



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
21 November 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

21 November 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 Kerry Keatley

Cr Tony Lord

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

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Cr Penny English (leave of absence granted)

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

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 October 2017

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 October 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 Evolution Mining Presentation

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

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

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 <i>(Whole Council)</i>	12 th December 2017	
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc <i>(Mayor Lord, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee <i>(Cr Keatley)</i>		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee <i>(Cr Baker)</i>		
Community Reference Group <i>(Whole Council)</i>	14 th November 2017	
Country Mayors Association of NSW <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	3 rd November 2017	✓
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	6 th December 2017	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board <i>(Cr McGlynn)</i>	16 th November 2017	
Internal Audit Committee		
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Crowe)</i>		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>	21 st June 2017 26 th October 2017 21 st November 2017	

Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	31 st October 2017 7 th February 2018	✓
NSW Association of Mining Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	16-17 th November 2017	
NSW Public Libraries Association <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	27 th April 2017 19 th October 2017	
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	3 rd August 2017	
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	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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AGM MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2017, JUBILEE ROOM, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 9.02 a.m.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Albury City Council, Mr Frank Zaknich, General Manager
Armidale Regional Council, Cr Simon Murray, Mayor
Armidale Regional Council, Mr Peter Dennis, CEO
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Graeme Hanger, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Mr David Sherley, General Manager
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy McBain, Mayor
Bega Valley Shire Council, Ms Leanne Bames, General Manager
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Cr Tony Lord, Mayor
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Darriea Turley, Mayor
Carrathool Shire Council, Cr Peter Laird, Mayor
Carrathool Shire Council, Ms Joanne Treacy, General Manager
Coffs Harbour City Council, Cr Denise Knight, Mayor
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Michael Webb, Mayor
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Ben Shields, Mayor
Dubbo Regional Council, Mr Mark Riley, General Manager
Dungog Shire Council, Cr Tracey Norman, Mayor
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor
Federation Council, Mr Peter Gall, Acting General Manager
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Graeme Miller, Mayor
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Max Kershaw, Acting General Manager
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr David Neeves, General Manager
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Steve Toms, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Bob Kirk, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Warrick Bennett, General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Groth, General Manager
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor
Gwydir Shire Council, Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager

Inverell Shire Council, Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Daryl Hagger, Acting General Manager
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom , Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager
Lithgow City Council, Cr Stephen Lesslie, Mayor
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Mr Brad Cam, General Manager
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor
Moree Plains Shire Council, Ms Libby Carter, Acting General Manager
Murray River Council, Cr Christopher Bilkey, Mayor
Murray River Council, Mr Des Bilske, General Manager
Murrumbidgee Council, Mr Craig Moffitt, General Manager
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor
Narrandera Shire Council, Cr Neville Kschenka, Mayor
Narrandera Shire Council, Mr George Cowan, General Manager
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor
Oberon Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor
Oberon Shire Council, Mr Garry Wallace, General Manager
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor
Parkes Shire Council, Mr Kent Boyd, General Manager
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Tim Overall, Administrator
Shellharbour City Council, Cr John Murray
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor
Shoalhaven City Council, Mr Russell Pigg, General Manager
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Cr John Rooney, Mayor
Snowy Monaro Regional Council, Mr Peter Cannizzaro, Acting General Manager
Snowy Valleys Council, Cr James Hayes, Mayor
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Col Murray, Mayor
Tamworth Regional Council, Mr Paul Bennett, General Manager
Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor
Temora Shire Council, Mr Gary Lavelle, General Manager
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Peter Petty, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr Brian McCormack, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Mr John Bell, General Manager
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor
Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Greg Conkey, Mayor
Wagga Wagga City Council, Mr James Bolton, General Manager
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor
Walcha Council, Mr Jack O'Hara, General Manager
Warren Shire Council, Cr Rex Wilson, Mayor
Warren Shire Council, Mr Glen Wilcox, General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Ms Leeanne Ryan, Acting General Manager
Yass Valley Council, Mr David Rowe, General Manager
LGNSW, Cr Lindsay Brown, Vice President
Australian Stock and Property, Mr Steve Loane

APOLOGIES:

As read

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 November 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Tenterfield Shire Council / Coonamble Shire Council).

3. Chairman's Report

RESOLVED That the Chairman's report be received and noted (Moree Plains Shire Council / Uralla Shire Council)

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the 2016/17 year as tabled be accepted (Leeton Shire Council / Parkes Shire Council)

5. Election of Office Bearers

5.1 Returning Officer

RESOLVED That the returning Officer for the conduct of the elections be Mr Allan Burgess (Temora Shire Council / Singleton Council)

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries Vacated the chair

5.2 Chairman

The Returning Officer advised that he had received only one nominations in writing. Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council, was nominated by Narrabri Shire Council and Lithgow CityCouncil. The Returning Officer called for any further nominations for the position of Chairperson. No other nominations were received. As there was only one nomination the Returning Officer declared Cr Katrina Humphries elected Chairperson for the 2018/19 year

5.5 Vice Chairman

The Returning Officer advised that he had received one nomination in writing. Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor, Uralla Shire Council was nominated by Moree Plains Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council. The Returning Officer called for any further nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were received. As there was only one nomination the Returning Officer declared Cr Michael Pearce elected Vice Chairman for the 2018/19 year.

5.4 Executive

Nominations for the six positions on the Executive were called for. Nominations were received for Cr Kirsty McBain, Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr John Seymour, Coolamon Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Narrabri Shire Council,

Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Oberon Council and Cr Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council.
As there were more nominations than positions an election was required

RESOLVED That the election be by Ordinary Ballot (Temora Shire Council / Inverell Shire Council

As a result of the ballot the following delegates were elected to the executive for the 2018/19 year

- Cr Kirsty McBain, Bega Valley Shire Council
- Cr Jamie Chaffey, Gunnedah Shire Council
- Cr Liz Campbell, Kempsey Shire Council
- Cr Catherine Redding, Narrabri Shire Council
- Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Oberon Council
- Cr Peter Petty, Tenterfield Shire Council.

The Chairperson Cr Katrina Humphries resumed the chairpersonship

6. Secretary/Public Officer

RESOLVED That Mr Lester Rodgers General Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council, be appointed Secretary/Public Officer (Oberon Council / Uralla Shire Council)

7. SETTING OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

RESOLVED That the fees for the 2017/18 year remain at \$750 for Councils with a population of 10,000 and over, and Councils with a population of less than 10,000 paying 75% \$562.50 (Upper Lachlan Shire Council / Gunnedah Shire Council)

8. Secretariat

RESOLVED That Allan Burgess trading as Alkanat Consulting be appointed the Secretariat (Gilgandra Shire Council / Narrabri Shire Council)

9. Meeting dates for 2018

RESOLVED that the meeting dates for 2018 be 2 March, 1 June, 3 August and 2 November (Parkes Shire Council / Temora Shire Council)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 am.

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APOLOGIES:

As submitted

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business
- Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads and Maritime and Freight
- A Team from The Auditor Generals Office - Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Rod Longford, Principal Analyst Performance Audit, Caroline Karakatsanis-Director, Financial Audit
- Commissioner Mark Smethurst, NSW State Emergency Service

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 11 August 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Uralla Shire Council / Gilgandra Shire Council).

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

NIL

4. Hon John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business

Wants to settle down the relationship between the State Government and Local Government and have a vibrant stronger sector in Local Government. A new funding formula is required which will require a change in the constitution. The State Government is investing heavily in infrastructure with \$73 billion over 4 years. Business confidence is at an all time high. Hospitals are recipients of major funding, as is safe and secure water which has been allocated over \$500 million. Councils re identifying projects under the Regional Growth Funds Social Amenities. Everybody shares not just the larger regional centres. \$50 million has been allocated to Councils affected by mining and a further \$50 million is being spent on telco blackspots. There will be an announcement shortly on Joint Organisational Structures allowing Councils voluntary membership as well as associate membership of an organization if they are a full member of another Joint Organisation Structure

5. Hon Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Roads and Maritime and Freight

The relationship between the RMS and Local Government can be improved. It needs to work more corroboratory with local government to get work done. There will be an announcement at the end of November. 65% of increase in road funds goes to regional areas The State Government is concentrating on east/west road improvements as well as the traditional major highways

6. A Team from The Auditor Generals Office - Margaret Crawford, Auditor-General of NSW, Rod Longford, Principal Analyst Performance Audit, Caroline Karakatsanis- Director, Financial Audit

Margaret has been Auditor General for 18 months and has worked in all three levels of Government Her term of appointment is 8 years from 1 October 2016 and she

reports directly to the Parliament of NSW. The Audit Office undertakes financial and performance audits as well as special reviews and compliance engagements. The Auditor General does not comment on the merits of council or government policy or develop policy or guidelines for state or local government agencies. Its local government mandate is to financial audit NSW councils, perform performance audits and to report to parliament on the results of the audits. This will provide greater consistency in financial reporting and auditing, value assets, and have an increased focus on IT controls. The performance audits will examine efficiency, effectiveness, economy and compliance and will be funded by the NSW Government.

7. Commissioner Mark Smethurst, NSW State Emergency Service

The current emphasis is to go from the old vision to the new vision. The old vision had 17 regions, antiquated training, individual budgets, and a short sighted approach. There is now an organizational transformation, individual management model, program budget approach and a training overhaul. Currently there are 8,300 volunteers with 200 staff. The SES is working towards 20,000 volunteers to include corporate volunteers, spontaneous volunteers and community volunteers. The SES state headquarters has enhanced operational surge capacity, operational improvement (radio replacement, improved warning systems etc) with opportunities of command and control review, greater cooperation between councils, SES, RFS and less duplication, community engagement and a flood data access program.

8. Membership

RESOLVED That Narrandera Shire Council and Narromine Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association (Inverell Shire Council / Uralla Shire Council)

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward

- (a) Local Government NSW regarding the distribution of Local Government Procurements management fee income
- (b) Local Government Procurement regarding the distribution of Local Government Procurements management fee income
- (c) Shellharbour City Council advising that the Council has been admitted as a member of the Association
- (d) The Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police and Minister for Emergency Services thanking him for his presentation to the 11 August meeting
- (e) Mr Richard Colbran, Chief Executive Officer, NSW rural Doctors Network thanking him for his presentation to the 11 August meeting
- (f) Mr Duncan Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Country Universities Centre thanking him for his presentation to the 11 August meeting
- (g) The Hon Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Tourism and Major Events and Assistant Minister for Skills thanking him for his presentation to the 11 August meeting
- (h) Local Government NSW expressing disappointment that this years conference dinner is scheduled to be held on the last night of the conference
- (i) The Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research expressing concern of a perceived trend towards the downgrading of services in regional hospitals

NOTED

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Moree Plains Shire Council / Lithgow City Council)

11. General Business

(a) Minister for Local Government

RESOLVED That the Premier be requested to recognize Local Government through the appointment of a Minister for Local Government that only has Local Government responsibilities (Yass Valley Council / Singleton Council)

(b) National Parks and Wildlife

RESOLVED That the Association write to the Minister for Regional New South Wales outlining the unnecessary practice of the NPWS to purchase whole properties of large productive lands that contains some ecologically important land considered for purchase and the Minister be asked to reinforce the Upper House Enquiry into the use of Productive Land and the issue of buyer security offsets of mining land (Carrathool Shire Council / Tenterfield Shire Council)

(c) Truck Washes

RESOLVED That the Country Mayors Association of NSW requests the State Government to provide additional funding to fund Truck wash facilities around the State of NSW that will allow these much needed developments to occur in the best interest of bio-security, the environment and traffic safety (Goulburn Mulwaree Council / Yass Valley Council)

(d) Red Gum Forestry Industry

That NSW Country Mayors Association lobby the State and Federal Governments to make the legislative and regulatory amendments as are necessary to enable the re-establishment of a sustainable red gum forestry industry in the recently proclaimed National Park forests especially in the Murray River Council and adjacent Council areas. (Murray River Council / Carrathool Shire Council)

(e) Recycling

RESOLVED That the Association seek urgent advice from the Minister for Local Government to the suggested emerging market crisis for the recycling industry that China is not an option for buying recycled products and the issues for NSW (Singleton Council / Gilgandra Shire Council)

(f) Transport Strategy 2056

RESOLVED That the Association request the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure to extend to February 18 2018 the closing date for the Transport Strategy 2056 as there has been minimal consultation and there is a need for input from associated plans such as the Ports Plan and Tourism Plan (Yass Valley Council / Parkes Shire Council)

(g) FAG Grants

Lithgow City Council would like listed at the next meeting the reduction in the per capita component of the grant being reduced from 30% to 14%

(h) Forestry Corp Unrateable Land

A meeting of rural mayors are meeting in collaboration with LGNSW with the State Government this afternoon Oberon Shire Council will report back to the next meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.50pm

Cr Katrina Humphries

Chair – Country Mayor's Association of NSW

NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE MEETING

Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) Meeting held at the Narrabri Shire Council Depot RFS Operations Meeting Room on Tuesday 31 October 2017

The NHTF meeting commenced at 10:00am

1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

The Chair Cr Ken Keith OAM welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Narrabri Shire Council for hosting the meeting.

Darren Raeck the Director of Infrastructure from Narrabri Shire Council welcomed the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) Committee members to Narrabri and acknowledged the apology from Cr Cathy Redding the Mayor of Narrabri Shire Council. Darren mentioned that the Newell and Kamilaroi Highways are important arterial links and that Narrabri Shire Council undertook \$14 million of capital road works last financial year and have \$11.2 million planned for this financial year in the Narrabri Shire. The airport is showing increasing patronage with 500 passengers a month flying to Brisbane and 250 a month to Sydney. Narrabri Shire Council is also undertaking water and waste water projects and is preparing a business case for an intermodal hub.



L-R: Cr Craig Davies Narramine Shire Council; Lila Fisher Moree Plains Shire Council; Cr Doug Batten Gilgandra Shire Council; Cr Ken Keith OAM Mayor Parkes Shire Council; Phil Standen RMS Western Region; Kevin Tighe Warrumbungle Shire Council; Cr Denis Todd Warrumbungle Shire Council; Luke McDermott Narrabri Shire Council; Darren Raeck Narrabri Shire Council and missing from the photo are Carla Campbell and Mick Savage

Attendees:

Name	Organisation
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Lila Fisher	Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Gilgandra Shire Council
Darren Raeck	Director Infrastructure Delivery Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Denis Todd	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Mick Savage	Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia
Cr Ken Keith OAM	Parkes Shire Council
Phil Standen	RMS
Carla Campbell	EO Kevin Humphries MP
Cr Craig Davies	Narromine Shire Council
Luke McDermott	Narrabri Shire Council

Apologies:

Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
Cr Graeme Miller	Forbes Shire Council
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance
Cr Neville Kschenka	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Julian Geddes	Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Ben Shields	Dubbo Regional Council
Chris Devitt	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Cathy Redding	Narrabri Shire Council
Kevin Humphries MP	Member for Barwon
Philip Donato MP	Member for Orange

Resolution

That the apologies be confirmed

Moved: Cr Doug Batten

Seconded: Cr Craig Davies

All in favour

Carried

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held in West Wyalong on Thursday 28 August 2017

Resolution

That the Minutes of the NHTF Committee meeting held in West Wyalong at the Bland Shire Council Chambers on Thursday 28 August 2017 which were distributed to members of the Task Force be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Doug Batten

Seconded: Cr Denis Todd

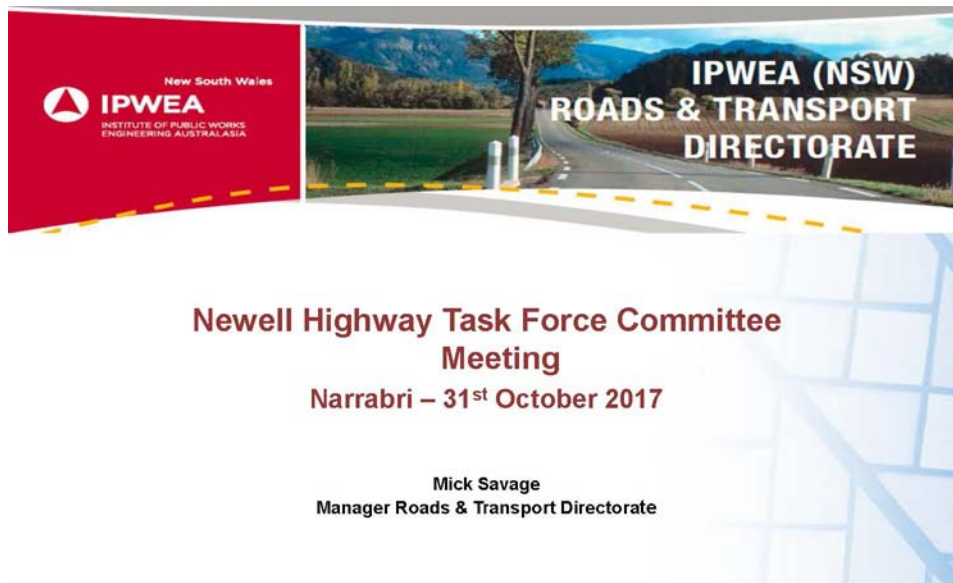
All in favour

Carried

3. Mick Savage – Roads and Transport Directorate Manager IPWEA NSW

At the West Wyalong NHTF Committee meeting it was resolved to lobby the State and Federal Governments to obtain funding to prepare the necessary reports to flood proof / flood mitigate the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Forbes. In discussions with Mick Savage who is the Roads and Transport Directorate Manager at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) he agreed to work with the NHTF Committee and Mick provided the following presentation:

Slide 1



Slide 2

Some Context

Type of road	Length of road (km)	Proportion of total length (%)
Roads & Maritime Services		
Sealed	18,000	9.73
Unincorporated area	3,000	1.62
Total	21,000	11.35
Local Government		
Sealed	81,000	43.79
Unsealed	83,000	44.86
Total	164,000	88.65
GRAND TOTAL	185,000	100.00

Estimated Replacement Cost: \$65.7 billion



Some Dimensions

- Estimated Replacement Cost - \$65.7 billion



- Annual Asset Consumption - \$907million



- Funding Gap \$447million



Considerations

- Survey requirements – how big is the (study area) catchment
- Hydrology study
- Hydraulic study
- Traffic requirements including
 - ✓ freight
 - ✓ school bus
 - ✓ community connectivity (also future demand projections)
- Utility service considerations (phone, water, sewer etc)
- Performance of bridges
- Alternate routes to be used or developed
- Climate change projections
- Emergency Management Considerations
- Standard conditions of contract



Problem Definition

What is the problem to be addressed?

- Freight access only
- Community isolation
- Emergency response
- Maintaining communications
- Access to school and work
- Community safety

All of the above?



More than a Balancing Act



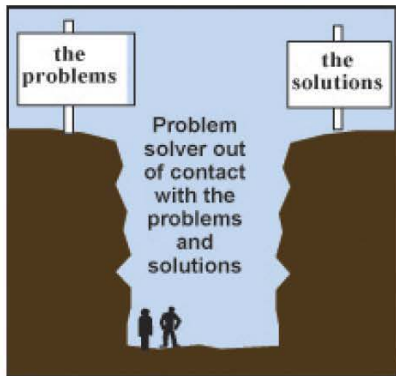
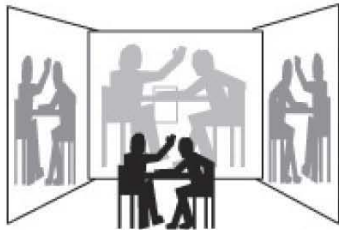
A Wicked Problem

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- No unique "correct" view of the problem**: Illustration of people looking at a box labeled "Problem" from different angles.
- Ideological constraints**: Illustration of people holding flags.
- Many possible intervention points**: Illustration of a maze with red arrows pointing to various entry points.
- Political constraints**: Illustration of an elephant and a donkey.
- Often a-logical or illogical or multi-valued**: Illustration of the equation $1+2=7$.
- Great Resistance to change**: Illustration of a person pushing a large black block.
- Economic Constraints**: Illustration of a person surrounded by dollar signs.



Different views of problem and solutions are contradictory



Most problems are interconnected to other problems



Multiple value conflicts



Risk difficult or impossible to calculate

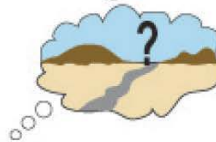


Considerable Uncertainty

Ambiguous



Consequences difficult to imagine



Data are often uncertain or missing

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Summary

- ▲ Problem definition is critical
- ▲ Full range of solutions to be considered
- ▲ Coordination of data sources required
- ▲ Not just an engineering problem
- ▲ Clear definition of expected outcomes required

Roads & Transport Directorate

- ▲ A resource to assist in developing the project scope
- ▲ A resource for councils in the future
- ▲ Could provide training for the future



A discussion followed Mick's presentation and the Secretary mentioned that in conversations with the State and Federal Governments, a report would need to be prepared on the options that may be available to find a solution of the flooding of the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Forbes. The Secretary also mentioned that the RMS had provided a copy of the October 2000 Newell Highway Flood Study on a memory stick as the file size is 20.3 MB which is too large to email. The size of the Bland Creek catchment is extremely large and Secretary has attached a schematic that shows the size of the Bland Creek catchment.

The Secretary will work with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia and Forbes Shire Council to develop the terms of reference / scope of works for the report and may include:

- Survey Requirements
- Update the October 2000 Newell Highway Flood Study including the silting up of water courses
- Hydraulic Study
- Traffic Requirements including Freight, School Bus and Community Connectivity
- Utility Service Considerations
- Alternate Routes to be used or Developed
- Climate Change Projections
- Impact of Increasing the Height of Wyangala Dam etc

Phil mentioned that \$1 million was allocated for the flood study between Forbes and Parkes at Tichborne and the tender has been awarded to undertake the report.

The Chair thanked Mick for attending and presenting to the meeting and his offer to assist the NHTF.

4. Correspondence

The secretary has distributed copies of all correspondence to the Newell Highway Task Force committee members.

Moved: Cr Doug Batten
All in favour
Carried

Seconded: Cr Denis Todd

5. Roads and Maritime Services Update

Phil Standen provided the following RMS update:

Projects Recently Completed

- **Overtaking Lanes**
Since 2011, 18 overtaking lanes have been completed at a total cost of \$40.3 million.
- **Blackbutt Road intersection**
\$3 million upgrade to the Newell Highway/Blackbutt Road intersection south of Dubbo, completed in July 2017.
- **West Wyalong Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route**
\$2 million railway realignment at Showground and Compton Roads completed June 2017.

Projects Underway

- **X-Line Overtaking Lane**
A \$7.2 million project with two new overtaking lanes between Narrabri and Coonabarabran. Work started in mid-August and is expected to be completed in March 2018.
- **Realignment at Trewilga**
A \$36 million upgrade north of Parkes with completion due in early 2018.
- **Realignment at Grong Grong**
An \$18 million project at Grong Grong building a new two-lane 2.7km section of highway. Work started in December 2016 with completion due in February 2018. The new realignment is now open to traffic.

Projects in Planning

- **West Wyalong Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route Final Stage**
The final stage has been allocated \$4.5 million and will involve upgrading the intersections at either end of the alternative route. Work will commence in November 2017 and the project is expected to be completed in 2018.
- **Pavement upgrades from Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla**
The \$90 million project to upgrade up to 28 km of the Newell Highway including construction of two new overtaking lanes. Tenders will be called in November 2017 and work to commence in mid 2018. Joint Federal (just over \$60M) and State funding (just under \$30M).
- **Parkes Bypass**
The preferred option has been announced with REF and concept design to be completed in mid 2018.
- **Dubbo Bridge**
The preferred option for the bridge was announced in June 2017 with the contract to develop the REF and concept design to be awarded in early 2018. Announced cost is \$140 million.

- **Newell Highway/ Mitchell Highway Intersection**
Progressing detailed investigations to inform design. Planning for completion of early works (property acquisitions and public utility adjustments) in 2018 with major construction stage commencing early 2019. Anticipated cost \$20 million.
- **Pilliga 3 Southbound Overtaking Lane (46km north of Coonabarabran)**
A \$3.5 million overtaking lane and widening project with expected start date of February 2018 and completion in July 2018.
- **Willows Road Southbound Overtaking Lane (25km north of Finely)**
Expected to commence in Feb 2018 with completion by June 2018.
- **Bundure Overtaking Lanes N/B & S/B (40km north of Jerilderie)**
2018/19 Financial Year
- **Wallaroy Overtaking Lanes N/B & S/B (33km north of Gilgandra)**
2018/19 Financial Year
- **Dustys Creek Overtaking Lanes N/B & S/B (10km north of Gilgandra)**
2018/19 Financial Year
- **Improvements at Boggabilla**
Early planning. Preliminary Environment Investigation and strategic design has commenced and are due for completion in Dec 2017 (PEI) and March 2018 (strategic design).
- **Improvements at Coonabarabran**
Early planning and discussions with Council. Preliminary Environmental Investigation and strategic design has commenced and are due for completion in January 2018 (PEI) and April 2018 (strategic design).
- **Pavement Upgrades north of Narrabri and Moree**
Early planning is underway for major pavement upgrades north of Narrabri and North of Moree.
- **Tocumwal De-Coupling Bay**
Strategic Assessment underway and interaction with Victoria.

2017/18 State Maintenance Program (Western Region only)

- Pavement Upgrade at Mogriguy 13 – 15km north of Dubbo (\$2.2M)
- Pavement Upgrade at North Gurley 71 -73km north of Narrabri (\$2.7M)
- Pavement Upgrade at Gurley town area 67 – 66km north of Narrabri (\$0.9M)

Contact Name and Number

Phil Standen, Director, Western Region T: (02) 6861 1450 M: 0418 469 488

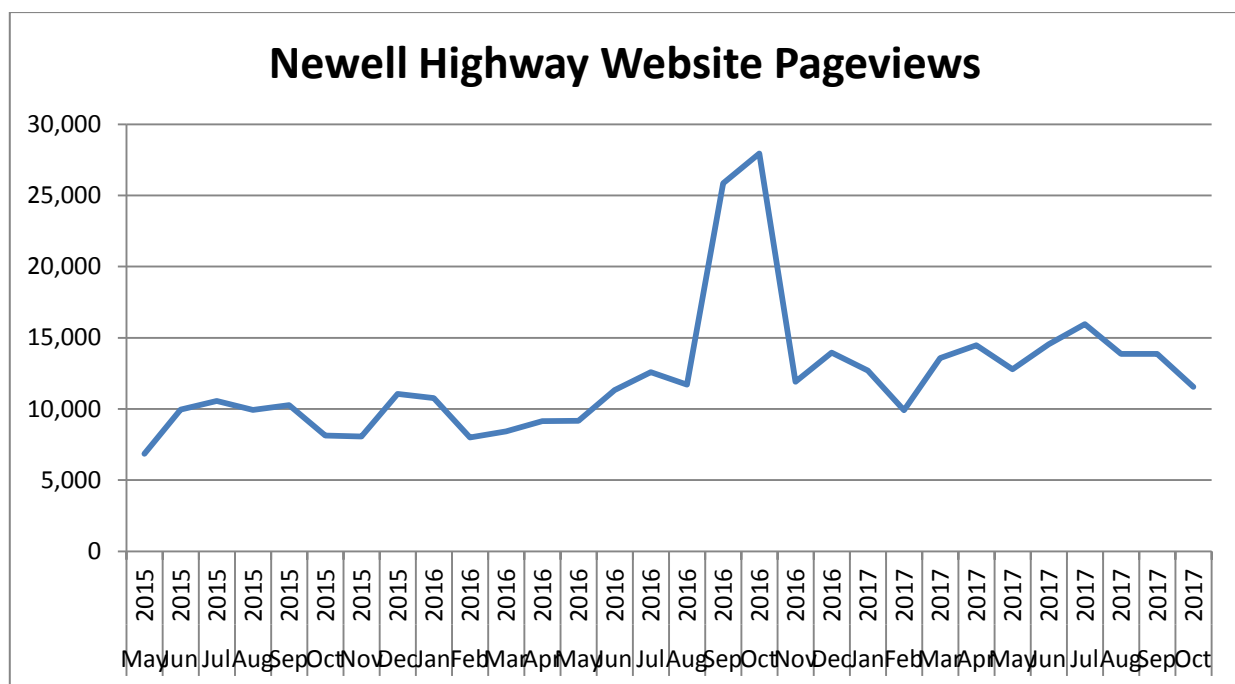
Cr Davies mentioned that heavy vehicles are using alternative roads around Dubbo including the Tomingley and Eumungerie Roads and travelling through Narromine creating increases in traffic and affecting the condition of the roads.

Other areas that have seen an increase in traffic include Coonamble to Wee Waa and Tullamore and when a road is sealed it is usually followed by an increase in traffic movements.

6. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

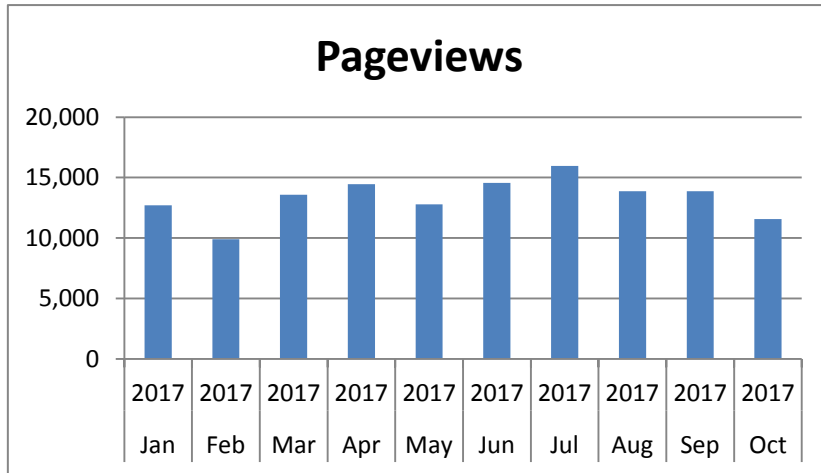
The Chair of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee (NHPC) provided an update on the activities of the NHPC and mentioned that the new Newell Highway brochure advertising prospectus has been sent out and the NHPC is working on the new brochure. The Chair thanked all of the Councils and organisations for providing financial assistance in the production of the brochure which is marketed at the majority of the Visitor Information Centres on the Eastern Seaboard, Caravan and Camping Shows, direct mail outs and through the NHPC Website: <http://www.newellhighway.org.au/route39/>.

The Chair mentioned that the NHPC website is tracking quite well as per the following graphs and the NHPC has been receiving an increased interest from overseas visitor wishing to travel on Australia's and NSW's premier inland touring route instead of travelling through the congested cities coastal routes.



Newell Highway website analytics:

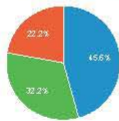
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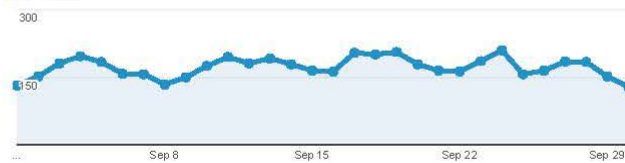
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Visits (Sessions)

Sessions



Pageviews

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Visits

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Visitors

4,269

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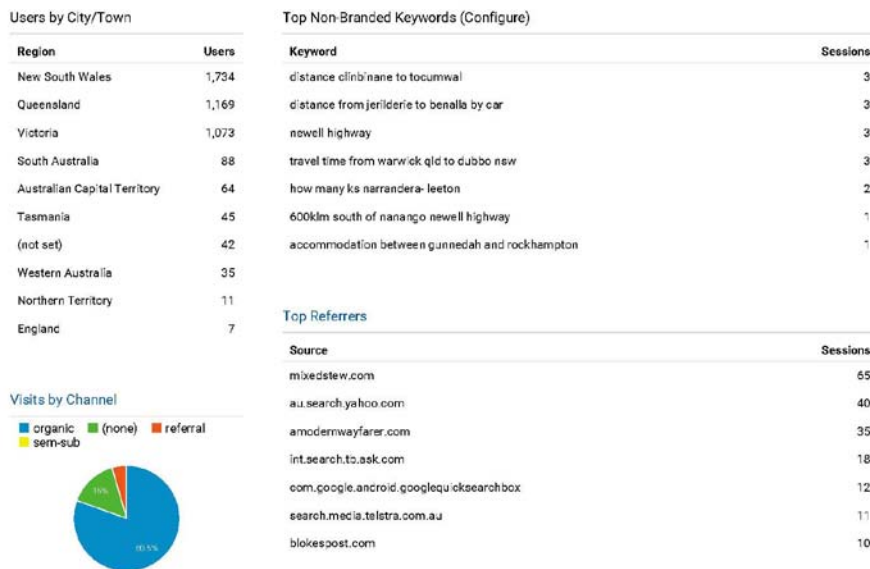
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United States	54
New Zealand	13
Canada	9
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The NHPC has been working with the Caravan Industry Association of Australia to develop and implement the Caravan and Camping Visitor Smart Tracker pilot project. This endeavour aims to collect, measure and analyse demographic, vehicle and behavioural patterns of recreational vehicle users as they travel along the Newell Highway Corridor.

An application for fifty percent of the funding for this project has been submitted to the Federal Governments Smart Cities program. The remaining fifty percent will be sourced from Federal, State and Local Governments and Departments and industry organisations and associations. The funding application has progressed to the second round and the NHPC is expecting to hear in the very near future if the application has been successful.

Future Transport 2056 Draft Tourism and Transport Plan

The Future Transport 2056 Draft Tourism and Transport Plan – Supporting the Visitor Economy October 2017 (The Plan) has been released for comment and the NHPC are disappointed that the Newell Highway is not mentioned in The Plan. The NHPC will be making a submission to Transport NSW in relation to The Plan and The Plan appears to be focused on transport and tourism east of the great divide yet The Plan mentions that:

Regional NSW is equally important to the visitor economy in NSW. Domestic and international visitors to NSW destinations outside Sydney generated 84.3 million nights of accommodation NSW and \$15 billion in visitor (overnight and day trip) expenditure in 2016. ‘Holiday’ (47%) was the largest purpose of visit for visitors to regional NSW, followed by ‘visiting friends and relatives’ (35%) and ‘business’ (13%).

The Chair also mentioned that the Tourism Minister Adam Marshal had formed a new and independent Visitor Economy Taskforce that will undertake a review of the NSW Government’s Visitor Economy Industry Action Plan. The Taskforce would take a long-term look at the NSW visitor economy, consider opportunities for growth and additional methods to measure success into the future.

7. General Business

Lila mentioned that the Australian Rural Roads Group has engaged UNE's Centre for Agribusiness headed by Derek Baker and supported by David Hadley and David Anderson to undertake a research project on rural roads cost benefit analysis.

The project is to research other parameters that could be used by decision makers in determine which roads to upgrade. Rural roads don't have the population base and the usage that trigger the normal Benefits/Costs. The research is to examine the use of alternative variable that could bring alternative benefits to the road upgrades, including social isolation, access to medical and/or educational facilities and land productivity. Project funding was provided by Agrifuture (formally Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation) with data collected from Both Moree and Gwydir Shires. The report should be out soon.

Lila mentioned that Moree Plains Shire Council is working closely with the RMs to establish solutions to the recent audit of State Highway Intersections with Local roads that identified that 36m long road trains cannot make safe turns from the State Road in to and out of the Council Road network. Council has undertaken field trials on a few of the roads with more trials to occur after the Wheat Harvest. The approach that is being taken by both Council and the RMS is a risk based approach, with those that have the higher probability of incident being prioritised to receive upgrades first. Council will be requesting funds in the near future, from the RMS to undertake the works, with Council contribute towards the designs and consultation.

Teleconferencing - The Secretary mentioned that he had received requests from NHTF Committee members to be able to dial into future meetings. It was agreed that by attending the NHTF Committee meetings in person it offered the NHTF Committee members the chance to travel the Newell Highway and to have a better understanding on the work that is being undertaken and the general condition of the Newell Highway. In organising the meetings the Secretary will enquire if there are teleconferencing facilities at the meeting venue and let the NHTF Committee members know.

Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan

The Chair Cr Ken Keith OAM mentioned that he attended a Transport for NSW information session on the Future Transport 2056, Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan in Parkes on Monday. The Chair was disappointed with the Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan and that it appeared to be mainly focused on transport issues east of the great divide and the larger regional centres and the important Bells Line of Road was not mentioned in the Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan. The Chair mentioned that Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan was not visionary and had not factored in the secondary and multiplier benefits that the Inland Rail would bring to regional NSW. The Chair mentioned that the Golden Highway is just one Highway that links inland NSW and the coastal areas and that the other important Highways and Roads should be included in the Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan. The NHTF will be preparing a submission to the Regional NSW Services and Infrastructure Plan.

8. Next meeting date and venue

The next meeting will be the AGM and will be held in Gilgandra on Wednesday 7 February 2018.

Meeting Closed 12:00 noon


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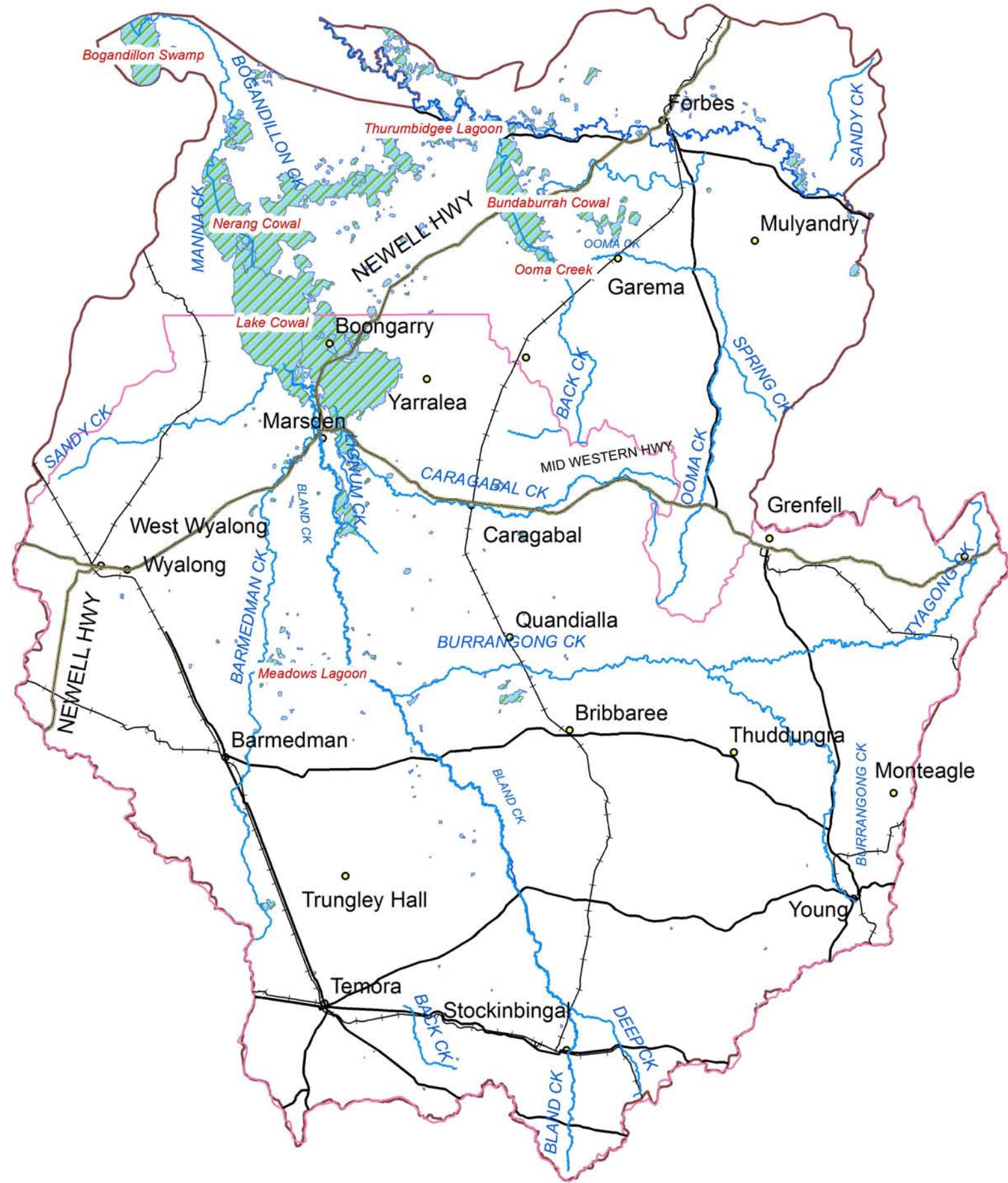
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Bland Creek and Lake Cowal region



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SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Annual Report 2016/2017



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

DP10.3 Ensure the General Manager takes a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and other Council documents

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

The Annual Report outlines Council's activities in accordance with the statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework for the 2016/17 financial year and includes additional information so as to provide Councillors and the community with a greater snapshot of Council's achievements over this 12 month period.

The Annual Report document is included in the Attachments to this business paper for Councillors. It will be lodged with the Office of Local Government and made available online by the deadline of 30 November.

Council has been granted an extension of time for completion of the 2016/17 financial statements which are required to be included in the Annual Report, therefore the statements will be provided under separate cover and made available as an appendix to the 2016/17 Annual Report.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

This report meets the statutory reporting requirements of the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and is provided for the information of Councillors and the community.

Recommendation:

That Council receives and notes the Annual Report for the year 2016/17.

9.2 New Model Code of Conduct for NSW Councils



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

The NSW Government, through the Local Government Minister, Gabrielle Upton, is proposing a new Model Code of Conduct with a range of new rules for all councillors and staff. The draft Model is on public exhibition for six (6) weeks with submissions closing on 4th December 2017. This will affect around 1,500 elected representatives and over 50,000 staff.

A summary of the proposed changes is outlined below:

- Banning accepting gifts or benefits greater than \$50 and introducing mandatory reporting of all gifts or benefits regardless of value;
- Disclosing records of meetings and other communications with applicants and objectors to planning applications;
- Banning access to council information when councillors have a pecuniary or a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest;
- Requiring the declaration of new interests by councillors and staff more regularly in official returns of interest;
- Declaring being a property developer or a close associate of a property developer more regularly in official returns of interest;
- Publishing information in councillor and general manager official returns of interest on council's website;
- Tough new standards against bullying, discrimination and harassment, work health and safety, on behaviour at meetings and use of social media;
- Clarifying that councillors must not use council information for personal purposes or undertake personal dealings with council during work time.

Financial Implications

There are no perceived financial implications for council with the introduction of a new Model Code of Conduct.

Summary

A full copy of the 'Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct as well as a full copy of the actual Model Code of Conduct can be accessed via the following website:

www.olg.nsw.gov.au

Council has the option of making an individual submission or by contributing comments to LGNSW who will prepare a submission on behalf of the local government sector.

Based on the discussions at the November Workshop I believe that council should forward comments to LGNSW indicating that while acknowledging the need for a Code of Conduct for local government that the requirements should apply to all levels of government.

I have obtained a copy of the Code of Conduct for NSW parliamentarians which is a very simple document of just 2 ½ pages compared to the local government Code of 58 pages. There is a separate Code of Ethics and Conduct for public sector employees.

Recommendation:

That council advise LGNSW that while acknowledging the need for a Code of Conduct for local government that the requirements should apply to all levels of government.

9.3 Goldenfields Water County Council – Member Council Representation



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

DP7.1 Ensure adequate water storage and management for future use within Council's community facilities

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The proclamation of the newly formed council of Hilltops included provision for there to be two (2) delegates from that council to sit on the board of Goldenfields Water County Council.

This is a very disproportionate representation when all other member councils are only entitled to one delegate. It also creates an imbalance between the bulk water councils and the reticulated water councils representation on the County Council.

Financial Implications

There is no direct financial implication to council arising from this report.

Summary

There needs to be equal representation of one delegate per member council on Goldenfields Water County Council just as there is equal representation of one (1) delegate per council on REROC. The scale and capacity of a council should not be a determining factor in this particular instance.

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire council seeks the support of the reticulated water council members of Goldenfields Water County Council to have the representation from Hilltops Council reduced from two (2) to one (1) to establish an even balance of member council representation on the County Council.

9.4 Voluntary Planning Agreements - Guidelines from the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Association of Mining Related Councils (AMRC) regarding Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) and a copy is included as an attachment to this report.

The AMRC has been working with the NSW Minerals Council since early 2016 in an endeavour to find a position that is more equitable for councils, in terms of mining companies acknowledging the adverse impacts on infrastructure and services and the social impacts on the broader community, hence the need for financial recompense to be paid by the mining company via a VPA to the affected council.

The main issue at present is the methodology as to how the financial quantum ought to be calculated for impacts on a council's infrastructure and services and the broader community wide social impacts.

The NSW Minerals Council supports a methodology based on the number of employees of a mining company that are attracted to a local council area. Whereas the AMRC disputes this methodology for the reasons outlined in its correspondence and supports a methodology, in the case of mineral production, a 'X' cents per tonne figure or 1% of CAPEX as the VPA quantum.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications relating to this report, however, if a new mine was to come to fruition in the Bland Shire at some time in the future, council would need to be well prepared by having a clear VPA policy in place that left no room for confusion as the financial quantum being sought from the new mining company.

Summary

The AMRC are now seeking council's support by writing to the Minister for Planning indicating its support for the position of the AMRC in relation to the methodology for the calculation of the financial quantum when preparing Voluntary Planning Agreements.

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council supports the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils by making written representations to the NSW Minister for Planning calling for the rejection of the Worker Domicile Model as a Voluntary Planning Agreement option and supporting the proposals put forward by the NSW Association of Mining Related Councils in regard to coal and mineral production.



The General Manager
Delegates to Association Mining Related Councils
Various NSW Councils

8th October 2017
PO Box 871
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Update on Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA's) Guidelines & Quantum options

Introduction

The Executive of the Association of Mining Related Council's (AMRC) has requested that I write to member Council's to provide an update on where the AMRC is in relation to the development of Guidelines for Voluntary Planning Agreements, including the AMRC's preferred position on the quantum options for Non - Infrastructure Social and Economic Impacts.

The AMRC also requests that you note the Association's position on these options.

Furthermore, we would request that your Council consider its' position with regard to the matter and if in agreement, write to the Minister for Planning, outlining your opposition to the "worker domicile model" option in view of the arguments following.

To assist your Council in considering this request, the following background and attachments have been outlined and included. Your delegate/s or the undersigned can assist in clarifying any of the detail outlined on the Draft Guidelines for VPA contents, given its level of detail and complexity.

Background

Historically, for various reasons, when mining was initially approved to commence in Local Government Areas (LGA's), very few miners and Councils developed VPA's to compensate Council's and the community for infrastructure, social and economic impacts of these approved developments. It was basically accepted that whatever the planning process allowed or was even seen as a goodwill gesture from the developer, was the contribution to infrastructure and the community.

Generally, it was excitement all round with the potential for jobs and economic development in the towns and villages as part of the selling point and the development was accepted on that basis accordingly, by all and sundry. Councils and the community were very keen for the development to occur.

However there were no Guidelines to assist Councils when this occurred, other than the limited planning and environmental legislative requirements to be met (which have now changed considerably to be more onerous and responsive to protect the impacts of the mining development on the Council and community). For instance Broken Hill City Council signed its first VPA in 2017 when mining had been in the area for 130 years!



The AMRC has been working with the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) since early 2016, in an endeavour to find a position that is more equitable for Councils, in terms of the miners acknowledging the adverse impacts on infrastructure and services and the social impacts on the broader district communities, hence the need for financial recompense to be paid by the miner via a VPA to the Council.

The joint working party approach, involving NSWMC and AMRC, was supported by the Department of Planning & Environment, which made a financial contribution toward the cost of the AMRC engaging a suitable consultant to explore possible VPA funding options.

Partial Agreement of Guidelines for the VPA negotiation process.

The VPA joint working party has already agreed on:

- (1) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be established between the parties at the start of negotiations, however there are still some terms therein that need to be finalised;
- (2) a timeline schedule; and
- (3) a Roads (Infrastructure) Calculator for the Draft Guidelines VPA negotiation process.

The sticking point is the methodology as to how the financial quantum ought to be calculated for impacts on Council infrastructure and services and the broader district wide social impacts.

The NSWMC represents over 90 miners operating in NSW and is a keen lobbyist to ensure their member's interests are relayed to the State Government and relevant ministers and are regularly meeting with them in Sydney. The AMRC is significantly smaller than the NSWMC with 18 members and relies on its advocacy approach and having a "seat at the table" of State Government Ministers and senior departmental staff as an entity consisting of Council membership only.

Expert Report on VPA Quantum Options

The AMRC resolved at its meeting on 12th May 2017 to engage Warwick Giblin, Oz Environmental to undertake the preparation of a report with methodologies for each of the options.

On 11th August 2017 in Sydney, Warwick presented his report on the "Voluntary Planning Agreement Non Infrastructure Quantum Options" which outlined the methodologies for the various options, for Councils to consider and agree upon for inclusion in their VPA's, when negotiating terms.

(A copy of the report and Warwick's presentation to delegates has been forwarded to Councils under separate cover in August 2017).

NSW Mineral Council's Position on VPA Quantum

The NSWMC's position on the social and economic impacts quantum Calculator is to support a 'Worker Domicile Model' which is based on an amount calculated on the number of additional



workers that are attracted to the LGA. In order to develop this model, the NSWMC have invested heavily and engaged consultants Umwelt to assist. The main elements of the NSWMC methodology are:

- it is based on a negotiable rate of \$2k - \$10k per employee/contractor dependent on the predicted degree of population change relative to housing and infrastructure capacity, in the LGA allowing a 20% variance either up or down;
- a displacement allowance of \$2k - \$10k per house emptied when a miner buys up land or displaces households (this would vary if a greenfield versus brownfield site and level of impact);
- a special infrastructure allowance, if infrastructure for sewerage and water systems need upgrading; and
- an adaptive capacity allowance to assist a Council in its planning and governance – the amount would be equal to \$100k for every 1% of population increase.

At first glance, this scope and quantum approach may seem reasonable, however when modelled by Umwelt and compared to actual VPA agreements that were known, sometimes the amounts were the same as negotiated, other times they were less. Plus the quantum could vary from year to year as the workforce numbers increased or decreased and those numbers were guesstimates.

Association Mining Related Council's Position

At a recent meeting with the CEO of the NSWMC (Mr Stephen Galilee), the AMRC joint working party members expressed their concerns that the 'Worker Domicile Model' is not supported by AMRC because:-

- the mining industry is moving to fewer jobs, given increased automation and the VPA quantum would be less, though production rates remain static or even increase;
- there is no certainty in the VPA contribution as the worker/contractor worker numbers are estimates as is the likely location/residence of those workers while FIFO or DIDO workforces are difficult to quantify as they are a transient workforce;
- the VPA amount per worker/contractor worker still has to be negotiated and there is an administrative challenge in verifying worker numbers from one year to the next.

The AMRC outlined to the NSWMC that there are more suitable models that could be used instead of the Worker Domicile Model such as:-

- a cents per product tonne of coal;
- or a 1% Capital Expenditure of the project (CAPEX);
- a combination of the above.



Two other models explored by the AMRC (based on a percentage take from the value of the mineral) were:

- (1) were a percentage of the product sale price; and
- (2) an amount based on the royalty paid to the State Government for each tonne of mineral.

These were considered too complex because:

- (a) in case of coal: coking and thermal coal have different price structures; and
- (b) the percentage take will vary depending on the average price for the product and that percentage will need to be adjusted;
- (c) a) and b) above uniquely apply to every mineral type; and
- (d) due to the fluctuating prices of minerals and the fact that the royalties are subject to many 'certain cost deductions' (which vary per site and have to be agreed to by the government) which makes clarity of the quantum difficult to ascertain at the outset which could delay the negotiation process unnecessarily and provide difficulty for Councils to monitor.

AMRC's Preferred Position on Calculating the VPA Quantum

Consequently, the AMRC resolved that it adopt (in relation to coal production developments) as its preferred VPA quantum option as the actual cents per tonne (not a percentage of production) with 1% CAPEX as the default option.

In relation to higher value commodities (metals), the preferred approach is to adopt a "X" cents per tonne figure or 1% of CAPEX as the VPA quantum option, to give Council's some guidance on which way to go.

It was also acknowledged that the VPA quantum payable for energy production projects (ie wind farms, gas fields and solar farms) is a different entity, however it was noted that wind farm proponents are now typically offering \$1,250 (subject to CPI) x Installed Capacity (Megawatt).

The AMRC also resolved that the Worker Domicile Model be rejected as a VPA quantum option for the reasons outlined above and delegates have been requested to seek the support of their Councils in writing to the Minister for Planning, indicating same.

Accordingly I have attached a pro forma letter to assist in your deliberations.

We would hope that your Council accede to the request by the Association to write to the Minister, realising that it is a decision for your Council to consider taking into account your own circumstances.

Conclusion

This is a complex area and accordingly, it has always been the Association's policy to offer a briefing to your Council by members of the VPA Working Party and this offer still stands.



Any enquiries please submit them to the undersigned by email or phone and I would be only too pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Lamont
Executive Officer
Association of Mining Related Councils
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Minister for Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister Roberts,

Re Draft Guidelines for VPA Quantum Calculator Model Options

Our Council is a member of the Association of Mining Related Council's NSW (AMRC) who have been working with the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) on a Joint Working Party for the development of Draft Guidelines for negotiating Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA's) and to date agreement has been reached on the contents of a Memorandum of Understanding, a Timeline Schedule and a Roads Infrastructure Calculator.

Despite all parties investing heavily in this project, with the support of the Department of Planning (Refer M/s Alison Frame, Deputy Secretary, Planning Policy, Strategy and Governance, Department of Planning), agreement has not been reached on the Non – Infrastructure Social and Economic Impacts Calculator, in view of the following different positions:

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The AMRC also resolved that the Worker Domicile Model be rejected as a VPA quantum option for the reasons outlined above and delegates are requested to have their Councils write to the Minister for Planning, indicating same.

Accordingly, our Council has resolved to advise you that it supports the Association’s preferred position and rejects the ‘Worker Domicile Model’ as a Non – Infrastructure Calculator for compensation for social and economic impacts on our community as a result of mining activity in our LGA.

Please submit any enquiries to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

General Manager

9.5 Joint Organisations – Legislative Requirements



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

The NSW Government through the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Local Government has issued a media release indicating that legislation is being introduced to allow councils in regional NSW to voluntarily create new Joint Organisations in 2018.

A copy of the media release is included as an attachment to this report.

The Deputy Premier has said that Joint Organisations would transform the way the NSW Government and local councils collaborate, plan, set priorities and deliver important projects in regional NSW.

This statement raises the question that if membership of a Joint Organisation is voluntary, what lies in store for those councils opting not to become a member of a Joint Organisation?

Financial Implications

There would be no immediate financial cost to council however if Bland Shire Council was to remain a member of REROC as well as become a member of a separate Joint Organisation then there would certainly be additional membership fees.

The media release makes mention of 'seed' funding of \$3.3M but there is no reference to recurrent funding for Joint Organisations.

Summary

The view of many of the member councils of REROC is to remain a member of the ROC and to not participate in a Joint Organisation which in many instances would only be duplicating the role and responsibilities of a ROC.

According to the Minister for Local Government it would only take a minimum of three (3) councils to form a Joint Organisation so again this raises concerns as to how effective would a three (3) council Joint Organisation be and what level of support would be forthcoming?

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council awaits the introduction of the Joint Organisation legislation to be able to identify the specific advantages, if any, of becoming a member of a Joint Organisation.



John Barilaro
Deputy Premier
Minister for Regional NSW

Gabrielle Upton
Minister for Local Government

MEDIA RELEASE

Friday, 3 November 2017

JOINT ORGANISATIONS TO BOLSTER REGIONAL COUNCILS

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro, and Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton today announced the NSW Government will introduce new laws to allow councils in regional NSW to voluntarily create new Joint Organisations in 2018.

Mr Barilaro said Joint Organisations would transform the way the NSW Government and local councils collaborate, plan, set priorities and deliver important projects in regional NSW, to help them deliver on the ambitions and priorities of their regional communities.

The announcement follows the success of a pilot program which trialled five separate Joint Organisations across NSW.

Mr Barilaro said the NSW Government would provide seed funding of \$3.3 million to support councils choosing to become a member of a new Joint Organisation.

“Joint Organisations bring together local and state governments to focus on the issues that matter most to regional communities such as building strong businesses, creating jobs, securing water supplies, improving regional transport, and developing community infrastructure, services and facilities,” he said.

“Councils choosing to take up this option will get a seat at the table in planning infrastructure and investment for their region, with support and funding from the State Government,” he said.

Mr Barilaro said over the course of the pilot period, the NSW Government had been working with councils and listening to feedback to get the Joint Organisations model right.

“The *Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Bill 2017* will allow councils to form new partnerships, and in turn, work on projects that cross their geographical borders. Passage of this Bill is a key pillar of our reforms to ensure regional NSW continues to be a great place to live, work and invest,” he said.

The Government has already provided \$1.5 million for five pilot Joint Organisations with an independent evaluation confirming the program delivered benefits for regional councils and communities.

The pilot process has already developed a youth employment strategy for the Illawarra, assisted the eight councils in the Namoi Joint Organisation to put together a regional investment prospectus, and allowed the Central NSW Joint Organisation to advance its Infrastructure Prioritisation Framework.

“Joint Organisations will help them manage the many challenges unique to councils in regional NSW,” Ms Upton said.

“The NSW Government will provide support to councils wishing to join Joint Organisations and will work closely with them once they’re established,” she said.

Joint Organisations would be ready to start in July 2018, comprise a minimum of three member councils and align with NSW Planning regional boundaries.

Further details on how councils can nominate to become a member of a Joint Organisation and funding arrangements will be released shortly.

MEDIA: James Jooste | Deputy Premier | 0429 978 036
Michael Cox | Minister for Local Government | 0429 465 227

9.6 Container Deposit Scheme – Implications for Bland Shire Council



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

DP6.2 Reduce reliance on landfill by increasing resource recovery, waste minimisation and community education.

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillors will be aware of legislation that will become effective from 1st December 2017 relating to the operation of a 'container deposit' scheme whereby specifically identified containers can be returned to a collection point for reimbursement of 10c per container.

However, there are numerous rules and regulations contained in the legislation, not the least of which is reimbursement to participating councils of a handling fee, which at present stands at 3.5c per container.

The overall operation of the scheme has been handed to a private company; TOMRA – Cleanaway, by way of a contract issued by the NSW Government. The actual terms and conditions of that contract have been declared as 'commercial in-confidence' and therefore not available to the public or participating councils.

Financial Implications

REROC, on behalf of its member councils, has undertaken an exhaustive analysis of the financial implications for councils who choose to participate in the scheme. The result for Bland Shire Council would result in a financial loss unless TOMRA – Cleanaway were to increase the handling fee currently being offered.

Despite significant attempts to negotiate an increased handling fee the company has refused to entertain such an idea. This has now resulted in all of the member councils of REROC agreeing not to participate in the Container Deposit Scheme under the current financial arrangements.

I have included as an attachment to this report a copy of a media release that has been prepared on behalf of the REROC members.

Summary

The concept of the Scheme, to reduce litter and the amount of rubbish going to landfill, is full of merit but the Scheme, being undertaken by a private company with profit as their major incentive, should not be subsidised by local ratepayers.

Recommendation:

That while Bland Shire Council acknowledges the merits of the new Container Deposit Scheme that Council declines to participate in the Scheme under the current financial arrangements.



REROC COUNCILS DECIDE AGAINST PROVIDING MANUAL COLLECTION POINTS FOR CDS

The Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) announced today that its Member Councils had, with great regret, decided not to take on a service delivery role for the NSW Container Deposit Scheme, known as Return and Earn.

The Scheme, which is due to commence on 1 December, will allow consumers to redeem a 10 cent refund for each eligible beverage container. Consumers are required to take their containers to an approved Collection Point in order to receive the redemption. It was initially expected that councils, particularly those located in rural and regional areas, would have a significant role to play in the delivery of CDS through the provision of Collection Point Services at council landfills.

REROC Chairman, Cr Rick Firman OAM said "REROC has consistently supported the introduction of a CDS for over a decade. We participated enthusiastically in the consultation process and expected that our Member Councils would be involved in the delivery of the Scheme. We have engaged with TOMRA-Cleanaway since the announcement in late July that the Joint Venture had won the tender to provide Network Operator services across the State. Our goal was always to participate in the Scheme."

"We finally received TOMRA-Cleanaway's proposal for service delivery for manual collection points about 2 weeks ago and the contract terms about a week ago. REROC Member Councils have met twice to discuss the offer to participate, and discussed with TOMRA-Cleanaway different ways in which the service delivery might be viably provided. Our Member Councils have undertaken a number of financial projections to determine the viability of our participation and have reached the firm conclusion that the only way that we could be involved would be if councils decided to subsidise the service. Our Members agree that subsidising a service that is operated by a joint venture formed by two multi-national companies is not an acceptable use of ratepayer funds."

"Given that TOMRA-Cleanaway is contractually and legislatively obliged by the State government to provide redemption services for every community with 1,000 residents in our Region, we are confident in taking this step that residents will not be disadvantaged as a result of the decision. TOMRA-Cleanaway must still provide access to Collection Points where residents can redeem their refunds, regardless of whether or not councils are involved." Cr Firman said.

"In addition we have advised TOMRA-Cleanaway that REROC and our Member Councils are very happy to promote the redemption services that will be provided once they are up and running."

END

Contact: Julie Briggs, REROC CEO, 69319050, 0427 498094

9 November 2017

9.7 Country Link Services between West Wyalong and Wagga



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

DP8.3 Collaborate with transport providers to facilitate access within the Shire and regional centres

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council at its September 2017 meeting resolved to make representations to the NSW Government to initiate a review of the Country Link bus services that would enable a service between West Wyalong and Wagga.

The first step in this process was to obtain the support of the neighbouring councils of Coolamon, Lachlan, Temora and Wagga and council has received written responses from all of those councils with the exception of Wagga.

Copies of the letters of support are included as an attachment to this report.

The next step is to now lobby the relevant state government representatives with the support of the newly elected member for Cootamundra, the Hon. Stephanie Cooke MP.

Financial Implications

There would be no direct financial implications to council. The only costs may be incurred in travelling to Sydney to lobby the relevant State Government Ministers.

Summary

There appears to be no logical reason to prevent a Country Link Bus Service travelling from Temora to Wagga rather than two (2) buses both travelling to Cootamundra.

Such a service would also provide similar benefits to passengers from the surrounding Shires of Lachlan, Temora and Coolamon as well as benefits accruing to Wagga Wagga with passengers having a more direct access via public transport to that city.

In order to initiate such a change will require both written and personal representations to the relevant government ministers and this can commence immediately following council's endorsement.

Council has however received representations from the Wyalong and District Community Transport Group Inc. indicating that they already provide a transport service to Wagga for residents of the Bland Shire as well as a service to Temora and Griffith.

A copy of the Group's current timetable for these services is included as an attachment to this report. I also understand that a representative from the Group will be addressing the Public Forum at the November meeting regarding this matter.

Recommendation:

That representations are made to the NSW State Government to initiate a Country Link Bus Service to operate between West Wyalong and Wagga Wagga and that council seek the support of the member for Cootamundra, the Hon Stephanie Cooke MP in this matter.

Please contact Mr Tony Donoghue
Council Ref. TD:GOB:r.03-04, SC321
Your Ref.
31 October 2017



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Mr Ray Smith
General Manager
Bland Shire Council
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File: T-T-SP-BS	Action
Action Officer: GM	(1)
REC'D	- 6 NOV 2017
Copy to:	Bland Shire Council

ASSOC: 601232

Dear Ray

RE: REVIEW OF COUNTRYLINK BUS SERVICES WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF BLAND, COOLAMON, LACHLAN AND TEMORA

Coolamon Shire Council supports the proposal by Bland Council to request a review of the Countrylink Bus Services operating in the Northern Riverina District be conducted.

Public Transport in rural and regional areas needs to reflect the current travel needs of the community. The need for users to have access to the higher order services of a Regional Centre need to be considered and provided.

To continue to use historical travel routes with a duplication of services is inefficient and costly when more practical and direct routes are possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Donoghue", written in a cursive style.

Tony Donoghue
General Manager



Contact Person: Robert Hunt

17th October 2017

Mr Ray Smith
General Manager
Bland Shire Council
PO Box 21
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

File: T+T - SP - BS	Action
Action Officer: GM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
REC'D	25 OCT 2017
Copy to:	Bland Shire Council

Dear Ray

Re: Review of the Country Link Bus Services within the Local Government Areas of Bland, Coolamon, Lachlan and Temora.

I refer to your letter regarding a review of the Country Link Bus Services operating within the above local government areas with the objective of having a new service operate between Temora and Wagga Wagga.

I advise that Lachlan Shire Council supports your initiative and wishes you every success in your lobbying.

Should you require any further information or if Council can assist in any way please do not hesitate to contact me on 6895 1901.

Yours sincerely

Robert Hunt
General Manager



Our reference: GCL:ATR: M/03/01

27 October 2017

Mr Ray Smith
General Manager
Bland Shire Council
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Dear Ray

RE: REVIEW OF COUNTRY LINK SERVICES WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS OF BLAND, COOLAMON, LACHLAN & TEMORA

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 September 2017 outlining concerns regarding the operation of Country Link Bus Services in the area.

This matter was considered by Council at its meeting held 19 October and it was resolved unanimously to support the call by Bland Shire Council to seek a review of the Country Link Services.

Temora Shire Council acknowledges the value of transferring passengers to Wagga Wagga due to the community of interest argument.

Please advise if Temora Shire Council can assist your representations in any way.

Yours faithfully

GC Lavelle, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

2017

WYALONG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP INC

For Information contact: Diane Redman Phone 02—69723106

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9am til 2pm

PICK UP POINTS:

WAGGA : Departs West Wyalong at 8.00 am.

Via Ardlethan - pick up 9.00am (paper shop or home)

Via Barmedman - pick up West Wyalong 8.15 Barmedman 9.00 home pick up
Departs Wagga 3.00pm

GRIFFITH: West Wyalong departs 8.00

Via Ardlethan - pick up 9.00 Departs Griffith 3.00pm

Via Weethalle pick up West Wyalong 8.00-8.15 Weethalle P O 9.00 Pick up Barellan 9.45
depart Griffith 3.30pm

*Please be ready **10 minutes prior to departure.** The bus is required to depart on time
with or without passengers*

**Temora Service
via Barmedman Monday
pick up 10am Barmedman**

January	Wed 4	Mon 16 & 30
February	Mon	13 & 27
March	Mon	13 & 27
April	Mon	10 & 24
May	Mon	8 & 22
June	Mon	5 & 19
July	Mon	3 & 17 & 31
August	Mon	14 & 28
September	Mon	11 & 25
October	Mon	9 & 23
November	Mon	6 & 20
December	Mon	4 & 18

**Temora Service
via Barmedman Tuesday
pick up 10am Barmedman**

January	Wed	3	Tues	17 & 31
February	Tues	14 & 28		
March	Tues	14 & 28		
April	Tues	11	Wed	26
May	Tues	9 & 23		
June	Tues	6 & 20		
July	Tues	4 & 18		
August	Tues	1 & 15 & 29		
September	Tues	12 & 26		
October	Tues	10 & 24		
November	Tues	7 & 21		
December	Tues	5 & 19		

9.8 Access Incentive Grant – West Wyalong French Hot Bread



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

DPS 8.2 - In collaboration with users provide facilities that are accessible to acceptable standards

Author: Community Development Officer

Introduction

West Wyalong French Hot Bread has applied to Council for an Access Incentive Grant of \$3938 to assist with the cost of installing an automatic glass door in the Main Street building. The intention of French Hot Bread is to make the building safer and more accessible for their many customers, with the hospitality outlet frequently accessed by local and visitors.

French Hot Bread has received a quote to the value of \$7876.00 for the completion of the work and is seeking a grant from Council for \$3938, having committed to fund the remaining balance of the work from its own reserves. If successful in the application, French Hot Bread plans to implement the access project immediately.

Financial Implications

There is currently only \$360 remaining in Council's Access Incentive Scheme Grant budget. Council may consider funding the remainder of the project from its Strengthening Communities Grant budget in which \$13,189 remains.

Summary

This project accords with item 9.1.2.4 in Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 – 2021 as noted below:

Promotion and administration of Council's Access Incentive Scheme to improve access to local businesses and community organisation premises with Main Street hospitality outlets prioritised.

The application further meets all requirements within the Access Incentive Grant Policy aim, objectives and guidelines and is compatible with identified Council priorities as listed in the Community Strategic Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council approve an Access Incentive Scheme Grant application from West Wyalong French Hot Bread for \$3938 towards the purchase and installation of automatic doors for the premises, with \$360 to come from Council's Access Incentive Scheme budget and the remaining \$3578 to be drawn from Council's Strengthening Communities Grant budget.

9.9 Strengthening Communities Grant – Ungarie War Memorial Hall



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

DP 3.1.5 Administer Council's Strengthening Communities Grant

Author: Community Development Officer

Introduction

The Ungarie War Memorial Hall Committee has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$1000 to assist with the cost of hosting the 2018 Fanny Lumsden Country Halls tour in Ungarie on February 17 2018.

The intention of the Ungarie War Memorial Hall Committee is to provide a much needed local family friendly night of entertainment for the Ungarie community with food and refreshments also supplied by the Hall Committee.

The event provides a great opportunity for the Hall Committee to offer quality entertainment to Ungarie residents and surrounding districts, with the intention also being to offer return bus transfers from West Wyalong should there be interest.

The funds requested will be used to cover the cost of the guarantee fee required to host the show and promotion of the event.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$13,189 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Grant Fund.

Summary

The event will provide a much needed source of local, family friendly entertainment to the Ungarie and surrounding district whilst also supporting local Aria nominated and Golden Guitar winning artist Fanny Lumsden.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$1000 for the Ungarie War Memorial Hall in support of hosting the 2018 Fanny Lumsden Country Halls tour in Ungarie.

9.10 Strengthening Communities – West Wyalong Town Band



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

DP3.1.7 Facilitate and support groups that build skills and social inclusion including workshops/presentations

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Town Band has submitted a Strengthening Communities grant application to Council for \$2000 towards the purchase of new uniforms, instruments and equipment and sheet music.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$13,189 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Grant Fund.

Summary

The Town Band has reported a significant increase in membership in the last 12 months including 10 new junior band members.

To accommodate their increased numbers and requests to perform at various competitions and community events and festivals the band requires additional uniforms, musical instruments, equipment and sheet music.

If grant funding is approved the items will be purchased immediately to ensure they are available for Australia Day.

The band is an important part of the local community and is an institution at several long standing community events, including Australia Day. The band also helps promote the Bland Shire and provides opportunities for local musicians to practice and showcase their talents. The band's request for funding aligns strongly with Council's 10 year Community Strategic Plan.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$2000 for the West Wyalong Band towards the purchase of musical instruments, band uniforms, equipment and sheet music.

9.11 Strengthening Communities – Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.1.1 Maintain relationships with Business West Wyalong and Events West Wyalong

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

Business West Wyalong will hold its annual Christmas carnival on Friday 8 December from 5pm until 9pm.

Organisers have a number of new and exciting family focused initiatives planned in an effort to increase community engagement and have applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant to assist with the costs.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$13,189 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Grant Fund.

Summary

By scheduling the carnival the day before one of Evolution Cowal's staff Christmas parties and with the support of Evolution Mining, Business West Wyalong is able to engage amusement rides and devices at a discount.

In light of the seasonal conditions and a below average predicted harvest, Business West Wyalong is proposing to provide the rides, amusements and other children's activities free of charge to ensure all members of the community – regardless of their socio economic status - can come together as one to celebrate Christmas.

The cost of the amusements and insurance is \$5941 and Business West Wyalong is seeking a grant of half that amount (\$2970.50). Council is also providing significant in-kind support by closing the Main Street for the duration of the carnival.

Business West Wyalong will fund the remaining costs of the amusements, as well as advertising and other carnival costs, from their reserves.

As well as a Business West Wyalong event, the carnival will also serve as a community Christmas party.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$2970.50 to Business West Wyalong towards the cost of amusement rides and insurance for the 2017 West Wyalong Christmas carnival.

9.12 Part Day Public Holiday Application – West Wyalong Show 2018-2019



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

DP3.1.7 Facilitate and support groups that build skills and social inclusion including workshops/presentations

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Show Society has asked Council to apply to the NSW Industrial Relations Office for a part day public holiday between the hours of 12 noon and 6pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018 and Wednesday 4 September 2019 for the purposes of the West Wyalong Show.

Any application from Council for a public holiday requires a formal Council resolution and must include the history of the event, an outline and evidence of extensive community consultation including written correspondence to stakeholders such as banks, schools and chambers of commerce, details of alternatives considered and transport arrangements for school students.

For a biennial application, applicants must also include additional information focusing on the economic and social importance of the event for the designated holiday area.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

For the fifth time in six years, Council was required to undertake a widespread community consultation process in order to support any application for a local public holiday or local event day.

An online survey was published on Council's website and promoted through social media and press advertisements in the West Wyalong Advocate.

A total of 50 responses were received of which 48 (96 per cent) believe a holiday is necessary for the survival of the Show while 54 per cent of respondents favoured a part day public holiday (noon to 6pm) as requested by the Show Society and 42 per cent favour a half day public holiday (noon-midnight).

After previously supporting a half day holiday (noon-midnight), Council has applied for a part day public holiday (noon-6pm) each year since 2014 after receiving correspondence from the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) on behalf of its local members. The AHA expressed concern at the impact of a local half day public holiday and the payment of penalty rates for employees after 6pm when the Show had concluded. The Show Society has supported this stance.

Meanwhile, the majority of survey respondents also identified positive community, social, local economy, tourism, employment and business impacts associated with the Show.

In addition to the survey, individual letters outlining the application process and seeking feedback were also sent to local banks, schools and Business West Wyalong. Business West Wyalong was also directly consulted at its October meeting and indicated verbal support from the floor with a commitment to provide a letter of support. No other correspondence has been received.

Recommendation:

That the Council make application for a local part day public holiday between the hours of 12noon and 6.00pm for the purpose of the West Wyalong Show on Wednesday 5 September 2018 and Wednesday 4 September 2019 covering the West Wyalong/Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts within the Bland Shire area.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.13 Financial Statements – October 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 Services

Introduction

The financial report is provided in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

Financial Implications

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

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31st OCTOBER, 2017

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 542,662.70
BCard	\$15,990.00
	\$ 558,652.70
 Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 21,735,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 4,648,292.47
	\$ 26,384,062.47
 Net Balance	\$ 26,942,715.17
 Percentage of investment to Net Balance	97.93%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.10.17

SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING NOVEMBER 21ST, 2017

Balance as at 01.10.17 \$ 1,171,111.53

Add Receipts

For month of October 2017 \$ 2,631,863.15

Includes

Receipt Date.	Receipt Name	Received Total
10/10/17	Transfer from Cash at Call	\$ 2,000,000.00

Less Payments

For month of October 2017 \$ 3,260,311.98

Includes

Payment Date.	Payee Name	Payment Total
10/10/17	National Australia Bank Term Deposit	\$ 2,000,000.00

Cash Balance \$ 542,662.70

Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank \$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period October 01, 2017 to October 31, 2017.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	025286 - 025294	\$ 10,400.01
Auto-pay Creditors	E012364 – E012605	\$ 2,759,653.14
Auto-pay Payroll	1/10-22/10	\$ 433,391.75
October Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$ 1,331.08
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 55,536.00
		\$ 3,260,311.98

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 21st November 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 \$3,260,311.98 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 21st November 2017 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2017/18)	\$ 9,533,319.45
Rates received as at 31/10/2017	\$ 3,566,149.74
% of rates received to date	37.41%

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

Summary

The information provided is in accordance with the Local Government (General) regulation 2005 and that the financial position of Council is satisfactory and the external investments are held in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government act 1993.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of October, 2017**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 October to 31 October 2017, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,260,311.98**

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st October 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
17-July-2017	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	2.55%	17-January-2018
31-August-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	242 days	2.57%	30-April-2018
21-June-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	334 days	2.53%	21-May-2018
14-September-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	271 days	2.57%	12-June-2018
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-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
16-March-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	277 days	2.75%	18-December-2017
17-October-2017	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	17-July-2018
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
01-August-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	184 days	2.55%	01-February-2018
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
31-May-2017	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	31-May-2018
10-October-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.57%	10-October-2018
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,826.05	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	4,597,466.42	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	26,384,062.47			

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

9.14 Budget Review – September 2017



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

DP 10.4 Ensure the long term financial sustainability of Council through effective and prudent financial management

Author: Manager Financial Services

Introduction

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

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

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

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

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

The Statement includes:

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

Overall Position

In general terms, the Council has achieved 61% of projected revenue (calculated on an accrual basis) to adjusted budget and 50% of projected expenditure to adjusted budget by the end of September 2017.

Capital Expenditure at the end of September 2017 is currently at \$1,251,961 representing 31% of the revised budget.

The Actual Result at the end of the quarter currently stands at \$2.842M deficit against an adjusted budget deficit of \$2.5M

The balance of Councils cash and investments held is around \$28M.

Operational Budget and Variations

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

A Point to Note:

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

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

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

The OGM has produced a result at the end of the 1st quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

Corporate, Community and Development Services have produced a result at the end of the 1st quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. All areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provided for a favourable result.

ASSETS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

Assets and Engineering has produced a result at the end of the 1st quarter that is within the budget for the directorate. 12 months of depreciation and overhead costs have been applied, making some areas appear to be heading for an over budget result at the end of the year. However, if you take into consideration the annual expenses already applied, all areas appear to be performing within budget expectations and provide for a favourable result.

Conclusion

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

As Council's Responsible Accounting officer, it is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bland Shire Council for the quarter ended 30th September 2017 indicates that Council's financial position at 30th September 2017 is considered satisfactory, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Responsible Accounting Officer, Bland Shire Council

Recommendation:

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

**INCOME EXPENDITURE
AS AT 30th Sept 2017**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	1st Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
EXECUTIVE								
Governance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Democracy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Development	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	0	-100,000
Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism	-5,000	0	0	-5,000	0	-5,000	-551	-4,449
Human Resources	-33,000	0	0	-33,000	0	-33,000	-6,280	-26,720
Community Services	-62,500	0	0	-62,500	0	-62,500	-16,594	-45,906
Community Relations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive Total Outcome	-200,500	0	0	-200,500	0	-200,500	-23,425	-177,075
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	-6,433,286	0	0	-6,433,286	0	-6,433,286	-6,387,055	-46,232
Financial Assistance & investments	-4,330,157	0	0	-4,330,157	0	-4,330,157	-2,693,831	-3,677,030
Corporate Support	-288,470	0	0	-288,470	0	-288,470	-282,187	-6,283
Corporate Development Total	-11,051,913	0	0	-11,051,913	0	-11,051,913	-9,363,073	-3,729,545
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	-426,058	0	0	-426,058	0	-426,058	-133,119	-292,939
Library & Children's Services	-1,449,868	0	0	-1,449,868	0	-1,449,868	-465,275	-984,593
Regulatory Services	-13,000	0	0	-13,000	0	-13,000	-4,692	-8,308
Support	-25,000	0	0	-25,000	0	-25,000	0	-25,000
Development Control	-62,650	0	0	-62,650	0	-62,650	-38,279	-24,371
Environmental Planning	-2,700	0	0	-2,700	0	-2,700	-3,251	551
Health & Environment	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9	9
Property Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community & Development Services Total	-1,979,276	0	0	-1,979,276	0	-1,979,276	-644,625	-1,334,651
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	-2,169,824	0	0	-2,169,824	0	-2,169,824	-837,194	-1,332,630
Plant Running	-3,520,712	0	0	-3,520,712	0	-3,520,712	-1,392,263	-2,128,449
Roads, Works & Transport	-3,693,017	0	0	-3,693,017	0	-3,693,017	-2,060,991	-1,632,026
Public Services	-481,810	0	0	-481,810	0	-481,810	-40,589	-441,221
Pools	-20,000	0	0	-20,000	0	-20,000	0	-20,000
Council Property Maintenance	-350,152	0	0	-350,152	0	-350,152	-29,419	-320,733
Waste management	-1,110,688	0	0	-1,110,688	0	-1,110,688	-1,019,612	-91,076
Sewerage Disposal Services	-1,592,916	0	0	-1,592,916	0	-1,592,916	-1,422,900	-170,016
Assets & Engineering Total	-12,939,119	0	0	-12,939,119	0	-12,939,119	-6,802,968	-6,136,151
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	-26,170,808	0	0	-26,170,808	0	-26,170,808	-16,834,091	-11,377,421

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	1st Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
EXECUTIVE								
Governance	453,951	0	0	453,951	0	453,951	166,406	280,657
Democracy	194,398	0	0	194,398	0	194,398	53,966	140,432
Land Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Economic Development	190,902	0	0	190,902	0	190,902	53,936	136,966
Tourism	223,529	0	0	223,529	0	223,529	63,379	160,150
Human Resources	356,218	0	0	356,218	0	356,218	90,403	265,815
Community Services	206,467	0	0	206,467	0	206,467	60,814	145,653
Community Relations	158,962	0	0	158,962	0	158,962	34,222	124,740
Executive Total Outcome	1,518,998	0	0	1,518,998	0	1,518,998	428,090	1,084,019
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
General Revenue	987,189	0	0	987,189	0	987,189	976,725	10,465
Financial Assistance & investments	160,229	0	0	160,229	0	160,229	0	160,229
Corporate Support	1,754,256	0	0	1,754,256	0	1,754,256	362,345	1,391,911
Corporate Development Total	2,901,674	0	0	2,901,674	0	2,901,674	1,339,069	1,562,605
COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Aged Care	417,813	0	35,699	453,512	0	453,512	149,994	303,518
Library & Children's Services	1,729,451	0	0	1,729,451	0	1,729,451	619,700	1,109,751
Regulatory Services	153,622	0	0	153,622	0	153,622	42,974	110,648
Support	527,432	0	0	527,432	0	527,432	138,643	388,789
Development Control	3,550	0	0	3,550	0	3,550	2,690	860
Environmental Planning	74,260	101,500	0	175,760	0	175,760	35,102	140,658
Health & Environment	510	0	0	510	0	510	310	200
Council Property Maintenance	103,500	0	0	103,500	0	103,500	10,029	93,471
Community & Development Services Total	2,906,638	101,500	35,699	3,043,837	0	3,043,837	989,412	2,054,425
ASSETS & ENGINEERING								
Works Administration	3,596,214	0	0	3,596,214	0	3,596,214	1,389,808	2,206,406
Plant Running	2,457,708	0	0	2,457,708	0	2,457,708	1,159,850	1,297,858
Roads, Works & Transport	6,486,392	600,000	0	7,086,392	0	7,086,392	4,347,073	2,741,178
Public Services	2,654,709	0	0	2,654,709	0	2,654,709	910,148	1,557,881
Pools	352,692	0	0	352,692	0	352,692	129,852	222,841
Council Property Maintenance	342,327	0	0	342,327	0	342,327	216,190	126,137
Waste management	1,110,688	0	0	1,110,688	0	1,110,688	1,019,613	91,075
Sewerage Disposal Services	1,442,916	0	0	1,442,916	0	1,442,916	1,466,499	11,837
Assets & Engineering Total	18,443,646	600,000	0	19,043,646	0	19,043,646	10,639,032	8,255,213
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	25,770,957	701,500	35,699	26,508,156	0	26,508,156	13,395,603	12,956,262

Bland Shire Council
SEPT 2017 Budget Review
Cash Investment Statement

	OPENING 2017/18	Approved adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	Movements	1st Quarter Actuals
Externally Restricted							
Multi Service Outlet	77,955		77,955		77,955	3,488	81,443
Community Care - Capital Grant	104,716		104,716		104,716	7,885	112,601
Bland Shire Day Care	432,361		432,361		432,361	-24,014	408,347
HACC Dementia Day Care	47,029		47,029		47,029		47,029
Healthy Grants Program	10,868		10,868		10,868		10,868
MRU Additional Operating Grant	333,734		333,734		333,734	13,005	346,739
Family Day Care	148,627		148,627		148,627	-31,637	116,990
Preschool Reserve	601,849		601,849		601,849	-30,494	571,355
CSU Building Reserve	22,330		22,330		22,330		22,330
Community Heritage Grant	3,675		3,675		3,675		3,675
Transition Fund Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000
Library Revitalising Grant	14,051		14,051		14,051		14,051
Access Grant	2,727		2,727		2,727		2,727
State & National Roads Reserve	9,152		9,152		9,152		9,152
Roads to Recovery Reserve	764,611		764,611		764,611		764,611
Flood Damage Reserve	210,024		210,024		210,024	-31,993	178,031
RLCIP Funding Community Rose Garden	3,364		3,364		3,364		3,364
RLCIP West Wyalong Tennis Court Resurface	8,545		8,545		8,545		8,545
DECC Funding	16,150		16,150		16,150		16,150
Trust Deposits	11,413		11,413		11,413		11,413
Sec 94 Contributions - Open Space	995		995		995		995
Sec 94 Contributions - General Development	85,011		85,011		85,011	2,834	87,845
Sec 94 Contributions - Stormwater	636		636		636		636
Sec 94 Contributions - Bushfire	802		802		802		802
Sec 94 Contributions - Car Parking	6,720		6,720		6,720		6,720
Sec 94 Contributions - Studies	755		755		755		755
Sec 94 Contributions - Roads	2,817		2,817		2,817		2,817
Sec 64 Contributions (Sewer)	27,615		27,615		27,615	3,600	31,215
Reticulation Reserve	30,000		30,000		30,000	15,000	45,000
Sewer Fund - Externally Restricted Reserve	512,303		512,303		512,303	584,472	1,096,775
			0		0		0
Total Externally Restricted	3,530,835	0	3,530,835	0	3,530,835	512,146	4,042,981
Internally Restricted							
Employees Leave Entitlements	730,144		730,144		730,144	97,081	827,225
Plant Purchases	836,300		836,300		836,300		836,300
Cemetery Reserve	58,853		58,853		58,853	5,000	63,853
Business Development Assistance	5,000		5,000		5,000		5,000
Tourism	24,335		24,335		24,335		24,335
FAG Grant Reserve - General	2,165,704		2,165,704		2,165,704	-2,165,704	0
FAG Grant Reserve - Road Component	1,409,695		1,409,695		1,409,695	-1,409,695	0
Economic Development Reserve	872,152		872,152		872,152		872,152
Grant Match Reserve	163,670		163,670		163,670		163,670
Office Equipment Reserve	0		0		0		0
Insurance Provision	25,607		25,607		25,607		25,607
Future Land Purchases	3,636		3,636		3,636		3,636
Internal Audit Committee Reserve	12,000		12,000		12,000		12,000
S355 Committee Reserve	5,000		5,000		5,000	354,906	359,906
Waste Depot Reserve	201,330		201,330		201,330		201,330
Bland Community Child Care	4,975		4,975		4,975		4,975
Gravel Pit Restoration	322,792		322,792		322,792	746,636	1,069,428
Community Facilities	2,046,807		2,046,807		2,046,807	160,229	2,207,036
Loan Repayment Reserve	351,895		351,895		351,895		351,895
Council Works	1,654		1,654		1,654		1,654
Planning Exhibition Space	100,000		100,000		100,000	15,000	115,000
Election Reserve	8,066		8,066		8,066		8,066
Public Building	79,030		79,030		79,030		79,030
Corporate Legal Expenses	62,040		62,040		62,040		62,040
Library Reserve	15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000
West Wyalong Community Care Centre	32,956		32,956		32,956		32,956
Employee Assist & Attraction Reserve	44,173		44,173		44,173		44,173
Recruitment & Selection Reserve	17,052		17,052		17,052	-802	16,250
Infrastructure Renewal Reserve	400,000		400,000		400,000		400,000
Heritage Panel	2,500		2,500		2,500		2,500
Holland Park Pool Reserve	30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000
Ungarie Pool Reserve	16,000		16,000		16,000		16,000
Land Development Reserve	384,678		384,678		384,678		384,678
Verandah/ Façade Restoration Reserve	40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000
Ungarie Health Service	22,560		22,560		22,560		22,560
Total Internally Restricted	10,495,604	0	10,495,604	0	10,495,604	-2,197,349	8,298,255
Total Restricted	14,026,439	0	14,026,439	0	14,026,439		12,341,236
Total Cash & Investments	26,805,318						28,356,233
Available Cash	12,778,879						16,014,997

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	1st Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
Capital Funding								
EXECUTIVE								
Governance								
Internal Restrictions	-200,000		0	-200,000		-200,000		-200,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding								
Land Development								
Internal Restrictions	-50,000		0	-50,000	0	-50,000	0	-50,000
Human Resources								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-2,000		0	-2,000	0	-2,000	0	-2,000
Community Development								
Internal Restrictions	-10,000			-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Executive Total Capital Funding	-262,000	0	0	-262,000	0	-262,000	0	-262,000
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
Corporate Support								
Internal Restrictions	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	0	-100,000
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0			0		0		0
Corporate Support Total Capital Funding	-100,000	0	0	-100,000	0	-100,000	0	-100,000
COMMUNITY & AGED CARE								
Library & Children's Services								
External Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0			0		0		0
Community & Aged Care Total Capital Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Activities								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-10,000			-10,000		-10,000	0	-10,000
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	-10,000	0	0	-10,000	0	-10,000	0	-10,000
Environmental Planning								
Internal Restrictions	-7,500	-10,000	0	-17,500	0	-17,500	0	-17,500
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-7,500	0		-7,500		-7,500	0	-7,500
Development Services Total Capital Funding	-7,500	-10,000	0	-17,500	0	-17,500	0	-17,500
WORKS & SERVICES								
Works Administration								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant Running								
Income from Sale of Assets	-1,315,000	0	0	-1,315,000	0	-1,315,000	-911,378	-403,622
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-274,300	0	0	-274,300	0	-274,300	-319,117	44,817
Roads, Works & Transport								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,040,700			-1,040,700		-1,040,700	-592,261	-448,439
Roads, Works & Transport								
Capital Grants & Contributions	-1,602,108	-370,000	0	-1,972,108	0	-1,972,108	-345,583	-1,626,525
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-1,602,108			-1,602,108		-1,602,108	-345,528	-1,256,580
Public Services								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-255,000	-370,000	0	-354,893	0	-354,893	-15,000	-369,945
Capital Grants & Contributions	-99,893			-99,893		-99,893	-15,000	3,001
Internal Restrictions	0	-11,999	0	-11,999	0	-11,999	0	0
Council Property Maintenance								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-255,000	-87,894	0	-342,894	0	-342,894	0	-342,894
Waste management								
Rates & Other Untied Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sewerage Disposal Services								
External Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rates & Other Untied Funding	-150,000	0	0	-150,000	0	-150,000	0	-150,000
Works & Services Total Capital Funding	-3,322,108	-469,893	0	-3,792,001	0	-3,792,001	-1,271,961	-2,520,040
Total Capital Funding	-3,701,608	-479,893	0	-4,181,501	0	-4,181,501	-1,271,961	-2,909,540

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY	BUDGET 2017/18	C/FWD PROJECTS 2016/17	Approved Adjustments	ADJUSTED BUDGET 2017/18	Requested Adjustments	Projected Year End Result	1st Quarter Actuals	Balance Remaining
Capital Expenditure								
EXECUTIVE								
Governance								
Shovel Ready Project	200,000	0	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000
Land Development								
Geotech Study Boundary Street	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
Human Resources								
IT Costs (Org Plus)	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Community Development								
Microphone & Speakers	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
Executive Total Capital Expenditure	262,000	0	0	262,000	0	262,000	0	262,000
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT								
Corporate Support	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Loan - Principal Community Infrastructure Development	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Corporate Development Total Capital Expenditure	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
COMMUNITY & AGED CARE								
Aged Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library & Children's Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Books	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AV Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community & Aged Care Total Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulatory Activities								
Pound Upgrade	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
Regulatory Activities Capital Expenditure	10,000	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	10,000
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES								
Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Buildings Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environmental Planning	7,500	10,000	0	17,500	0	17,500	0	17,500
Heritage Panels MS	7,500	10,000	0	17,500	0	17,500	0	17,500
Development Services Total Capital Expenditure	7,500	10,000	0	17,500	0	17,500	0	17,500
WORKS & SERVICES								
Works Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samsung Galaxy tablet (M Thompson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plant Running	1,315,000	0	0	1,315,000	0	1,315,000	911,378	403,622
Plant & Equipment Purchases - Cap	1,300,000	0	0	1,300,000	0	1,300,000	909,966	390,034
Plant Minor - Cap	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	15,000	1,412	13,588
Roads, Works & Transport	1,602,108	370,000	0	1,972,108	0	1,972,108	345,583	1,626,525
MR398 West Wide Construction	300,000	0	0	300,000	0	300,000	0	300,000
R2R Capital Program	1,302,108	0	0	1,302,108	0	1,302,108	345,528	956,580
Urban Sealed Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reseals - Rural Roads (FAG)	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	-55
Main Street Illumination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Main Street - Concrete Strips replacing NIBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Main Street Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quandialla Road (Pipers Hill)	0	370,000	0	370,000	0	370,000	0	370,000
Alleena Road Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quilrys Corner Road Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storms Lane Causeway (capital renewal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Services	255,000	99,093	0	354,093	0	354,093	15,000	339,093
Aerodrome								
Replace Ground lights with domed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saleyards								
Saleyard Reticulation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stormwater WIP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Conveniences								
Screen for Aberline Toilets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Centeries								
New Beams at Lawn Cemetery (10 year plan)	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	50,000	0	50,000
Repair Old Unattended Grave Sites	0	11,199	0	11,199	0	11,199	0	11,199
Parks & Gardens								
Cooinda Park	60,000	0	0	60,000	0	60,000	0	60,000
Village Playground	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	100,000
Bing Walder Prk Football	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	-15,000
Skate Park	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000
Bushfire Services								
Naradhan & Yiddah Fire Sheds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sporting Ovals								
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	20,000	0	0	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000
Perseverance St Rec Ground Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indoor Sports Facilities	0	87,894	0	87,894	0	87,894	0	87,894
Sewerage Disposal Services	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000
Sewer Extension	150,000	0	0	150,000	0	150,000	0	150,000
Increase Capacity of Airport Dam - Reticulation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Works & Services Total Capital Expenditure	3,322,108	469,093	0	3,791,201	0	3,791,201	1,271,961	2,519,240
Total Capital Expenditure	3,701,608	479,093	0	4,180,701	0	4,180,701	1,271,961	2,908,740

Contracts > \$50,000 @ 30 September 2017

Contractor	Contract Detail & Purpose	Contract Value	Commencement Date	Duration of Contract	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in September 2017 Quarter					

Key Performance Indicators
30 Sept 2017

Rates & Annual Charges Coverage Ratio

	Rates	Waste	Sewer	Total	Ratio
Rates & Annual Charges	- 6,387,055	- 1,019,612	- 1,422,900	- 8,829,566	30.96%
Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,520,476	
% Revenue achieved					
Actual Revenue Achieved				- 17,574,682	61.62%
Budget Revenue from Continuing Operations				- 28,520,476	
% Actual Expenditure					
Actual Expense YTD				13,480,669	49.97%
Budget Expenditure from Continuing Operations				26,977,085	

Consultancy & Legal Expenses > \$50,000 @ 30 September 2017

Expenses	Expenditure YTD	Budgeted (Y/N)
Nil in September 2017 Quarter		

9.15 Proposed Road Name for Wootten Street Subdivision

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

DP18.1 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures.

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

Council has received notification from the NSW Geographical Names Board (GNB) that the road name Charles West Place has been rejected due to the use of the first name in conjunction with a surname. The GNB have indicated that Charles Place would be considered acceptable.

Council has informed the applicant of the outcome of the submission to GNB.

A subdivision plan is attached to this report for the information of Councillors.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

The proposed road name is consistent with the principles of the NSW Addressing Policy.

Recommendation:

That Council submit the proposed road name, Charles Place, to the NSW Geographic Names Board for their approval.

9.16 Planning Proposal – Minor Amendments Progress Report



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: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

At its June 2017 meeting Council resolved to submit a planning proposal for minor amendments to the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 to the Department of Planning and Environment for a gateway determination.

Council received a gateway determination for the planning proposal to proceed, subject to a number of conditions.

As required by the gateway determination, Council placed the planning proposal on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 4 September 2017 to 2 October 2017. Further to this, Council wrote to all property owners affected by the planning proposal as well as to adjoining property owners.

Council received one submission in relation to the planning proposal. This submission was received after the planning proposal was included in Council's June Business Paper but prior to the commencement of the public exhibition period.

Council was also required to consult with Roads and Maritime Services and NSW Rural Fire Service. Written responses were received from both agencies. As a result of the public agency consultation only one matter remains outstanding.

Roads and Maritime Services provided the following comment in relation to the proposed amendment of the minimum lot size from 2 hectares to 800 square metres at 82 Ungarie Road (Lot 604 DP753135):

To allow for an appropriate assessment of the potential traffic impacts of the additional traffic on Ungarie Road, and particularly its intersection with the Mid Western Highway, a traffic impact assessment should be undertaken prior to adoption of the variation of the lot size map for the subject site. Any required works to the road network should be required to be undertaken as part of the future development of the subject site.

Correspondence in relation to this matter has been forwarded to the Roads and Maritime Services requesting that this matter be dealt with during the development application stage and that traffic assessment for the locality be addressed in the Land Use Strategy.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

Council staff have complied with all of the requirements of the Gateway Determination. As part of the consultation with Roads and Maritime Services one matter remains outstanding further consultation with Roads and Maritime Services has been undertaken to resolve this matter.

Recommendation:

That the Council receive and note the report on the progress of the Planning Proposal – Minor Amendments.

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.17 Liquid Trade Waste and Septic Tank Liquid Discharge



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author: Director Asset and Engineering Services

Introduction

In 2009 the NSW Department of Water and Energy issued the Liquid Trade Waste Regulation Guidelines. This was issued by the NSW Government to ensure operators of sewer systems were complying with the *Best-Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage Guidelines, (August 2007)*. This required water utilities to implement an appropriate liquid trade waste policy; issue an approval under the *Local Government Act 1993* for each liquid trade waste discharger to its sewerage system; and to implement best-practice trade waste pricing. These requirements formed part the *NSW Framework for Regulation of Sewerage and Trade Waste*.

The main thrust of the Guidelines, besides ensuring that each trade waste discharger had an approval, was:

- A. *Setting upper limits of acceptance of inorganic compounds such as Chlorine and Cyanide; organic compounds such as Benzene and Toluene; and for metals.*
- B. *Dividing dischargers into the Categories of:*
 - Category 1 – Dischargers conducting an activity deemed by Council as requiring nil or only minimal pre-treatment equipment and whose effluent is well defined and of a relatively low risk to the sewerage system. (The category was also divided into Activities)*
 - Category 2- Dischargers conducting an activity deemed by Council as requiring a prescribed type of liquid waste pre-treatment equipment and whose effluent is well characterised. (The category was also divided into Sub-categories and Activities)*
 - Category 3 - Dischargers conducting an activity which is of an industrial nature and/or which results in the discharge of large volumes (over 20kl/d) of liquid trade waste to the sewerage system. (This category was also divided into Activities).*

The Guidelines also recommended the phasing in of the new charges over 3 years.

In 2014 the NSW Government insisted, as informed by the then Manager of Development, that the controls and charges applied by the NSW Government had to be shown in Council's Fees and Charges. The charges were set and included within Council's 2014 – 2015 revenue policy.

Since the bulk of these charges relate to discharging directly into the sewerage system at the property connection they did not strictly apply to the current operations of council at the time, they were placed in the revenue policy within Appendix 5. However, there was no description that these rates referred to direct property connections.

The Council had been historically charging under the Sewer Services section Septic Tank Liquid Disposal. Originally, I am lead to believe, was under "Septic effluent (per litre) into sewer system via authorised road connection point" however this had been changed in the past to read "Liquid Trade Waste/effluent (per litre) into sewer systems via authorised road connection point", to cover all situations.

The new NSW Government revenue guidelines broke the nexus between sewer septic liquid and trade waste liquid.

When Bland Shire Council revamped its revenue policy to be in alphabetical order, schedule 5 became part of the body of the policy, and even though there were two prices one for trade waste liquid and one for sewer septic liquid, due to terminology it appeared that there were two prices for the same thing. In the 2017 – 2018 revenue policy the price referring to sewer liquid discharge was removed in order to remove the apparent double up, but this has left Council with no sewer effluent charge this year and it is being charged as trade waste liquid, even though the Council has no registered trade waste operatives, which is needed under the Act.

This can be clearly seen in the Fees and Charges for Parkes Shire Council which have a Septic Tank Effluent charge (\$26.40 per KI) and a trade waste charge including costs of application to be a Trade Waste disposer (\$220 application; \$136.50 annual fee; and \$2.25 per KI)

Financial Implications

Currently undercharging for Septic Tank Liquid being received into out sewerage system.

Summary

Since the advent of the NSW Government charging scheme there have been two types of liquid waste, one is Trade Waste Liquid and the other is Sewer Tank Liquid Discharge.

Trade Waste is predominately reserved for those who are directly discharging at the premises and they must apply for a license and pay an annual fee, before being allowed to discharge their trade waste at the regulated cost per liquid volume (set by NSW Government).

Sewer Tank Liquid Discharge can be discharged directly to the sewer at the rate set by Council.

Currently Bland Shire Council is undercharging for Sewer Tank Liquid Discharge because the 2016 – 2017 charge has been removed, and therefore the Trade Waste disposal charge is being charged instead, irrespective of Bland Shire Council having NO organisations approved for discharging trade waste.

The Sewer Tank Liquid Discharge charge applied in the 2016 - 2017 revenue budget be reinstated in the 2017 – 2018 revenue budget. Last years fee was \$0.25 per litre (which is less than Parkes \$0.264 per litre) and it is intended not to change this fee for the 2017 – 2018 budget.

Therefore the inclusion under Sewer Services will be:
Sewer Tank Liquid Disposal (per litre) into sewer system via authorised road connection point - \$0.25 – GST exempt – Full Cost – Business Hours 8am – 3pm. If service is required outside business hours then an extra \$220 will be charged per use.

Recommendation:

- 1. That a new charge be inserted into the 2017 – 2018 revenue policy within the Sewer Services section;**
- 2. That it state “Sewer Tank Liquid Disposal (per litre) into the sewer system via authorised road connection point - \$0.25 – GST exempt – Full Cost – Business Hours 8am – 3pm. If service is required outside business hours then an extra \$220 will be charged per use”.**

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Recommendation:

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

- **9.18 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2017**
- **9.19 - Community Services Report**
- **9.20 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.21 - Bland HACC Services Update**
- **9.22 - Development Services Activity Report**
- **9.23 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**

9.18 Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 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

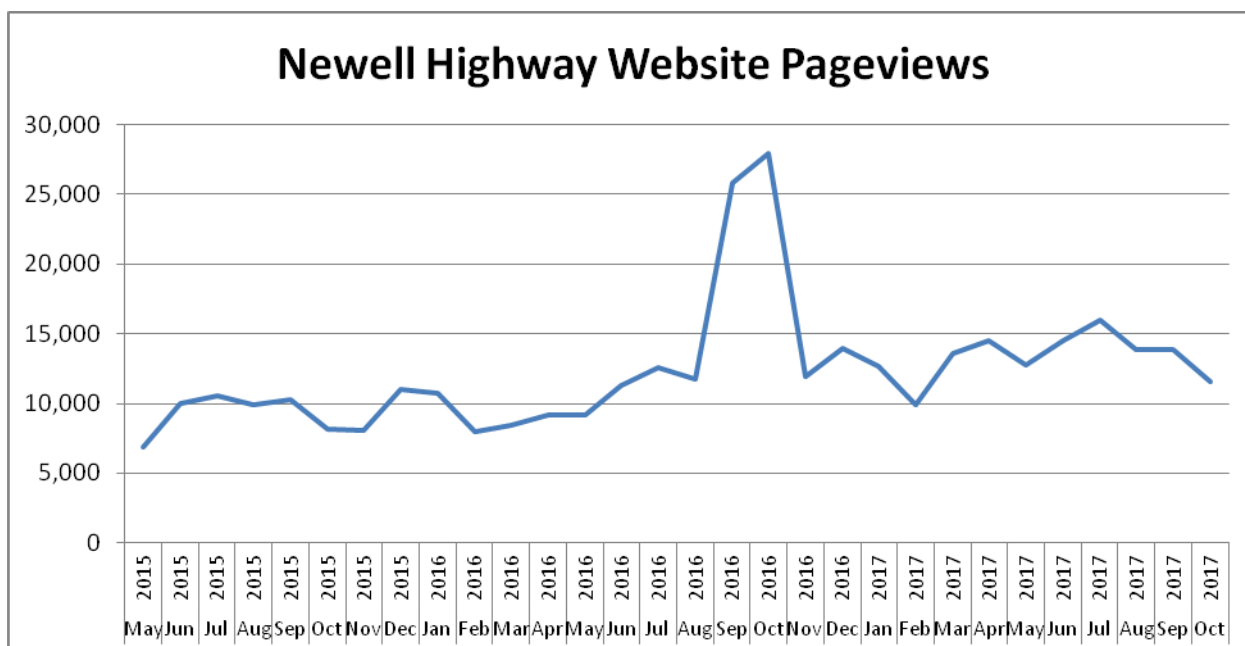
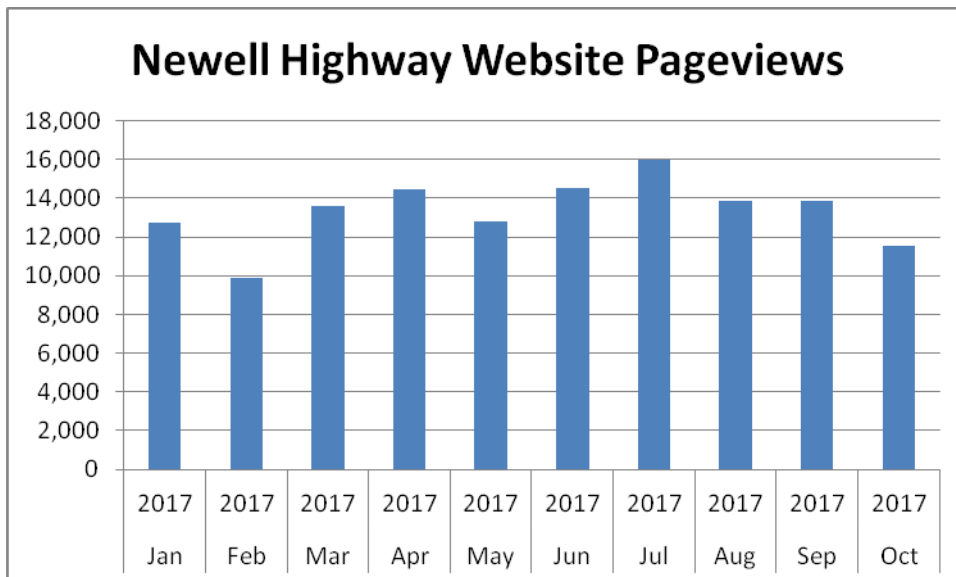
Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

Introduction Bland Shire Council October 2017 Economic Development & Tourism Report

Financial Implications Nil

Newell Highway Website Analytics

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Pageviews	12,710	9,904	13,570	14,467	12,789	14,554	15,959	13,872	13,869	11,559
Visits	5,157	3,998	5,842	5,775	5,088	5,748	6,274	5,141	5,151	4,419
Visitors	4,046	3,228	4,687	4,581	4,016	4,491	4,923	4,260	4,269	3,552
Desktop	35.3%	39.2%	37.8%	34.7%	36.6%	38.9%	32.8%	33.8%	32.2%	32.6%
Mobile	45.7%	40.7%	42.8%	44.8%	42.6%	40.7%	45.6%	42.0%	45.6%	47.2%
Tablet	18.9%	20.1%	19.4%	20.5%	20.9%	20.4%	21.6%	24.2%	22.2%	20.2%



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. Bland Shire Council staff and Mayor met with the some of the organisers in West Wyalong recently.

NSW Free Flight Society

The NSW Free Flight Society held a successful Wings Over West Wyalong competition on 21 – 22 October with competitors and visitors travelling from Victoria, Queensland, NSW South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory to West Wyalong.



Naradhan Rural Fire Brigade Station Opening

The NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons officially opened the new Naradhan Rural Fire Brigade station on Thursday 5 October. NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons presented four Long Service Medals to volunteers in recognition of their ongoing commitment to the local community and the Service. Commissioner Fitzsimmons said the four medal recipients have accumulated a total of 115 years of service between them, with one member having dedicated more than 40 years to their brigade. Minister McCormack MP, Deputy Mayor Cr Jan Wyse, Cr Thomas, Cr Keatley attended the opening.



Renrow Steel & Fabrication

Minister McCormack MP the Federal Minister for Small Business officiated in the opening of Renrow Steel & Fabrication on Thursday 5 October. The Major Cr Tony Lord and Deputy Major Cr Jan Wyse attended the opening.



FUNTIONAL ECONOMIC REGIONS (FERS) & REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (REDS)

The NSW State Government established the Centre for Economic and Regional Development (CERD) in December 2016. Based in Orange, the CERD was formed to lead economic and regional development policy and analytics. One of the first documents that the CERD produced was the Regional Economic Growth Enablers report. The CERD and NSW Government then recommended the establishment of Functional Economic Regions (FERS) that will lead to the publication of Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) with LGAs that have communities of interest, supply chains and labours of interest and market characteristics. The Bland Shire has been grouped into the South West Slopes (SWS) Region together with Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council, Hill Tops, Weddin and Temora Councils. The SWS FER met in West Wyalong on Thursday 26 October:



L to R: Margaret O'Dwyer – DPC, Alvero Marques – DPC, Craig Sinclair – Temora, Debbie Evans – Hilltops, Auburn Car – Weddin, Stephen Sykes – Weddin, Ray Smith – Bland, Chris Imrie – Cootamundra Gundagai, William Li – NERA Economic Consulting

The Lake Cowal Conservation Centre

Mayor Cr Lord attended the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre 10th Anniversary on Friday 27 October 2017



LCCC Board members from L to R are Lisa McFadyen, Angus Stitt, Mal Carnegie, Simon Delander, Philippa Walsh, Gary Pearson, Jamie Coad

Gliding in the Bland Shire

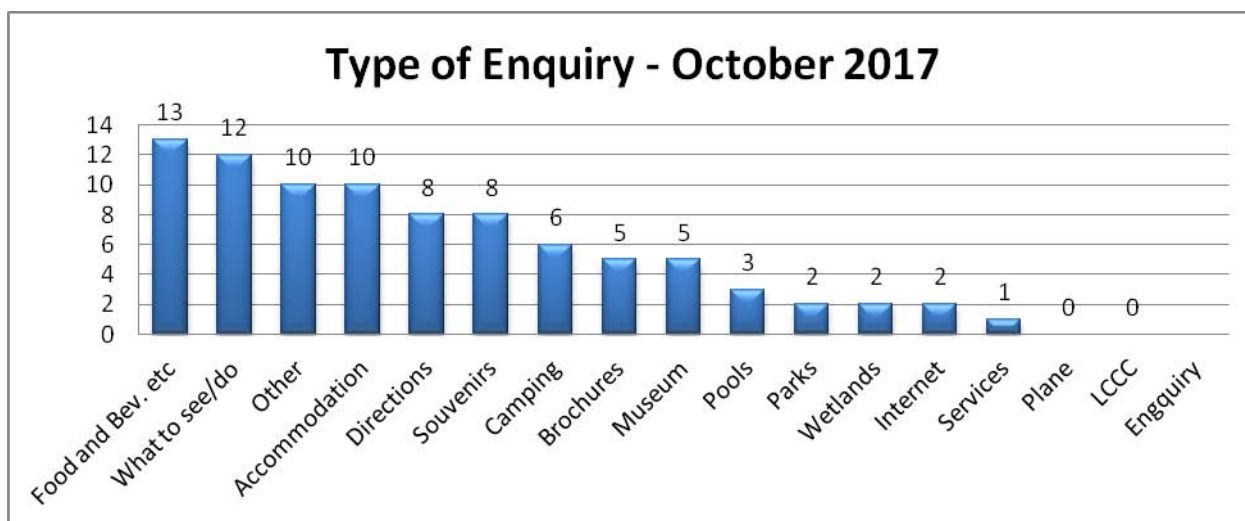
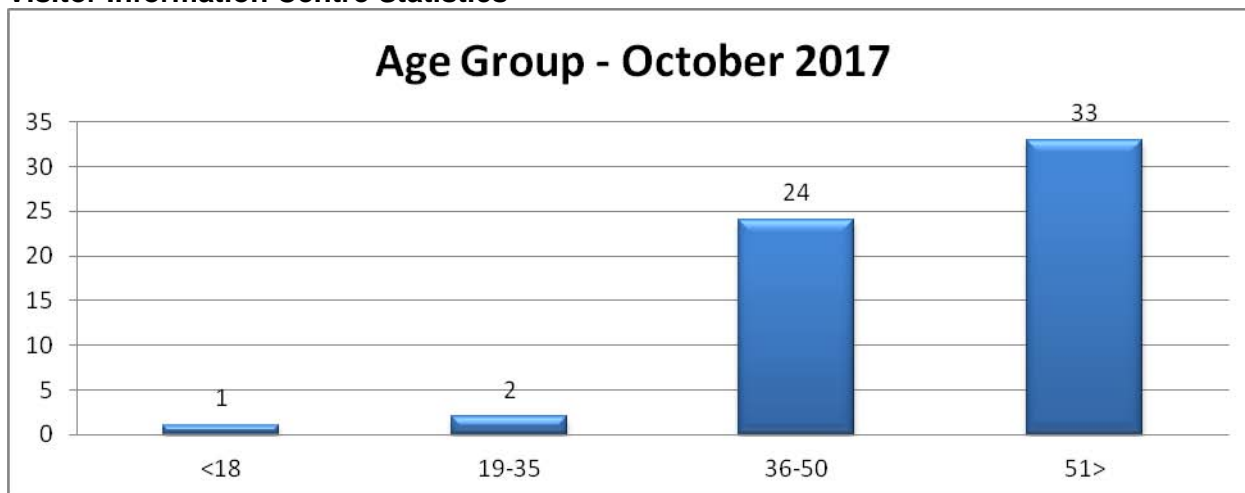
As a result of the increase of fees and charges for the use of the West Wyalong Airport and the Terminal Building the Bathurst Soaring Club and the Southern Cross Gliding Clubs will not be gliding in West Wyalong.

2017 Bland Shire Events

DATE	NOVEMBER EVENTS	LOCATION
Nov 11	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
Nov 12	Crooked Mile Show and Shine – Ron Crowe Oval	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 budget camping, Silo Art, family history, car repairs and making accommodation booking in next town.



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

322 Visitor Inquiries

30 VIC Phone/Email Inquiries

9.19 Community Services Report



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

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

Author: Community Development Officer

CWA Cooking Classes

The CWA cooking classes have been a resounding success with both the youth and adult sessions being a huge hit with all participants. Extremely positive feedback has been received from all attendees and the extended community with multiple requests for Council to consider holding similar initiatives in the future.

To date, students have tried their hand at scones, sponge cakes, slices, pavlova, puddings and biscuits with everyone learning some valuable new skills in the kitchen and some even perfecting these recipes on their first attempt.

Council extends a huge thank you to the Bellarwi CWA ladies for facilitating the classes, particularly Margaret Smith for leading the sessions and also to the West Wyalong High School for the use of the wonderful Hospitality Facilities at the school.





Grandparents Day Film Project

Plans are underway for the delivery of the intergenerational Grandparent’s Day film project for which a \$5000 grant was received from Family and Community Services (FaCS). Council will partner with West Wyalong High School and Wyalong Public School, to conduct a series of interviews with Grandparents and Senior community members which will then be made into a short film. Council has engaged local videographer Tracey Robertson to work on the project with filming expected to take place on 22 and 29 November.

Ungarie Wellbeing Initiative

Council was extremely proud to support Ungarie Central School in the delivery of a Secondary Wellbeing program. The program delivered a variety of vital life skills to secondary students at Ungarie Central School and included CPR sessions, fitness sessions in partnership with Seek Fitness, resume writing, rescue and survival activities, and Bronze Medallion education in partnership with Angus Westaway at Ungarie Pool. The program is a fantastic initiative and will provide extremely beneficial lifelong skills to students.



Mental Health Month Activities

As part of this year's Mental Health Month Activities, Council staff along with John Dean, District Clinical Leader Murrumbidgee Health, attended Naradhan, Tallimba, Ungarie and Weethalle schools to deliver some light hearted positive mental health education to students. Council staff read the book "Have you filled a bucket today?" to students, with a copy of the book donated to each of the schools attended. This book is about the importance of kindness and how to use kindness to help with positive self-image. Following this some fun and engaging activities were held to get the students moving and further promote the importance of kindness, sharing, listening to others and teamwork.

Students appeared to enjoy and get a lot out of the sessions and we thank each of the schools for allowing us to attend and participating in the activities.



New Resident Event

Bland Shire Council will be hosting a new resident welcome event/information session in late November/early December. Representatives of local community and sporting groups have been invited to attend to showcase their services, activities and volunteer opportunities to new residents.

It is hoped the event will provide a good opportunity for new residents to connect with community groups and familiarise themselves with what the Bland Shire has to offer whilst also attracting new members to some of our vital community and sporting groups.

Motorcycle Friendly Town Declaration

A well attended and wonderful morning was had in McCann Park on Saturday 14 October to mark the official declaration of West Wyalong as a Motorcycle Friendly Town. It was wonderful to have the West Wyalong Wanderers in attendance along with special guests, members of the Ulysses Club Sydney branch. Council was thrilled to have the Ulysses Club Sydney Branch choose West Wyalong as the venue for their Sydney Odyssey and participate in the declaration of West Wyalong as a Motorcycle Friendly Town.



9.20 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

Food for Fines

Bland Shire Library is again running its Food for Fines campaign in support of the local St Vincent de Paul Society's 2017 Christmas Appeal. However, the removal of outstanding library fines in lieu of donated non-perishable food items is only valid from Monday 20 November to Saturday 16 December 2017, as determined by the Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee.

Gift Giving Tree

The library is again running its Gift Giving Tree in support of the local St Vincent de Paul Society's 2017 Christmas Appeal. Members of the community are asked to donate a gift to help those less fortunate in the community to enjoy the festive season.

Summer Reading Club (SRC)

Summer Reading Club officially runs from Friday 1 December 2017 to Wednesday 31 January 2018. Designed to encourage children and young people to read over the long summer break, this year's SRC theme is Game On!

Bland Shire Library will launch its Summer Reading Club program on Wednesday 29 November at 3.45pm.

SWITCH Conference

Council delegates will attend the NSW Public Libraries Association's Annual Conference to be held in Penrith 21 – 24 November 2017. The conference is an opportunity for information sharing, networking and professional development.

Author Visits 2018

Bernard Caleo – author, illustrator, storyteller and performer – has been booked to visit the Bland Shire in 2018 as the library's annual author in residence.

Bland Shire Library will host a talk by author Kim Hodges in July 2018. Kim's second book titled 'Girl over the Edge', a memoir, is due for release in May 2018. Kim's talk will focus on her experience with mental illness. It should be noted that Kim's tour of the area is being coordinated by Riverina Regional Library.

Christmas Craft – After School Program

The library will hold a Christmas craft session on Wednesday 6 December from 3.30pm – 4.30pm for students aged 5 – 13 years. Students will participate in a variety of simple Christmas crafts. Bookings are currently being taken for the session.

Pre-Christmas Round-Up

Library staff are preparing for a busy month as many of its programs wind down in December ... ready to resume in the New Year.

- Day Book Club (Final meeting for 2017) – Monday 4 December at 10.30am
- Family Day Care Storytime (Final session for 2017) – Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 10am
- Storytime (Final session for 2017) – Thursday 7 December at 10am
- Baby Bounce (Final session for 2017) – Friday 8 December at 10.30am
- Knit and Knatter / Needles and Thread (combined Christmas Party) – Tuesday 19 December at 2pm
- Pals of the Pen (Final meeting for 2017) – Friday 15 December at 10.30am

Library Presentation at Aged Care Expo

Senior Library Officer Cathy Lange will give a presentation at the Aged Care Expo to be held on Friday 17 November 2017 at the Community Care Centre. Mrs Lange's presentation will focus on library services and programs specifically for seniors. The library will also have an exhibition at the event.

Pop-Up Library

With the swimming season in full swing, the library has again provided a pop-up library at Holland Park Pool. The aim of the pop-up library is to provide reading material such as magazines, novels and children's books for visitors to enjoy while relaxing by the pool. All materials are second hand donations.

The pop-up library is an extension of the library brand, and based primarily on the promotion of literacy and reading. It's also a great way to engage with other community groups and the local community as a whole, in a totally unexpected space.

Library Statistics - October 2017

- 324 Information Requests (*slightly down on last month's figure of 354*) ↓
- 347 Customer Service Requests (*slightly up on last month's figure of 331*) – this figure includes 64 technology assists (*compared to 52 last month*) ↑
- 507 Computer Usage (*significantly up on last month's figure of 357*) ↑
- 51 adults attended regular programs in the library during October ↑
- 122 children attended regular children's programs in the library during October ↑
- 352 Visitor Information Requests (*up on last month's figure of 296*) ↑ – this figure relates to normal library opening hours only and includes 30 phone requests ↑
- 17 Programs were held in October

9.21 Bland HACC Services Update



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

DP1- Ensure health and support services address the needs of the community

Author: Community Care Coordinator

Bland Home and Community Care Service have received many enquiries regarding services. We are finding that due to having an accessible office the community come to us to get information about what is available and where and how to access the services.

Bland Home and Community Care Service groups enjoyed a day out in Temora and Wagga this month, the group had morning tea at Lake Centenary and then continued onto Wagga to visit the Botanical gardens for lunch. Many of those attending had not been to the Lake before and enjoyed seeing it for the first time. We then went to Wagga Botanical Gardens for lunch and the group enjoyed looking at the gardens before taking a drive around Wagga. Many could not believe how big Wagga now is. The group all said what a great day it was and how much they enjoy getting out.

Bland Home and Community Care Service have been busy getting ready for the Seniors Expo to be held on the 17 November 2017 at the Community Care Building. We have a number of guest speakers coming including a speaker on the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme. The information will be great for the Community at large not only the senior members of the Community.

Other speakers will provide information on the Pension and work bonuses and on services in the community.

Our groups are always open to new members and we are happy for people to come and try for a day to see if it is what they would like to do.

Bland Home and Community Care Service is currently looking into running an exercise group focused on falls prevention. The group will meet each week and will talk about ways to prevent falls around the house, do some gentle exercises to help with balance and have a cuppa and a chat.

The service is also looking into providing an information and assistance group to assist seniors with technology, this group will help to better understand their mobile phones and look at teaching people how to connect with their families through technology.

On Monday 7 November members of the Ungarie Activity Day joined in a celebration in honour of Lea Hukins, who celebrated her 90th birthday.



9.22 Development Services Activity Report



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 October 2017:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2018/0032	43 Gilbert Street, Wyalong	Storage shed
DA2018/0033	30 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed/garage
DA2018/0034	63 Church Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of an existing dwelling
DA2018/0035	18 Showground Road, West Wyalong	Alterations & additions to a commercial premises
DA2018/0036	30 Muriel Street, Ungarie	Alterations & additions to a dwelling
DA2018/0037	156 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for "A" frame advertising sign
DA2018/0039	2 Monash Street, West Wyalong	Alterations & additions to a dwelling

The following DA applications were approved during October 2017:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2018/0026	24 Fleece Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of an existing dwelling	3/10/2017
DA2018/0030	67 Main Street, West Wyalong	Change use of a building from business to residential	18/10/2017
DA2018/0031	491 Ungarie Road, West Wyalong	New single storey residential dwelling with attached garage	3/10/2017
DA2018/0032	43 Gilbert Street, Wyalong	Storage shed	19/10/2017
DA2018/0033	30 Grenfell Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed/garage	31/10/2017
DA2018/0034	63 Church Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of an existing dwelling	30/10/2017

Heritage Conservation Activities

Work has commenced on the verandah at Thom's Corner, work has progressed quickly and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Feedback from the community has been very positive. Once completed the project will a significant feature of the streetscape.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There was **one (1)** dog attack reported during October 2017. The two dogs involved had previously committed a similar offence. As a result of this attack one sheep was killed and several injured. Both dogs involved were euthanased.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities October 2017

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	3	6
Returned to Owner	0	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	0	5
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	3	6
Dumped at Pound	11	0
Surrendered	4	0
Total Animals in Pound	18	11

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	2	1
Euthanased	3	5
Rehoused	12	4
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	1	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	18	10
Animals in Pound at end of Month	0	1

9.23 Asset & Engineering Services Report



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

1. Roadworks - week commencing 16.10.2017

- Graders
 - Euratha Road
 - Hannan Road
 - Back Creek Road
 - Fishers Lane
 - Heaths Lane area
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Quandialla area
- Linemarking
 - Tallimba Road and Mary Gilmore Way

2. Roadworks - week commencing 30.10.2017

- Graders
 - Euratha Road
 - Tait's Lane
 - Berendebba Lane
 - Fishers Lane
 - Pursehouses Lane
 - Bashams Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Morangarell Road area

3. Roadworks - week commencing 6.11.2017

- Graders
 - Euratha Road
 - Tait's Lane
 - Berendebba Lane
 - BaiRoads Lane
 - Jillett Road area
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Morangarell/Barmedman area

4. 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
- Ungarie cemetery water line extended

5. 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
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooina park, Wyalong court house
- Lawn and monument cemetery maintenance carried out
- McCann park prepared for Saturday markets
- Parks aerated
- Basket ball stadium maintenance carried out

6. Ovals maintenance

- maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Maintenance to lawn and monument cemetery
- Irrigation checks carried out
- Line marking for touch football, little athletics and soccer
- Perseverance oval soil conditioner applied
- Ron Crowe oval soil conditioner applied
- Park street rec surrounds aerated

7. 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
- West Wyalong and Wyalong spraying on nature strips carried out
- Aerodrome slashing inspections and maintenance work carried out
- Back filled low areas on nature strips
- Street sweeping in main street
- Main street closure for Aussie in the West
- Airport gravel run way maintenance carried out.

8. . Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- Property Inspections - Properties along Humbug targeting Scotch Thistle - 22 properties.
- Attended 19th NSW Weeds Conference.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - Gal Burr- Rifle Range Road Ungarie , Webbs Lane
 - Boxthorn – Old Golf Course Barmedman, Nobbys Lane, Collins Lane
 - Scotch Thistle - Navies Dam Ungarie
 - Wild Radish – Bena Road
 - Meat Ants Control – Wyalong around school
- General weed control:-
 - Shoulder Spraying - Naradhan Road, Boramble Road, Clear Ridge Road, Condobolin Road, Wargin Road, Bena Road, Kildary Road, Williams Road, Paynes Road, Aria Park Road, Buralyang Road, Waarbilla Road, Greens Road, Ungarie Road, Weja Road, Euroka Road, Mary Gilmore Road, Alleena Road, Quandialla Road, Dundas Road, Kikoira Road, Beckom Road, Bonehams Road, Blow Clear Road, Wamboyne Road, Crown Camp Road, Merringreen Road, Brolga Road, Paynes Road
 - Roadside Slashing - Bena Road, Kildary Road, Williams crossing, Waarbilla Road, Greens Lane, Ungarie Road, Weja Road, Quandialla Road.
 - Guide Post Spraying - Blow Clear Road, Bonehams Road, Weja Road, Crown Camp Road, Bena Road, Merringreen Road, Condobolin Road, Kikoira Road, Dundas Road, Ungarie Road.
- Work has commenced on RMS funded flood damage repairs to causeway's and floodway's on the following roads:-
 - Maitlands Lane, Wargin Road, Alleena Road, Bellarwi Road, Buggajool Road, Storms Lane and Marbunga Road.
- While materials have been delivered for future works on RMS funded flood damage repairs to causeway's and floodway's on the following roads:-
 - Gardiners Lane, Golden Hills Road, Beckon Road, Wilesmiths Lane, Bygoo Road, Aria Park Road.