computers – the aim of the program to provide some basic computer knowledge and skills and to promote confidence in using a computer.

Children's Book Week 18 – 25 August

Each year, across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together by celebrating Children's Book Week. This year the theme is Escape to Everywhere. As in past years, Bland Shire Library will join in the celebrations – utilising Book Week to promote the library's services and programs. An art/writing competition (based on this year's theme) has been distributed to all schools within the Bland Shire, including home school families. All entries will be displayed in the library during Book Week in September. The library is also organising a variety of activities, based around the CBCA's Book of the Year shortlist, for the various visiting school groups to participate in.

Author Visit 11- 15 September

Planning for author John Heffernan's visit in September is well in hand. All schools within the Bland Shire including home school families have received an information pack about John and his visit. At this stage, all nine schools including Naradhan have indicated that they will participate. It is anticipated that John will also meet with the library's writers' group Pals of the Pen.

Community Engagement

The Country Women's Association, Kikoira branch, has invited Senior Library Officer Cathy Lange to speak at their next meeting in August.

Preschool Visits

A number of class groups from the Bland Preschool and Little Wattle Day Care Centre have been booked to visit the library in August / September as part of their respective community engagement programs.

Inaugural Writing Competition

The library is working with Events West Wyalong to create and promote an inaugural writing competition as part of the annual Festival in the West, with the library's resident writers' group Pals of the Pen to judge competition entries. Entry forms will be made available from the library. However, all other aspects of the writing competition, for example, the collection of competition entries and entry fees, will be the responsibility of Events West Wyalong.

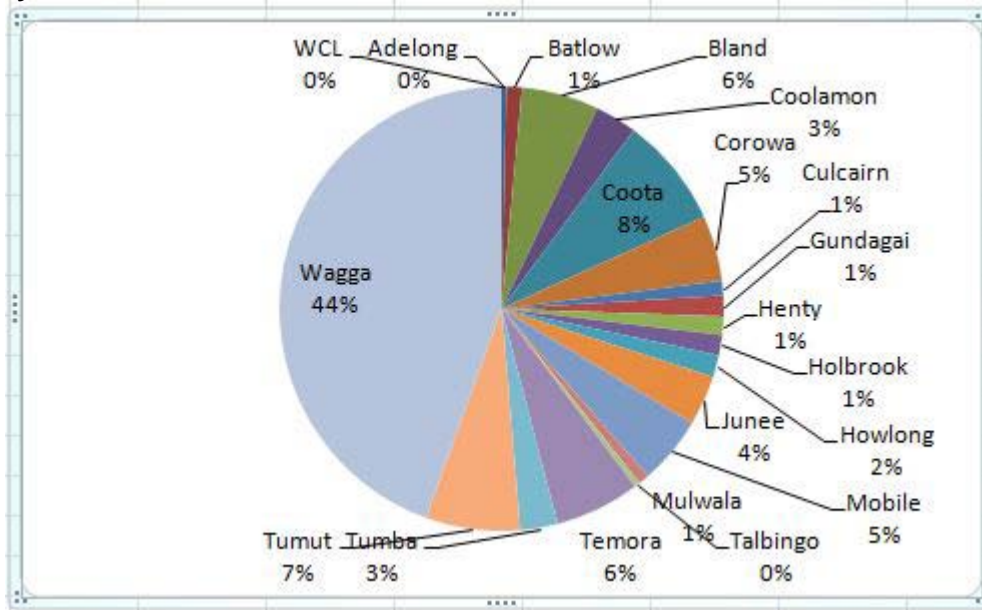
Public Library News

There was much excitement among library staff with Bland Shire Library featuring on the front cover of the latest edition of Public Library News (produced twice yearly by the State Library of NSW). The cover which pictured two volunteer students from West Wyalong High School during Storytime was accompanied by an article on the theme 'partnerships' written by Bland Shire Library's Senior Library Officer.

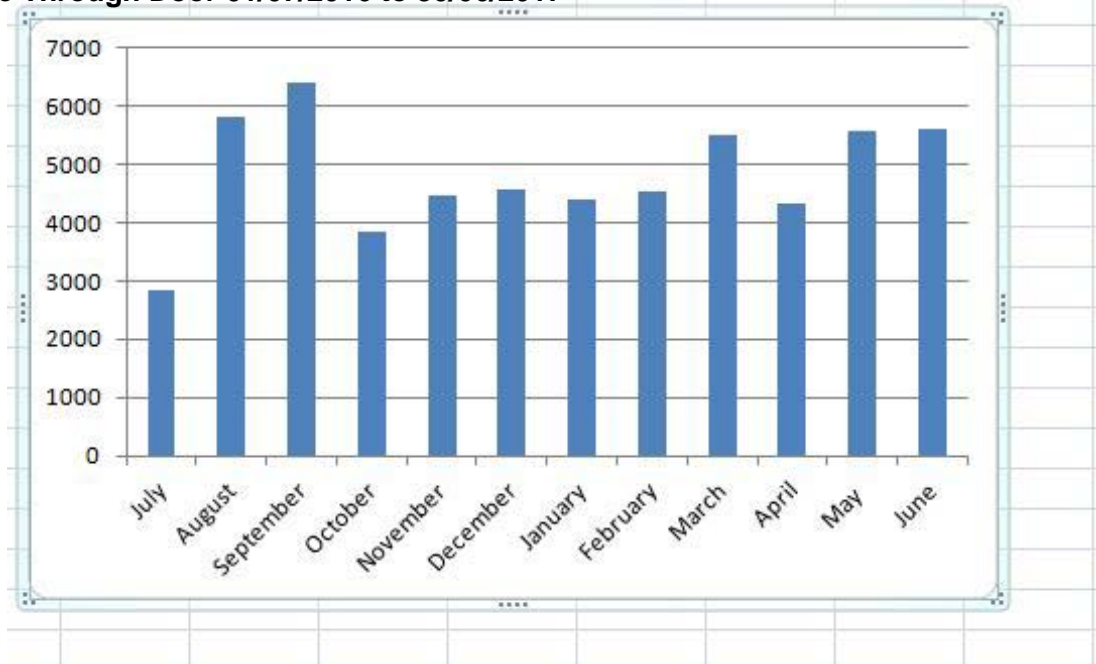
Library Statistics - June 2017

- 354 Information Requests (*slightly down on last month's figure*) ↓
- 558 Customer Service Requests – this figure includes ninety-nine (99) IT assists ↑
- 441 Computer Usage (*slightly down on last month's figure*) ↓
- 43 adults attended regular programs in the library during June ↑
- 52 seniors attended basic computer training in June
- 344 children attended regular programs in the library – this figure includes 85 school students and 93 preschool children ↑
- 319 Visitor Information Requests – this figure relates to normal library opening hours only and includes 47 phone requests) ↓
- 28 Programs were held in June ↑

Issues by Branch 01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017



People Through Door 01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017



9.11 Children's Services Monthly Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP4.2 Provide quality, accredited and affordable Education and care services within Bland Shire and surrounds (Bland Preschool, Family Day Care, Mobile Resources Unit Vacation Care and Toy Library services)

Author: Children's Services Coordinator

Staffing

This month two staff attended training in Albury which involved behaviour guidance for children with Autism. This training not only provided them with strategies to use for managing behaviour but also provided them with an understanding on how brain development affects children's responses to stressful or threatening situations.

Julia Moore, CSU Coordinator, has attended information sessions on the Start Strong Preschool funding system, as well as sessions on the changes to the Mobile Resource Unit service funding that is to be implemented from July 1, 2018.

Advertising for a Temporary Play Session leader, 12 months (ITAV) has occurred this month with interviews to be finalised.

Bland Preschool

Bland Preschool had another busy month with two incursions, 'The Gigalees' show and 'The dinosaur who lost its way' performance. Along with these two incursions we have also had an excursion to the Library with both Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday classes.

Kindyhub has been operational at Bland Preschool for nearly a month now and are very excited that our Parent App has been launched as well. This App allows families to have access to view their child's photos, learning and development and generate easy communication between parents and teachers. The App also allows families to provide valuable input into their child's early learning experiences, enabling teachers to extend on a learning journey.

The feedback we have been receiving from parents so far have been extremely positive.



Thank you for these emails. They bring me such joy. Sounds like a great day. You are all doing such a wonderful job. Lily loves preschool.

In the Cooks room children have been learning



about their bodies and skeletal structure. This was an interest that resulted from the dinosaur journey. The children have been enjoying this learning journey and have discovered many new things about their bones and organs (spine, skull, ribs, heart, lungs, and digestive system). They explored x-rays, played group games, learnt new songs and read many stories together.



Bilby Room

Our Wednesday/Thursday Bilby Class have been learning all about sequencing over the past month. The children have participated in numerous group experiences which highlight the importance of things being in a particular order. For example: cooking and story sequencing activities. Sequencing is an important concept to learn from a young age as it is a key aspect of early literacy and numeracy.

Our Friday Class have been very busy over the past month learning two new interactive songs; '5 grey elephants balancing' and '5 green speckled frogs'. From this, group experiences were programmed to further enhance the children's physical and cognitive development. Following on from this interest, they decided to conduct an experiment – elephant toothpaste. The children were amazed and wanted to learn more. Therefore, they have carried about many more experiments since.



It Takes a Village (ITAV)

At this month's ITAV sessions we were fortunate to have LCCC hold workshops demonstrating how to propagate native plants and trees.



Mirrool



Tallimba

Family Day Care

Ongoing training for the new Harmony web based system has been conducted this month, with all educators now familiar with the system having used the trial system for a few weeks. Staff will be involving families in the trial to ensure that the system is workable for everyone before transitioning at the end of July.

Family Day Care staff have been providing training and induction for a prospective educator this month. Commencement date will be early July in Temora.

9.12 Bland HACC Services Update



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP1.2 – Provide services to the frail, aged, disabled and their carers

Author: Community Care Coordinator

We continue to receive enquiries about services and what is available in the community. Clients continue to visit or phone the centre to find out how they can access services. Some people are finding the new My Aged Care services difficult and look to seek local knowledge so they can talk face to face rather than dealing with people over the phone. With the colder months we find an increase in the number of people ringing with concerns about family members.

Activity Days

We currently have vacancies in both the Wednesday and Ungarie Groups. This service also assists carers by providing respite for them and activities for their loved ones. We are finding many of our clients have higher needs and this may limit numbers from time to time, we are currently providing assistance to clients with Dementia, vision loss and disabilities as well as clients over the age of 65.

The group enjoyed a trip to Coolamon and are heading to Weethalle at the end of July to look at the recent Silo Art Project.

Social Groups

Social groups are providing a well needed service in the community with many of those attending not having other social contact. The groups are provided in a friendly, safe meeting place where they have an opportunity to make new friends.

Maintenance Services

Maintenance Services continue to grow as clients are staying in their homes longer but find yard work difficult. The service is provided to maintain safety not to beautify the home.

Respite Services

We are finding the need for these services to be growing and it is good to be able to offer carers the opportunity to have a break or rest from their caring role when needed. We are providing in home respite to some and centre based respite to other clients depending on needs.

Domestic Assistance Services

Requests for Domestic Services are increasing, this is an area that is always increasing as many find the heavier tasks harder to complete.

With the introduction of NDIS in the area as of the 1 July 2017, the need for disability services in the area is becoming a concern. There are many people in the community that will require services but we are finding it difficult to find appropriate service providers in the town. We are continuing to work with various organisations to try and bring services to town.

9.13 Development & Regulatory Services Activity Report



Our People - A Strong, healthy, connected and inclusive community

DP 2.1 Develop and support community partnerships to increase a sense of safety and wellbeing within the community



Our Leadership - A well run Council acting as the voice of the community

DP12.1 Review Council's customer service charter and monitor Council services to ensure they are provided in a professional, timely and friendly manner and are responsive to community needs

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Planning and Building Activities Update

Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during June 2017:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2017/0097	173 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – outdoor dining
DA2017/0098	16-18 Calleen Street, West Wyalong	Industrial shed
DA2017/0100	255 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed
DA2017/0101	124 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed
DA2017/0102	6 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Alterations & additions to dwelling
DA2017/0104	124 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath "A" frame advertising sign
DA2017/0105	95 Pine Street, West Wyalong	New single storey residential dwelling
DA2017/0106	Lot 3 Boltes Lane, West Wyalong	Rural storage shed

The following DA applications were approved during June 2017:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2017/0084	7 Monash Street, West Wyalong	Carport	5/6/2017
DA2017/0089	24 Lady Mary Drive, west Wyalong	New single storey residential dwelling	14/6/2017
DA2017/0092	Lot 3, Boltes Lane, West Wyalong	Manufactured home	6/6/2017
DA2017/0093	130 Ada Road, Barmedman	Storage shed	19/6/2017
DA2017/0094	56 Queen Street, Barmedman	Storage shed	19/6/2017
DA2017/0095	263 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	Commercial premises covered driveway	26/6/2017
DA2017/0097	173 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath – outdoor dining	27/6/2017
DA2017/0100	255 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	Community Facilities storage shed	27/6/2017

Planning Certificates

There were **22** Section 149 planning certificates issued during June 2017.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Premises

Council staff undertook **ten (10)** food premises inspections during June 2017. Of these **all ten (10)** were compliant.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There was **no** dog attacks reported during June 2017. Therefore **none** were declared as dangerous or menacing dogs which resulted in **no** Penalty Infringement Notices being issued.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impounding Activities June 2017

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	5	2
Returned to Owner	2	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	5	6
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	3	2
Dumped at Pound	9	5
Surrendered	3	0
Total Animals in Pound	20	13

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	3	0
Euthanased	1	2
Rehoused	10	7
Sold	1	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	1
Total Animals Leaving Pound	15	10
Animals in Pound at end of Month	5	3

Companion Animal Seizure and Impounding Activities – 2016/2017

The following table is a summary of the seizure and impounding activities for the 2016/2017 financial year:

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	88	28
Returned to Owner	39	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Incoming Animals		
Animals in Pound as at 1/7/2016	0	4
Transferred from Seizure Activities	49	28
Dumped at Pound	117	102
Surrendered	52	26
Total Animals in Pound	218	160

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	46	6
Rehoused	154	111
Euthanased – Dangerous	1	N/A
Euthanased – Illness	3	1
Euthanased – Feral	0	5
Euthanased – Unsuitable for Rehoming	3	0
Euthanased – Unable to Rehouse	0	28
Sold	4	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	2	0
Escaped	0	6
Total Animals Leaving Pound	213	157
Animals in Pound as at 30/6/2017	5	3

9.14 Asset & Engineering Services



Our Places - Maintain & improve the Shire's assets & infrastructure

DP9.1 Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations

DP9.4 Maintain parks, ovals and recreational facilities to approved standards

Author: Director Asset & Engineering Services

Introduction

The following work was carried out:-

1. Road Works Activities

- Sandy Creek Road
- Tuggerabach Road
- Bodels Lane
- Richards Lane
- Jillett Road

2. 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
- Weethalle tidied for silo opening

3. Park maintenance

- Main street gardens tidied, watered and replanted
- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Council chambers lawns and gardens maintained
- Aero drome slashing, inspections and maintenance work carried out
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets
- Parks aerated
- Basket ball stadium maintenance carried out

4. Ovals maintenance

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemetery
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooina park and Wyalong court house
- Irrigation checks carried out
- Line marking for rugby league, touch football, school athletics and soccer
- Ron Crowe oval and Park st rec sprayed with liquid fertiliser and broad leaf spray
- All grounds aerated
- Broken pipes repaired at cemetery and Ron Crowe oval

5. Town maintenance

- 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
- Banner changed in main street
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Back filled low areas on nature strips
- Street sweeping in main street
- Dead trees removed in town
- Pedestrian crossing repaired

6. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- Attended Biosecurity Legislation Training for Weeds Officers
- Nine property inspections were carried out.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:
 - **Wild Radish** – Watts Lane, Sandy Creek Road, Tallimba Road, Greaves Lane, MR57N and Lucus Lane
 - **Coolatai Grass** – Newell Hwy, Mid Western Hwy and Tallimba township
 - **General Weed Control** - West Wyalong cemetery, West Wyalong, Barmedman, Ungarie, Tallimba and Weethalle Lanes and drains. Depot and parks and gardens yard sprayed.
 - **Tree Sucker Control** - Kikoira Rd, Buralyang Rd, Wamboyne Rd, Tallimba Rd, Condobolin Rd, Williams Crossing Rd, Waarbilla Rd, Greens Ln, Mary Gilmore Way, Kildary Rd, Euroka Rd, Quandialla Rd, Ariah Park Rd, Brolga Rd and Youngareen Rd
 - **Roadside Slashing** - Kikoira Rd, Boreamble Rd, Mary Gilmore Way, Kildary Rd and Mandamah Forest Rd.