

Bland Shire Council Business Paper Ordinary Council Meeting 19 September 2017



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

A place where people are valued, an environment that is respected, a future that is bright, a community that is proud Put the community

Our Mission Working together to improve our quality of life

BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

- first
- Work together as a committed team
 - Respect and value each other
 - Have open and honest two-way communication
- Act with integrity and honesty
- Continuously improve our services
- Keep ourselves and others safe

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

Ethical Decision Making

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

Conflict of Interest

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

The test for conflict of interest

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

Identifying Problems

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

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

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

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

Agency Advice

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

| Contact | Phone | Email | Website |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bland Shire Council | 6972 2266 | council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au | www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au |
| | | | |
| ICAC | 8281 5999 | icac@icac.nsw.gov.au | www.icac.nsw.gov.au |
| | Toll Free: | | |
| | 1800 463 909 | | |
| | | | |
| Office of Local | 4428 4100 | dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au | www.dlg.nsw.gov.au |
| Government | | | |
| | | | |
| NSW Ombudsman | 9286 1000 | nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au | www.ombo.nsw.gov.au |
| | Toll Free: | | |
| | 1800 451 524 | | |

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 | J | |
| BSC | Bush Fire Management Plan 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 | |
| EWW | 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 | ew South Wales Public Libraries Association | |
| NSWRFS | SW Rural Fire Service | |
| OGM | fice 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 |
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| 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 |
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Council Meeting Agenda

19 September 2017

commencing at 6:30PM

1.0 **INTRODUCTION**

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

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

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

("Pause for Reflection").

2.0 **ATTENDANCE**

2.1 Councillors

Cr Bruce Baker

Cr Rodney Crowe

Cr Penny English

Cr Kerry Keatley

Cr 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

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

Personal Assistant - Carissa Burge

2.3 Apologies

Executive Assistant - Julie Sharpe

3.0 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 15 August 2017

Confirmation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 August 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 | |
|--------------------|------|--------------------|--|
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5.0 **PUBLIC FORUM**

| Name | Matter | |
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6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Meals on Wheels Rental Subsidy (Clrs. McGlynn and Monaghan)

Recommendation

That Bland Shire Council reduces the annual rental paid by Meals on Wheels to the West Wyalong HACC Centre from \$8,000.00 plus to \$2,500.00 annually starting immediately.

Note from General Manager

There is no question about the valuable service provided by the Meals on Wheels operation. The West Wyalong branch prepare and serve around 600 meals per month and the service provides companionship in addition to just the meals.

However, to seek a \$5,500.00 reduction in council's current operating budget would require this amount being funded from another area of council's operations. Given the fact that the current budget is extremely lean this may well prove to be a difficult task.

The Meals on Wheels Service is a subsidised program run under the auspices of HACC and unfortunately they have be running at a loss over a number of years. It was only due to a number of recent significant donations that they achieved a small surplus in the last financial period.

The power bill alone for the entire HACC centre is almost equivalent to \$13,500.00 with the bulk of the electricity being consumed by Meals on Wheels with their fridges, freezers and ovens. Their annual rent of \$8,000.00 would not cover their portion of the electricity consumption. In addition there has been no rent increase for at least the last two (2) years and council actually purchases a number of their meals each week on a regular basis.

The rent does not have to be paid in one lump sum and can be paid weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

8.0 DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

9.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

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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



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

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

| Committee | Date/s | Minutes attached |
|--|--|------------------|
| Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole | | |
| (Whole Council) | | |
| Australian Rural Roads Group Inc | | |
| (Mayor Lord, | | |
| Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate) | | |
| Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Keatley) | | |
| Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Baker) | | |
| | 12 th September 2017 | |
| Community Reference Group (Whole Council) | 12 Coptombol 2011 | |
| Country Mayors Association of NSW | 11 th August 2017 | |
| (Mayor Lord) | 20th A | |
| Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental | 30 th August 2017 29 th November 2017 | |
| Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) | | |
| (Mayor Lord) | | |
| Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr McGlynn) | 24 th August 2017 26 th October 2017 | ✓ |
| Internal Audit Committee | | |
| Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee | | |
| (Cr Crowe) | | |
| Local Traffic Advisory Committee | | |
| Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board (Cr Monaghan) | 21 st June 2017 | |

| Newell Highway Taskforce (Mayor Lord) | 1 st March 2017 7 th June 2017 | |
|---|--|---|
| NSW Association of Mining Related Councils (Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate) | 10-11 th August 2017 16-17 th November 2017 | ✓ |
| NSW Public Libraries Association (Cr Wyse) | 27 th April 2017 | |
| Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) | 3 rd August 2017 | |
| (Mayor Lord) | | |
| Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee (Cr Wyse) | 8 th November 2017 | |
| Riverina Regional Tourism (Cr English) | | |

Recommendation:

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

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Progress Report on the Delivery Program 2013-2017



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 attached schedule is the tenth and final progress report for implementation of the Delivery Program 2013 - 2017. It covers the period commencing 1^{st} January 2017 and ending 30^{th} June 2017.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting framework for NSW local government was implemented at Bland Shire Council from 1st July 2012.

The Delivery Program is a statement of commitment to the community from each newly elected council. In preparing the program, Council is accounting for its stewardship of the community's long-term goals, outlining what it intends to do towards achieving these goals during its term of office and what its priorities will be. It is designed as the single point of reference for all principal activities undertaken by Council during its term of office. All plans, projects, activities and funding allocations must be directly linked to this Program.

Supporting the Delivery Program is an annual Operational Plan. It spells out the details of the Program – the individual projects and activities that will be undertaken each year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program.

The General Manager must ensure that progress reports are provided to the council, with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every 6 months.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

The Delivery Program 2013 – 2017 came into effect from 1st July 2013 and the attached report details the actions, projects, improvements and initiatives that have been undertaken for the six month period to 30th June 2017.

Overall it has been a most successful period but there are still many challenges facing council in its endeavours to provide adequate and cost effective services and facilities.

Council's performance against the Actions in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan and the key achievements, programs and projects are internally monitored on a quarterly basis.

Overall performance against the 2016/17 Operational Plan Actions are presented in the table below. These Action Icons are further presented in the five Community Strategic Plan themes within the Delivery Program Progress Report.

These achievements reflect a strong teamwork approach, between the elected representatives, council staff and the community. Whilst some performance measures can be clearly quantified, it does not necessarily mean the community is aware of, or fully appreciates, or is fully satisfied with, the extent of progress made.

| 2016/17 Operational Plan Actions as at 30 th June 2017 | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Total numbe | r of Actions: | 331 | | | |
| | Completed | 319 | | | |
| | In progress | 7 | | | |
| | Not progressed | 5 | | | |

Recommendation:

That the Council receive and note the report on progress for implementation, up to 30th June 2017, of the Delivery Program 2013 – 2017.

9.2 One TAFE NSW - Update



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Managing Director of TAFE NSW providing details on the 'modernisation' of TAFE. A copy of the letter is included as an attachment to this report.

The focus of the review of the operations of TAFE NSW is to build a more efficient, commercial and modernised One TAFE structure.

The previous structure consisted of ten (10) internally competing institutes, eleven (11) corporate offices, twelve (12) on-line products, over 220 websites and many brands which generated substantial duplication of administration and back-of-house roles and customer (student and business) confusion.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications to council in respect to this report.

Summary

It would be worth inviting our regional contact for TAFE, Mrs Kerry Penton, to a future council meeting to learn more about the proposed new structure of TAFE NSW and how council can continue its existing partnership with this education facility.

Recommendation:

That the information regarding the restructure of TAFE NSW is received and noted and that an invitation is extended to our regional contact for TAFE to address a future meeting of council.

9.3 Country Link Services between West Wyalong and Wagga 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

The current Country Link Bus Service which operates between Condobolin, West Wyalong, Temora and Cootamundra arrives in Temora each day to coincide with the bus from Mildura and from Temora both buses than travel to Cootamundra to meet the Sydney – Melbourne Train Service

The proposal put forward by the Mayor and discussed at the September Workshop is for one of these buses to travel from Temora to Wagga rather than both buses travelling to Cootamundra. This would still allow time for passengers to connect with the Sydney – Melbourne Train Service out of Wagga station. In addition this would provide Bland Shire residents with an opportunity to be able to travel to Wagga via the Country Link Service for medical appointments and other related matters. Such a service does not exist at the present time.

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.

Recommendation:

- 1. That immediate representations be made to the NSW State Government to initiate a Country Link Bus Service to operate between West Wyalong and Wagga Wagga;
- 2. That the support of the surrounding Shires of Lachlan, Temora and Coolamon as well as Wagga Wagga City Council be enlisted in respect to this initiative.

9.4 Preference Counting in NSW Local Government Elections



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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council is in receipt of advice that there is to be an Inquiry into Preference Counting in Local Government Elections in NSW. Information about the Inquiry, including the Terms of Reference is included as an attachment to this report.

The matter is being brought to councillors' attention now as the closing date for submissions is 29th September, thus not leaving a great deal of time for discussion.

Financial Implications

I would not expect there to be any financial implications to council regardless of the outcome of this Inquiry.

Summary

Based on the discussion at the September Workshop there appeared to be consensus that, at least for rural councils, the counting should simply be on a 'first past the post' basis.

This approach would mean that if there were say nine (9) candidates to be elected voters would simply cast 1 to 9 on the ballot paper and the nine candidates with the most votes would be elected. There would be no need for preference counting which would also eliminate the need for candidates to indicate their preferences on any voting material.

If this is the view of council a submission along these lines can be made to the Parliamentary Inquiry.

Recommendation:

That council makes a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into 'preference counting' in NSW local government elections based on council's wish to see the introduction of 'first past the post' voting particularly for NSW rural councils.

9.5 Recognition of the Daniher Brothers – Progress Report



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillors will be aware of the resolution passed at the August council meeting as follows:

- 1. That council agree to an advancement of funds of \$30,000.00 from the Community Facilities Reserve to the Ungarie Advancement Group for the design and construction of a monument recognising the sporting achievements of the Daniher Family;
- 2. That a formal approach be made to the Australian Football League (AFL), the Essendon Football Club and Sherrin Footballs for a financial or at least in-kind contribution towards this initiative.
- 3. That council is kept informed by the general manager of the progress of this project.

I can now report that I have received a firm quotation from Formula Targets of \$30,000.00 + GST for the construction of a 5 metre high Sherrin football with a supply time of approximately 6 weeks. This is the company that councillor Keatley first made contact with and whom the proprietor is an avid Essendon supporter.

This quotation however does not include any footings or mounting posts and a separate estimate is being obtained for these works.

Formal letters have also been forwarded to the Essendon FC, the Victorian AFL and Sherrin Footballs.

Financial Implications

It is expected that through various fund raising opportunities and financial contributions from external bodies that the full cost of this project will be reimbursed to council in due course.

Summary

While there has been no response from any of these organisations at the time of preparation of this report I am confident of having replies by the evening of the council meeting.

9.6 Strengthening Communities – West Wyalong Clay Target Club



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

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

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Clay Target Club has applied to Council for a Strengthening Communities grant to support its annual open shoot on Sunday 24 September.

The West Wyalong Clay Target Club Open Shoot is a clay target competition which is advertised Australia wide and expected to attract 80-100 competitors from the local area, across New South Wales and interstate.

The competition is held over four rounds where competitors fire at 30 clay targets each round. The event is co-ordinated by members of the West Wyalong Clay Target Club who have made a considerable effort to attract visitors to the competition. Visiting competitors are expected to begin arriving on Friday 22 September to prepare.

This is the third successive year the club has applied for funding under Council's Strengthening Communities program.

In March 2016, Council adopted a revised Community Grants and Donations Policy which states, in part –

"To encourage and promote sustainability, grants and donations for all recurrent community events and programs will reduce on a sliding scale of at least 25 per cent per annum or funding application, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the initial funding level for the life of the project/event".

The applicant is aware of the revised Grants and Donations Policy and has adjusted its application accordingly.

Council provided grant funding of \$1584 to the Clay Target Club in 2015 and \$1188 (75 per cent, in accordance with the policy) to assist with the cost of purchasing clay targets for use at the 2016 open shoot.

As per the maximum amount suggested in the policy, the club is seeking sponsorship of \$891 towards the cost of targets for the 2017 shoot.

The club will meet other expenses including catering, prizes, trapper and administration costs from its own funds as well as making a significant in-kind contribution through the voluntary contribution of members.

Conclusion

The West Wyalong Clay Target Club open shoot will attract a high number of visitors to the Bland Shire and contribute significantly to the local visitor economy.

Financial Implications

Council currently has a balance of \$23,580 in its Strengthening Communities budget.

Recommendation:

That Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$891 to the West Wyalong Clay Target Club towards the purchase of targets for its 2017 open shoot.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements – August 2017



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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 AUGUST, 2017.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31st AUGUST, 2017

| ACCOUNT | BALANCE |
|---|--|
| General Fund BCard | \$ 1,467,416.42 \$15,990.00 \$ 1,483,406.42 |
| Invested Funds | |
| Fixed Deposits Deposits at Call | \$ 20,235,770.00 \$ 6,637,056.85 \$ 26,872,826.85 |
| Net Balance | \$ 28,356,233.27 |
| Percentage of investment to Net Balance | 94.77% |

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.08.17

SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2017

| Balance as at 01.08.17 | \$ 1,002,718.94 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Add Receipts | |
| For month of August 2017 | \$ 6,168,107.00 |
| Includes | |

<u>Includes</u>

| Receipt Date. | Receipt Name | Received Total |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| 14/8/17 | Roads & Maritime Services – Block Grant 17/18 | \$ 258,000.00 |
| 21/8/17 | OLG – Financial Assistance Grant 17/18 | \$ 912,879.50 |
| 25/8/17 | Evolution Mining – Lake Cowal Rates 17/18 | \$ 226,672.00 |
| 25/8/17 | Roads to Recovery 08/17 | \$ 345,874.00 |
| 29/8/17 | Beyond Bank Investment Redemption | \$ 2,000,000.00 |

Less Payments

For month of August 2017

\$ 5,703,409.52

<u>Includes</u>

| Payment Date. | Payee Name | Payment Total |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 31/8/17 | Transfer to Cash at Call | \$ 2,000,000.00 |
| 31/8/17 | ME Bank – Term Deposit | \$ 2,000,000.00 |
| Cash Balance | | \$ 1,467,416.42 |
| Limit of Overdra | aft Arranged with Bank | \$ 350,000.00 |

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

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

I CERTIFY.

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

| Fund | | Voucher No.s | Total |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Cheques | | 025252 - 025275 | \$ 211,191.00 |
| Auto-pay | Creditors | E011848 – E012114 | \$ 2,943,960.92 |
| | | | |
| Auto-pay | Payroll | 30/7-27/8 | \$ 538,640.34 |
| August Bank Ch | narges & Commission | etc | \$ 836.16 |
| Direct Debits | | Repayments & Vehicle Lease | \$ 2,008,781.10 |
| | | | |

\$ 5,703,409.52

- 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 | l also | certify | that | the | Ledger | has | been | reconciled | with | the | bank | statements | for | the |
|-----------|--------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----|------|------------|------|-----|------|------------|-----|-----|
| last pred | eding | month | ly pe | riod | | | | | | | | | | |

| Director of Corpo | orate, Community & D | evelopment Services |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 19th September 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 \$5,703,409.52 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 19th September 2017 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

| Chairman of Ordinary M | eeting |
|------------------------|--------|

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2017/18) \$ 9,492,229.46 Rates received as at 31/08/2017 \$ 2,870,544.97 % of rates received to date 30.24%

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 August, 2017
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 August to 31 August 2017, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$5,703,409.52

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st August 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-November-2016 | NAB (Term Deposit) | 1,500,000.00 | 304 days | 2.79% | 14-September-2017 |
| 04-May-2017 | Rural Bank (Term Deposit) | 1,000,000.00 | 188 days | 2.60% | 08-November-2017 |
| 19-June-2017 | Bankwest (Term Deposit) | 2,000,000.00 | 270 days | 2.50% | 16-March-2018 |
| 08-September-2016 | Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit) | 400,000.00 | 366 days | 2.90% | 08-September-2017 |
| 08-September-2016 | Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit) | 400,000.00 | 366 days | 2.90% | 08-September-2017 |
| 08-September-2016 | Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit) | 400,000.00 | 366 days | 2.90% | 08-September-2017 |
| 20-March-2017 | People's Choice (Term Deposit) | 500,000.00 | 184 days | 2.59% | 20-September-2017 |
| 16-March-2017 | AMP (Term Deposit) | 1,000,000.00 | 277 days | 2.75% | 18-December-2017 |
| 15-March-2017 | Bank of QLD | 1,000,000.00 | 216 days | 2.60% | 17-October-2017 |
| 15-June-2017 | AMP (Term Deposit) | 2,000,000.00 | 365 days | 2.60% | 15-June-2018 |
| 29-November-2016 | Westpac (FRN) | 2,000,000.00 | 1826 days | 3MBBSW+1.2% | 29-November-2021 |
| 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 |
| | ANZ Deposit at Call | 50,826.05 | Cash at Call | | |
| | CBA Deposit at Call | 6,586,230.80 | Cash at Call | | |
| | TOTAL: | 26,872,826.85 | | | |

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

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

9.8 Financial Statements 2016/17



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: Director Corporate, Community, Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

Council's 2016-17 Financial Statements have been prepared for Audit. In accordance with Section 413 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) the Financial Statements are required to be referred to the Auditor by Council.

Financial Implications

A budget is allocated for the annual audit process.

Summary

A statement by Councillors and Management has been prepared and requires the Council and the responsible Officers to sign the document to refer the financial statements for audit.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Financial Statements for 2016/17 be referred for Audit
- 2. That the Council authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the statement by Councillors and Management.

9.9 Carry Forward Works from 2016/17



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

At the end of each financial year, a final budget report is prepared and sent to the General Manager and Directors for the purpose of reviewing the results of their departments. During the review, they determine which of the budgeted works were still in progress at the end of the 2016-17 financial year and need to continue into the 2017-18 financial year.

A statement is prepared listing the works and budget balance they require to carry into the 2017-18 financial year.

Financial Implications

Nil as the carry forward works were already budgeted for in the previous financial year.

Summary

A statement of the carry forward requests and budget balances has been prepared, and requires the Council to review and approve the carry forward of the budgeted amount.

Recommendation:

That the requested budget balances, as detailed in the Carry Forward document, for the amount of \$1,180,593.00, is carried to the 2017-18 financial period.

| | Carry Forward Summary | 2016-17 | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | | Poguanted | Comment |
| | Description | Requested Carry Forwards | Comment |
| | Description | Carry r Orwards | |
| DEVELOPM | IENT SERVICES | | |
| Environme | ntal Planning | | |
| | | 90,000.00 | Amount already allocated to projects but |
| | Local Heritage Fund | | not yet paid due to imcompletion of works |
| | | 10,000.00 | Review started, still in progress. Funds |
| | | 5.00 · | needed to cover costs such as |
| | LEP Review | 4 500 00 | advertising, yet to be incurred. Costs committed for panels yet to be |
| | Interpretive Panels | * | completed |
| | Heritage panels | 10,000.00 | Costs committed for panels yet to be completed |
| | TOTAL | 111,500.00 | |
| BOAR WC | L TRANSPORT | | |
| ROAD WOR | RKS & TRANSPORT | - | |
| | | 600,000.00 | Rural Gravel patching unspent in 2016-17. Review of works requires Kolkibertoo Road stage 2 widening to be done and |
| | Rural Unsealed Roads | | funds to be used for that purpose. |
| | Council Projects | | |
| | Quandialla Road (Pipers Hill) | 370,000.00 | Other priorities prevented this project to commence in 2016-17. Request carryover to 2017-18 when works will commence. |
| | TOTAL | 970,000.00 | |
| | TOTAL | 970,000.00 | |
| PUBLIC SE | RVICES | | |
| | Cemeteries | 1 | |
| | Repair Old Unattended Grave Sites | 11,199.00 | Request to carry forward to 2017-18 as project is still continuing |
| × | Sporting Ovals | | |
| | Indoor Sports Facilities | 87,894.00 | Council has agreed to undertake some other works related to this project such as the upgrade of the outside court, additional tiered seating and there will be a cost of around \$11,000.00 for termite protection measures. |
| | TOTAL | 99,093.00 | |
| NET RESUL | T | 1,180,593.00 | |

9.10 Department of Family and Community Services - Deed of Variation



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

DP1.2 Provide services to the frail, aged, disabled and their carers
DP4.2 Provide quality, accredited and affordable education and care services within the Bland Shire and surrounds

Author: Director Corporate, Community, Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

The Funding Deed Council currently operates under is a fixed term deed. The result being when it ceases, all program level agreements under the Deed will also cease. As such, the Department of Family and Community Services is proposing to vary the existing deed to remove the time limit and make it an ongoing agreement following the three year initial term.

The result of this for Council is that the Program Level Agreements that sit under the Deed will not be terminated at the expiration of the Deed. The Funding Deed contains the common terms and conditions such as financial reporting, GST and insurance requirements etc. that are applicable across a number of FACS funded programs terms and conditions, these will not change.

Financial Implications

By signing the Deed of Variation, Council will ensure budgeted grant funding will be received.

Summary

The Department of Family and Community Services has requested that Council sign the Deed of Variation to ensure the ongoing provision of program level agreements that sit under the Deed.

Recommendation:

That Council sign and affix the seal to the Deed of Variation between the Department of Family and Community Services NSW and Bland Shire Council for the continued provision of services funded under the Program Level Agreements.

9.11 Children's Services Unit – Policies Adoption



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

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

Author: Children's Services Coordinator

Introduction

The Policies as listed are a requirement under the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011. All changes have been highlighted for information.

All policies have been through an extensive review process, with feedback requested from approximately 360 families, staff and educators representing all of the services auspiced by Bland Shire Council.

The policy review process is outlined below:

- Policy is reviewed by Coordinator, Preschool Teachers, Playgroup leaders and the Director.
- Updates and recommendations are included at this time, as well as any changes to regulatory requirements.
- Policy is taken to the committee meeting for discussion.
- A draft copy is distributed via email (and hardcopy to those who do not have email) to all Children's Services unit staff, educators and families, including;
 - o Bland Preschool
 - o Bland/Temora Family Day Care
 - o Mobile Resource Unit
 - o Vacation Care, if applicable
- Feedback is requested to be provided by a nominated date (generally 2 weeks).
- Any comments are responded to and implemented if required. Generally most comments are of a procedural matter and not required as part of the policy.
- Final draft is submitted to the Director for consultation at Manex.
- Submitted as part of the business paper for Council approval.
- Once approval has been received, the new policy is uploaded to the BSC website.

Dealing with infectious Diseases Policy

This policy outlines the requirements relating to minimising the spread of infection and disease as outlined in the Education and Care Services national Law and regulation, the Work Health and Safety Act and related guidelines, standards and frameworks all children service providers are required to operate within.

Fee Policy

The Fee Policy is developed to meet regulatory requirements, but also to ensure our services remain financially viable; to assist staff in keeping fees as affordable as possible and all families have access to any subsidies that are available to reduce these fees. The policy is paramount in assisting staff to inform parents of the procedures for the payment of fees at all Bland Shire Council's Children's Services and to ensure that fee collection is completed in an approach that is consistent and transparent.

Complaints Policy

This policy clearly outlines the process involved if a complaint is made. To ensure the complaint is managed appropriately with due consideration to accountability and service improvement, ensuring confidentiality is maintained as per policy and legislative requirements while aiming to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all parties.

Conclusion

All policies presented are a requirement under the Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011, they also assist the staff to undertake their duties and provide clear, consistent and transparent practices.

Financial Implications

Nil financial implications

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Children Services Unit Policies listed below as required by the Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011.

- Dealing with Infectious Disease Policy
- Fee Policy
- Complaints Handling Policy

9.12 Application To Vary Development Standard – DA2018/0027 – Subdivision



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP16.1 Ensure a sustainable environment for current and future generations through effective management and planning for the long term future by ensuring appropriate land is zoned and available to support business and industry growth.

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

A development application was received on 7 September 2017 for a subdivision on Ungarie Road, West Wyalong. The proposal is for the creation of one (1) additional allotment. The proposal does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 2 hectares for one of the proposed allotments for land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential. The applicant has lodged an application to vary the development standards. The proposal will create one (1) allotment that is 1.566 hectares which is a variation of 20 per cent.

Variations to development standards require the concurrence of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment as the variation is greater than 10 per cent.

Nature of Concurrence

Variations to development standards requires the concurrence of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, however, in May 2008 Planning Circular PS 08-003 advised Councils that arrangements for the Directors-General concurrence can be assumed in respect of any environmental planning instrument that adopts clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument.

Clause 4.6(6) of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 states:

Consent must not be granted under this clause for a subdivision of land in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone RU4 Rural Small Holdings, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone E2 Environmental Conservation, Zone E3 Environmental Management or Zone E4 Environmental Living if:

- a) The subdivision will result in 2 or more lots of less than the minimum area specified for such lots by a development standard, or
- b) The subdivision will result in at least one lot that is less than 90% of the minimum area specified for such a lot by a development standard.

The proposal does not meet the requirements of clause 4.6 of the Bland Local Environmental Plan and therefore should Council resolve to determine the application by way of approval, concurrence of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment is required.

Objectives of Development Standard

The application proposes to vary clause 4.1 Minimum Subdivision Lot Size of the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011. The objectives of the development standard should be considered when determining development applications. It is considered that the application meets these objectives as there are a range of lot sizes in the locality and the land is not productive agricultural land.

4.1 Minimum Subdivision Lot Size

- (1) The objectives of the clause are as follows:
 - (a) to protect the productive capacity of agricultural land,
 - (b) to maintain appropriate farm sizes for agricultural production,
 - (c) to ensure that rural residential development does not prejudice urban development or agricultural production,
 - (d) to ensure that subdivision does not unreasonably impact on the natural and environmental values of the area,
 - (e) to prevent the fragmentation of natural areas,
 - (f) to facilitate the economic provision of services by the Council,
 - (g) to ensure that new subdivisions reflect characteristic lot sizes and patterns in the surrounding locality,
 - (h) to ensure that lot sizes and dimensions are able to accommodate development consistent with relevant development controls.

Objectives of the Zone

The proposed subdivision meets the objectives of the R5 zone as it will provide an additional allotment in a semi-rural setting. The proposal will not impede the development of urban development and will not increase the demand for facilities or services in the locality. The objectives of the R5 Large Lot Residential zone are as follows:

- To provide residential housing in a rural setting while preserving, and minimizing impacts on, environmentally sensitive locations and scenic quality.
- To ensure that large residential lots do not hinder the proper and orderly development of urban areas in the future.
- To ensure that development in the areas does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities.
- To minimize conflict between land uses within this zone and land use within adjoining zones.

Financial Implications

Nil to this report.

Summarv

The proposal is consistent with the development standard and zone objectives. It should also be noted that a planning proposal is currently on public exhibition that proposes to reduce the minimum lot size on land in the vicinity of the subject land. The proposal will not have an adverse impact on agricultural production and is in keeping with the predominant land use in the locality. A plan of the proposed subdivision, the application to vary a development standard and development assessment report are enclosed for information.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council resolved to approve the application subject to the concurrence of the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment.
- 2. That if no objections as a result of neighbour notification are received that the application is submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment.



Development Assessment Report

Pursuant to Section 79C of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act 1979

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application No: DA2018/0027

Lodgement Date: 7 September 2017

Applicant: Matt & Wendy Goodwin

Proposal: Subdivision – Create one (1) additional lot

Estimated Cost: \$0

Assessment Officer: Lesley Duncan

Concurrence Required: Yes – Department of Planning & Environment

Referrals: Not required

Adjoining Owner Notification: Commence

Advertising: Not required

Determination Body: Council

Reason: Concurrence is required from Department of Planning

Meeting Date: 19 September

Owner's Consent Provided: Yes

SITE DETAILS

Subject Land: 120 Ungarie Road, West Wyalong

Lot 760 DP753135

Owner: MR & W Goodwin

PLANNING CONTROLS

Environmental Planning Instrument: Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011

Zoning: R5 Large Lot Residential

Current Land Use: Residential

Permissibility:

Permissible with Concurrence of D-G of Department

of Planning

Description of Development

The development seeks consent to subdivide 120 Ungarie Road into two allotments. The lot currently has an area of 3.566 hectares. The proposal does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 2 hectares for one of the proposed allotments for land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential. The applicant has lodged an application to vary the development standards. The proposal will create one (1) allotment that is 1.566 hectares which is a variation of 20 per cent.

Variations to development standards require the concurrence to the Director-General of the Department of Planning and Environment as the variation is greater than 10 per cent.

Site and Locality

The subject site, Lot 760 DP753135, known as 120 Ungarie Road has a site area of 3.566 hectares. The lot has frontage to both Ungarie Road (West Wyalong Condobolin Road) and Dumaresq Street. The site has a dwelling house on the allotment.

Easements and Covenants

There are no easements or covenants over the subject land.

Previous Development Consents

Development consent was granted for the construction of a dwelling house on the land.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 79C(1)

Section 79C(a)(i) – The provisions of any environmental planning instrument

Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011

Under the provisions of the Bland LEP 2011, the subject site is within the R5 Large Lot Residential zone. The development is for a two (2) lot Torrens title subdivision and is permissible with consent.

Part 2 Permitted or Prohibited Land Use

Objectives of the Zone:

- To provide residential housing in a rural setting while preserving, and minimizing impacts on, environmentally sensitive locations and scenic quality.
- To ensure that large residential lots do not hinder the proper and orderly development of urban areas in the future.
- To ensure that development in the areas does not unreasonably increase the demand for public services or public facilities.
- To minimize conflict between land uses within this zone and land use within adjoining zones.

Comment

The proposed two (2) lot Torrens subdivision is consistent with the objectives of the zone as it creates two separate allotments that are capable of being utilised for residential development in a rural setting.

Part 3 Exempt and Complying Development

The proposal is not exempt or complying development.

Part 4 Principal Development Standards

Clause 4.1 Minimum Subdivision Lot Size is applicable to this proposal. The proposal does not meet the minimum lot size requirement of 2 hectares for one of the proposed allotments for land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential.

Clause 4.6 Exceptions to Development Standards is also applicable. The applicant has lodged an application to vary the development standards. The proposal will create one (1) allotment that is 1.566 hectares which is a variation of 21.7 per cent.

Part 5 Micellaneous Provisions

There are no miscellaneous provisions which apply to the subject site or the proposed development.

Part 6 Additional Local Provisions

There are no additional local provisions that are applicable to the subject site or the proposed development.

State Environmental Planning Policies

There are no SEPPs relevant to the proposed development.

Section 79C(1)(a)(ii) – Any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority

Council currently has a planning proposal that seeks to make a number of minor amendments to the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011 currently on public exhibition. One proposed amendment is relevant to this proposal as Council seek to amend the minimum lot size of Lot 604 DP753135 (82 Ungarie Road from 2 hectares to 800 square metres.

Section 79C(1)(a)(iii) – The provisions of any development control plan

Bland Development Control Plan 2012

1.3 Development Application Notification Policy

In order to deal with this application in a timely manner, this report has been submitted to Council prior to the conclusion of neighbour notification. Should any submissions be received objecting to the proposal the application will be returned to Council for further consideration prior to submission of the application to the Department of Planning and Environment.

2 Subdivision

Subdivision Layout

PSLL1 – To provide for lifestyle allotments that are capable, should future demand require, of being efficiently re-subdivided into standard residential allotments.

The proposed development has frontages to Ungarie Road and Dumaresq Street that will accommodate re-subdivision to meet any future demand.

PSLL2 – To ensure that roads are constructed to a standard that is durable and suitable for the proposed development, and which are capable of being upgraded to serve standard residential allotments.

The construction of new roads is not proposed by this development.

Site Design

PSLL3 – To provide for lifestyle allotments that are capable, should future demand require, of being efficiently re-subdivided into standard residential allotments.

The proposed lot will have frontages that are greater than 90 metres.

Road Design

Not applicable to this proposal

Servicing

PSLL5 – Water supply capable of servicing the needs of the proposed development is provided

Reticulated water is available along Ungarie Road. An extension of the water main may be required to service proposed lot 2.

PSLL6 – Access to an electricity supply capable of servicing the proposed development is provided.

Proposed lot 2 will be required to be serviced electricity. Services are available in the locality.

PSLL7 – Access to telecommunications capable of servicing the development.

Telecommunication facilities are available in the locality.

Access

PSLL8 – Access is provided from a dedicated public road maintained by Council

Access is available to the proposed lot 2 from Dumaresq Street

PSLL9 – There is adequate sight distance to allow safe manoeuvring to and from the property

There is adequate site distance for to allow for safe entry to and egress from the site

Section 79C(1)(a)(iiia) – Planning Agreements

No planning agreements have been proposed in relation to this development.

Section 79C(1)(a)iv) – Any matter prescribed by the regulations

NSW Coastal Policy 1997 Not applicable to the Bland LGA

Fire Protection and Structural Capacity

Not applicable to this proposal

Upgrade of Buildings Not applicable to this proposal

Temporary Structures Not applicable to this proposal

| Section 79C(1)(b) – Likely Impacts of the Development | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Satisfactory | Not Satisfactory | Not Relevant | Comment |
| Context & Setting | 1 | | | The proposed subdivision is consistent with the existing lot configuration. |
| Streetscape | ✓ | | | No impacts identified at subdivision stage. |
| Traffic, access & parking | √ | | | The existing road network can accommodate any increased demand as a result of the subdivision. |
| Public Domain | ✓ | | | The proposal does not impact on the availability on public spaces. |
| Utilities | ✓ | | | Utility services will be required and are available in the locality. |
| Heritage | | | ✓ | No heritage items have been identified on the site. |
| Other Land Resources | ✓ | | | None identified. |

| Water quality & stormwater | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Soils & soil erosion | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Air & microclimate | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Flora and fauna | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Waste | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Energy | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Noise & vibration | ✓ | No impacts identified at subdivision stage |
| Natural hazards | ✓ | No natural hazards have been identified on the site. |
| Technological hazards | ✓ | No technological hazards have been identified on the site. |
| Safety, security & crime prevention | ✓ | No adverse impacts identified in regard to the safety and/or security of the area. |
| Social impact on the locality | ✓ | No adverse impacts identified. |
| Economic impact on the locality | ✓ | The proposal creates an additional lot capable of being sold. |
| Site design and internal design | √ | The existing lot will be subdivided into two lots, each with alternate street frontages. |
| Overlooking & overshadowing | | No relevant at subdivision stage |
| Construction | | Construction work is not proposed. |
| Cumulative impacts | ✓ | No negative cumulative impacts identified. |

Section 79C(c) - The suitability of the site for the development

The subject land at 120 Ungarie Road is considered to be suitable for the proposed development as it is considered suitable for large lot residential development despite not meeting the minimum lot size requirements.

Section 79C(d) – Any submissions made in accordance with the Act or the regulation

In order to deal with this application in a timely manner, this report has been submitted to Council prior to the conclusion of neighbour notification. Should any submissions be received objecting to the proposal the application will be returned to Council for further consideration prior

to submission of the application to the Department of Planning and Environment.

Section 79C(e) – The public interest

The public interest is a broad consideration relating to many issues and is not limited to the issues discussed in this report. Taking into account the full range of matters for consideration under Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as discussed within this report) it is considered that approval of the application is in the public interest.

Development Contributions – Section 94 & 94A Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Section 94 Development Contribution Plan 2011 - Traffic Generating Development

Subdivision is not development to which this plan applies.

Section 94A Development Contribution Plan 2011

The Section 94A contributions does not currently apply to new subdivisions.

Other Approvals

No other approvals are sought as part of this application.

Conclusion

This assessment has given consideration to the matters listed where relevant. This assessment was undertaken in accordance with Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Recommendation

It is recommended that DA2018/0027 for a two (2) lot Torrens title subdivision be approved subject to concurrence being granted from the Department of Planning and Environment

9.13 Local Heritage Fund Grant Application – Clark Family Reunion



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: Manager Development Services

Introduction

Council received a local heritage grant application from Colin Clark in relation to the Clark Descendants Reunion. The event is proposed to be held on the October long weekend. The applicant has indicated that to date at least 60 people from outside of the Bland Shire Council area will be attending the event.

The reunion will hold a number of events in West Wyalong as well as at the Clark property at Yalgogrin. The organisers are encouraging participants to visit the villages of Weethalle and Tallimba and have made time in their program to allow for this.

As part of the events, a plaque will be installed on the Clark property at Yalgogrin commemorating the contribution the Clark family have made to the history of the Bland Shire. The plaque will be installed near the Yalgogrin Rest Stop so that it can be viewed by other interested persons.

Funding has been requested for the following costs:

Plaque \$428.78 Plaque Stand \$206.50 Postage (Invitations) \$105.00

Total \$740.28

The application is consistent with the Heritage Funding Guidelines. The guidelines allow for a grant allocation of up to \$1000 with the funding not to exceed 50 per cent of the total event cost. Under the guidelines an amount of \$370 could be allocated for this event.

Financial Implications

There is an allocated budget of \$30,000 for Heritage Funding. Approval of this grant would leave a balance of \$29,630.

Summary

Family reunions provide a tourism opportunity for Council and these events should be encouraged. This event will attract a significant number of people to the area with events in West Wyalong and Yalgogrin and a number of people will also visit villages such as Weethalle and Tallimba. This will be a significant boost to local businesses.

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| hat Council approve a local heritage grant of \$370.00 for costs associated wit lark Family Reunion. | th the |
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SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.14 Tree Management Policy



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

The original policy is out of date and has now been reviewed. There has been no main change; the only change is the clarification that it refers to council controlled property only. A copy of the policy is attached.

Financial Implications

None

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council re-adopt the Tree Management policy.

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Recommendation:

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

- 9.15 Economic Development & Tourism Report August 2017
- 9.16 Community Services Report
- 9.17 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 9.18 Children's Services Monthly Update
- 9.19 Bland HACC Services Update
- 9.20 Development Services Activity Report
- 9.21 Asset & Engineering Services Report

9.15 Economic Development & Tourism Report – August 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 July 2017 Economic Development & Tourism Report

Financial Implications

Nil

BEC E-Commerce Workshop

The BEC and Bland Shire Council held a successful E-Commerce workshop on Monday 14 August from 6pm – 9pm with Akash Malik. The workshop was followed up by one on one consultations.

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.





Legislative Assembly Committees Inquiry Into Regional Development and a Global Sydney

The Bland Shire Council hosted the Legislative Assembly Committees Inquiry Into Regional Development and a Global Sydney. The Committee Members who visited the Bland Shire included:

- The Hon. Gregory Pearce, Chair (Lib, LC Member)
- The Hon. Mick Veitch, Deputy Chair (ALP, LC Member)
- The Hon. Paul Green (CDP, LC Member)
- The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones (Lib, LC Member)
- Rebecca Main Committee Director
- Jenelle Moore Principal Council Officer
- Stephanie Galbraith Principal Council Officer



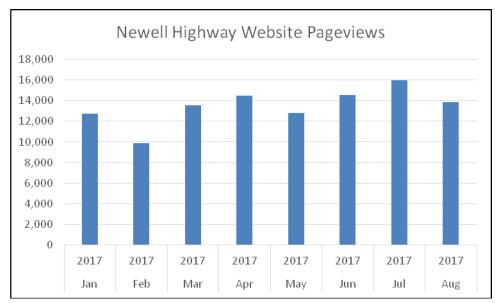
The Committee visited GrainCorp Calleen.

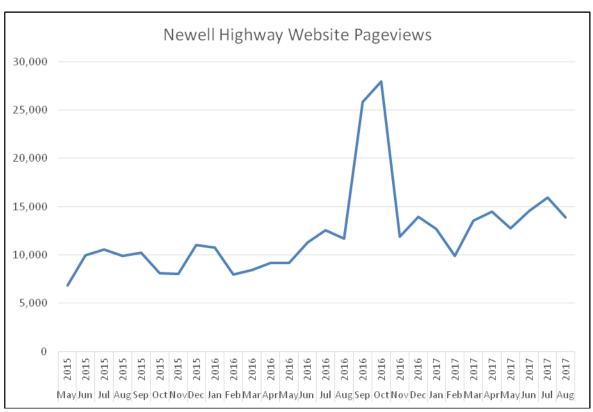


The Committee visiting Evolution Cowal Gold Operations: L to R: The Hon. Natasha Maclaren-Jones - (Lib, LC Member); The Hon. Mick Veitch, Deputy Chair - (ALP, LC Member); The Hon. Paul Green - (CDP, LC Member); The Hon. Gregory Pearce, Chair - (Lib, LC Member); Jason Greive – General Manager Evolution Cowal Gold Operations

Newell Highway Website Analytics

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August |
| | 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 |
| Visits | 5,157 | 3,998 | 5,842 | 5,775 | 5,088 | 5,748 | 6,274 | 5,141 |
| Visitors | 4,046 | 3,228 | 4,687 | 4,581 | 4,016 | 4,491 | 4,923 | 4,260 |
| Desktop | 35.3% | 39.2% | 37.8% | 34.7% | 36.6% | 38.9% | 32.8% | 33.8% |
| Mobile | 45.7% | 40.7% | 42.8% | 44.8% | 42.6% | 40.7% | 45.6% | 42.0% |
| Tablet | 18.9% | 20.1% | 19.4% | 20.5% | 20.9% | 20.4% | 21.6% | 24.2% |





Minister Pavey Visit to the Bland Shire

The Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP NSW Minister for Roads and the The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson, MP visited the Bland Shire for a brief visit on Wednesday 16 August 2017 to discuss the Bland Shire Roads, the Newell Highway and Tourism Tracer.



L to R: The Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP, Cr Tony Lord, The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson, MP, Cr Jan Wyse

The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) / Inland Rail

The ARTC visited the Bland Shire and provided an update on the Inland Rail to the Bland Shire Councillors as per the attached presentation.

Newell Highway Flood Report

The Bland Shire Mayor, General Manager and Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor have been working on the attached Newell Highway Flood Report.

The report found that the total impact in terms of lost total gross regional product (GRP), in terms of the flow-on impact for lost increases and household consumption expenditure on the economy, is modelled at minimum $\$_{\text{CVM}}138$ million, up to $\$_{\text{CVM}}153$ million and the loss of two million hours of work with the contribution of some loss of employment, but most likely under-employment, of a conservative 5,194 workers. The loss of GRP in the LGAs most impacted on within the Bland Creek Catchment was of the order of a conservative $\$_{\text{CVM}}36$ million.

NSW Freight and Ports Plan

Damien Colclough the Executive Director, Freight Industry, Transport for NSW and Tony Cahill will be visiting the Bland Shire on Thursday 28 September 2017.

Seek Fitness

The Federal Minister for Small Business The Hon. Michael McCormack will be visiting West Wyalong on Saturday 2 September 2017 to open Seek Fitness.



Newell Highway Greg Grainger Travel Oz

Greg Grainger from Travel Oz will be filming in the Bland Shire on Monday 11 September 2017 for a Newell Highway Episode.

2017 Bland Shire Events

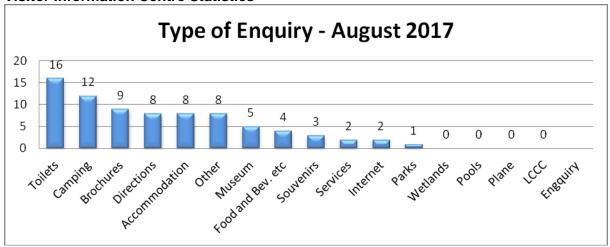
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|------------|--|--------------|
| Sept 2 | 110th Barmedman Show | Barmedman |
| Sept 5-7 | 26 th Annual National Town Criers Championships | West Wyalong |
| Sept 6 | West Wyalong Show | West Wyalong |
| Sept 9 | West Wyalong Markets | West Wyalong |
| Sept 9 | Weethalle Black & White Spring Ball | Weethalle |
| Sept 15-17 | Landmark Gold Nugget & West Wyalong Campdraft | West Wyalong |
| Sept 16 | Mix Triples Fun & Friendship Bowling Day | West Wyalong |
| Sept 16 | Ungarie Bogeye Cup | Ungarie |
| Sept 19-20 | Evolution Emergency Rescue Competition | West Wyalong |
| Sept 21-22 | NSW Emergency Rescue Competition | West Wyalong |
| Sept 23-24 | Clay Target Open Shoot | West Wyalong |

| DATE | OCTOBER EVENTS | LOCATION |
|-------------|--|--------------|
| Oct 1 | West Wyalong Rodeo | West Wyalong |
| Oct 7 | West Wyalong Markets | West Wyalong |
| Oct 14 | Mirrool Silo Kick | Mirrool |
| Oct 14 | Barmedman Tractor Pull | Barmedman |
| | Declaration West Wyalong as a Motorcycle Friendly Town | |
| Oct 14 | together with Ulysses visit | West Wyalong |
| Oct 21 | West Wyalong Lions Charity Variety Concert | West Wyalong |
| Oct 21-22 | Wings of West Wyalong NSW Free Flight | West Wyalong |
| Oct 27-29 | Aussie-fest In the West Festival | West Wyalong |
| Oct 29 - 30 | Clay Target Shooting Competition | West Wyalong |

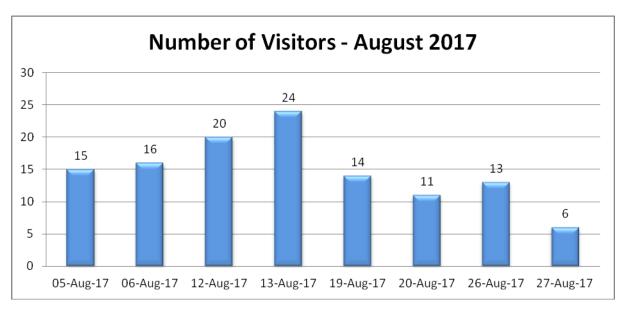
| DATE | NOVEMBER EVENTS | LOCATION |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Nov 11 | West Wyalong Markets | West Wyalong |
| Nov 12 | Crooked Mile Show & Shine | West Wyalong |
| Nov 18 | Riding for the Disabled Bush Dance | Tallimba |
| Nov 19 | Wyalong Museum Open Day | Wyalong |
| Nov 26 | Clay Target Shooting Competition | West Wyalong |

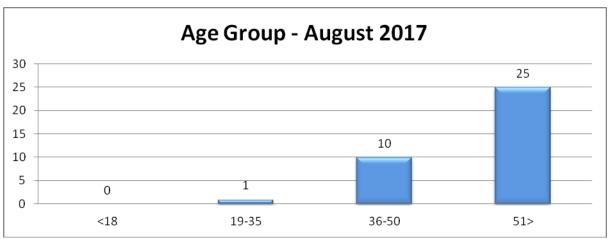
| DATE | DECEMBER EVENTS | LOCATION |
|--------|--|--------------|
| Dec 1 | Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival | West Wyalong |
| Dec 2 | Evolution Christmas Function | West Wyalong |
| Dec 8 | West Wyalong Christmas Markets | West Wyalong |
| Dec 16 | Carols by Candlelight | West Wyalong |

Visitor Information Centre Statistics



Other: Include questions about Free Overnight Camping, RV Friendly, Silo Art, Fruit Fly, Laundromat and New Residents package.





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

281 Visitor Inquiries

23 VIC Phone/Email Inquiries

9.16 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

Youth Holiday Initiatives

NRMA Driving School

As part of the upcoming holiday program, Council is again holding the extremely popular NRMA Driving lessons in West Wyalong on Tuesday 26 September and Tuesday 3 October. All spaces were completely booked out within the space of a 24 hour period which demonstrates the strong local interest in the highly valuable lessons. The lessons, offered by fully qualified NRMA driving instructors, provide young people with constructive driving skills ensuring our young residents have the best driving education and remain safe on the road. A one hour lesson with a driving instructor equates to 3 hours of log book time for the learner driver.

Yoga Session

Council is thrilled to have partnered with new local business Balance Yoga and Wellness to deliver a yoga and wellness workshop to young people on Wednesday September 27 at the Ron Crowe Oval Function Room. Young people will learn some beginner yoga techniques, including elements of partner yoga which is said to be lots of fun and finish off with a meditation session. Practising yoga offers a multitude of health benefits and is a fantastic way to relax in addition to being a great form of gentle exercise while meditation is known to greatly reduce stress levels. Following the session, a healthy and delicious morning tea of fruit and protein balls will be enjoyed by participants.

Skate Workshop

In what is expected to be a highlight of the upcoming holiday program, Council has secured renowned professional Newcastle based scooter rider Spencer Chermside to deliver demonstrations and workshops to local scooter riders at the West Wyalong Skate Park on Wednesday 4 October. Spencer is said to be one of the best upcoming professional scooter riders in the country and was requested directly by young Bland Shire residents as someone they would love to have come out and provide a workshop. Activities will be offered for all abilities with the event sure to be a hit with all who attend.

Griffith excursion

Friday 6 October will again see Council staff and young people head to Griffith for another ever popular movie and bowling excursion. The day will include the choice of two movies, two games of bowling, movie snacks, lunch, drinks and bus transfers, all for just \$35 per person. Once again, huge thanks must be extended to Wyalong Community Transport for their generous support of this event.

CWA Cooking Classes

Following an expression of interest process, Council has identified an enthusiastic group of chefs in the making who are keen to participate in the upcoming cooking lessons with local CWA ladies. Those who have expressed their interest have noted wanting to focus mainly on baking, including sponge cakes, scones and slices. A youth aged group will complete four after school sessions while a second mature aged group will complete 6 nightly sessions. Lessons will be held in the hospitality room at the West Wyalong High School and are expected to commence during mid October.

Grandparents Day Grant

Council is thrilled to have been a successful applicant under the Family and Community Services 2017 NSW Grandparents Day event grants program. Council submitted an application for the purpose of partnering with local youth, grandparents and seniors to conduct a series of interviews to be incorporated into a short film. Young people will conduct the interviews hence, building stronger intergenerational connections while capturing the history and local knowledge of our long standing residents. Council was successful in the acquisition of \$5000 to deliver the initiative which is expected to take place later in the year.

Stronger Communities Grant Program

An expression of interest was submitted under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Grant Program for the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of an upgrade to the RSL Memorial Walk at Cooinda Park. As a result, Council has been formally invited to apply under the program.

Regional Cultural Fund

Council has submitted an expression of interest under the Regional Cultural Fund for the purpose of refurbishing the Masonic Hall to create a modern 95 seat community cinema, meeting place and performance space. Successful applications are expected to be announced in February 2018.

Stronger Countries Communities Fund

Council is currently in the process of completing a number of applications under the state government's Stronger Country Communities Fund. \$761,000 has been ear marked for the Bland Shire for the delivery of projects commencing in 2018. A number of projects have put forward by community groups in addition to other Council identified initiatives. The first rounds of applications are due for submission on Wednesday 13 September following which the state government will prioritise and select successful projects.

9.17 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

School Holiday Program

The library's September/October school holiday program includes Making Terrariums and Dragsters, which is being presented by Sharon Smith from Riverina Regional Library.

Author Visit 11-15 September

Approximately 700 students from nine schools within the Bland Shire (plus home school students) will participate in author John Heffernan's five day visit. John, who was the library's author in residence back in 2009, will talk to students about his work and the process of writing. John has written more than fifty books for older readers and younger readers, on a range of subjects, in a range of styles and genres.

Knit and Knatter Recognised

The Michael O'Reilly Chemist, Wagga Wagga, will hold a morning tea for knitters across the region as a thank you for participating in the pharmacy's three month Guardian Angel Knitting Program. This is the second year that the library's residence knitting group Knit and Knatter have participated in the program and will attend the morning tea on Tuesday 12 September.

Children's Book Week Round-up

An amazing week was had with over 500 school students and teaching staff visiting the library to participate in an array of activities including the Amazing Race which has become an integral part of the library's annual Book Week program. To round-out Book Week, winners in the library's Book Week Competition were presented with their awards at the various school assemblies.









Library Statistics - August 2017

- 388 Information Requests (slightly up on last month's figure) 1
- 401 Customer Service Requests (up on last month's figure) û this figure includes eighty one (81) IT assists (compared to 99 last month) ₺
- 455 Computer Usage (up on last month's figure) û
- 50 adults attended <u>regular</u> programs in the library during August û
- 73 children and 38 adults attended <u>regular</u> children's programs in the library during August
- 498 school students and 33 adults participated in the library's Children's Book Week program
- 304 Visitor Information Requests this figure relates to normal library opening hours <u>only</u> and includes 23 phone requests û
- 20 Programs were held in August û

9.18 Children's Services Monthly Update



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

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

Author: Children's Services Coordinator

Staffing

Interviews have been held for the Temporary Play Session Leader, 12 months (ITAV) and an Early Childhood Teacher (Temporary – maternity relief).

It Takes a Village (ITAV)

At this month's ITAV sessions craft sessions were held alongside play group sessions. These sessions were attended by 38 adults and 35 children across all venues.

Two 'Mindful Warrior' workshops were also held which involved providing participants with tools to improve their focus, manage stress and find balance and happiness.

The Coordinator attended a workshop regarding the transition to TEI funding and the new requirements for the Western Murrumbidgee area.

Family Day Care

A very successful Book Fair was held this month with the service earning points rewards for the purchase of new resources/books.

Coordination Unit staff attended the 'Tots and Tea' group to speak about Family Day Care and the benefits for children and what it's like to become an educator.

Progress is being made with the service transition to Harmony Web. We hope to start transitioning educators in September.







9.19 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 is one of the only services with an office in town and this means community members needing information often come to us. We have a wide range of information on the services available in the Shire and are happy to provide what we can. We are also finding family members from out of town are contacting us more and more for information on what is available for a family member. We offer information on what services we have and on what is available from other providers in the town.

Access for clients over the age of 65 or 50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders is through the My Aged Care site. My Aged Care can be accessed through the web site or by ringing 1800 200 422. Clients are finding the wait times to be slow, but are improving.

Current services available through Bland Home and Community Care Service are: Wednesday Activity Day, Ungarie Activity Day, Social Support, Domestic Assistance, Respite, Maintenance and Home Care Packages.

Home Maintenance

Home maintenance is available for Yard maintenance (mowing lawns, spraying etc) and for Minor home maintenance (fixing a door, fixing a window etc).

Respite

Respite services are available to clients in the Bland Shire where carers cannot leave the home unless another person is there to take care of the client.

Activity Days

We currently run Activity days each Wednesday on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. The Wednesday group is open to anyone within the Bland Shire and runs from 10.30am – 3.30pm. We provide morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as well as activities to challenge the mind. People are welcome to come for the day or for the morning or afternoon sessions. The afternoon session is mainly Bingo and we find some clients attend just to play and chat with the group. The Monday group collects clients from Ungarie and brings them in for the day, this group is also open to anyone within the Bland Shire and runs from 10 am – 2.30pm.

Social Groups

The social groups are providing a well needed service in the community with many of those attending having limited social contact other than the group. The groups provide a friendly, safe meeting place where clients have an opportunity to make new friends, socialise and drive what they would like to do. Groups are run on Tuesday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am for men and Thursday morning from 9.30am – 11.30am for ladies. Generally the groups meet for a cuppa and chat and have the opportunity to mix as much as or as little as they would like.

| We are continuing to take groups on much needed and enjoyed trips to various areas/activities. We are planning days to Young, Cowra and Tallimba in the future, these days are open to all people who attend our service. |
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9.20 Development Services Activity Report

Our leadership

Setting a benchmark for community standards

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

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

Author: Manager Development Services

Planning and Building Activities Update

Development Applications

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

| Application | Address | Development |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| No. | | |
| DA2018/0015 | 21 Monash Street, West Wyalong | Verandah & deck |
| DA2018/0019 | 28 Main Street, West Wyalong | Garage |
| DA2018/0020 | Lot 1236 Railway Road, West Wyalong | Industrial premises fence |
| DA2018/0021 | 57 Court Street, West Wyalong | Alterations & additions to dwelling |
| DA2018/0022 | 10 Harvester Avenue, West Wyalong | New single storey dwelling |
| DA2018/0023 | 36 Maitland Street, West Wyalong | Garage |

The following DA applications were approved during August 2017:

| Application No | Address | Development | Approval Date |
|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| DA2018/0003 | 114 Hilliers Lane, West Wyalong | Electricity generating works | 7/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0004 | 105 Railway Road, West Wyalong | Pergola, carport & garage | 2/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0005 | 16 North Street, Wyalong | Garage | 8/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0006 | 47 Boltes Lane, West Wyalong | New single storey dwelling | 18/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0007 | 65 Bulga Street, Weethalle | Subdivision – Additional Lot | 28/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0009 | 26 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong | Storage shed | 9/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0011 | 27 Parkes Street, Barmedman | Storage shed | 11/8/2017 |
| DA2018/0015 | 21 Monash Street, West Wyalong | Verandah & deck | 14/8/2017 |

Planning Certificates

There were 24 Section149 certificates issued during August 2017.

Museum Advisor Activities

The Museum Advisor has been working with the Ungarie and Wyalong Museums to development audio walking tours. These have been completed with heritage tours now available on the Izi Travel App for the village of Wyalong and Ungarie. Council has been working on a tour for the Main Street which is currently being tested prior to launch.

Heritage Advisor Activities

There heritage advisor has been reviewing heritage items and buildings of local heritage significance as part of the Local Environmental Plan review.

The heritage advisor has also been working with the owner of the Thom's Corner building as well as with the builder to ensure that this project is completed. There has been a number delays however it is hoped that work will commence in October.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

One dog attack was reported during August 2017. A number of sheep were killed or injured in the attack. As a result two (2) dogs were declared as menacing dogs.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities August 2017

| Seizure Activities: | Dogs | Cats |
|---------------------|------|------|
| Seized | 11 | 5 |
| Returned to Owner | 6 | 0 |

| Impounding Activities: | Dogs | Cats |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Animals in pound at start of month | 8 | 1 |
| Incoming Animals | | |
| Transferred from Seizure Activities | 5 | 2 |
| Dumped at Pound | 2 | 1 |
| Surrendered | 5 | 3 |
| Total Animals in Pound | 20 | 7 |

| Outgoing Animals | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---|
| Released to Owner | 8 | 0 |
| Euthanased | 0 | 2 |
| Rehoused | 12 | 5 |
| Sold | 0 | 0 |
| Died at Pound | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen | 0 | 0 |
| Escaped | 0 | 0 |
| Total Animals Leaving Pound | 20 | 7 |
| Animals in Pound at end of Month | 0 | 0 |

9.21 Asset & Engineering Services Report



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

DP9.1Responsibly manage asset renewal and maintenance for current and future generations DP9.4 Maintain parks, ovals and recreational facilities to approved standards

Author: Director – Engineering Services

1. Roadworks - Week commencing 14/8/17

- Graders
 - Trembaths Lane
 - Hannan Road
 - Bonehams Lane
 - Manglesdorfs Lane
 - Lucas Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Merrengreen Lane
- Linemarking
 - West Wyalong-Condobolin Road

2. Roadworks - Week commencing 21/8/17

Subject to change, road crews will be working in the following locations this week. It is important to note that, in the case of double ups from previous weeks (eg: Lucas Lane), the graders are working in this general vicinity only.

- Graders
 - Trembaths Lane
 - Hannan Road
 - Blow Clear Road
 - Manglesdorfs Lane
 - Lucas Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Merrengreen Road Again a double up, but this crew is constantly called away but there is still work to complete on this road.
- Linemarking there is no linemarking scheduled this week.

3. Roadworks - Week commencing 4/9/17

- Graders
 - Dalgleishs Lane
 - Hannan Road
 - Pipers Hill
 - Mangelsdorfs Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Hatelys Lane
- Linemarking there is no linemarking scheduled this week

4. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:
 - Bridal Creeper Jilliet Road, Spencers Lane, Newell Highway
 - Wild Radish Jilliet Road, Ungarie Road, Lake Road.
 - Tiger Pear, Prickly Pear- West Wyalong area, Barmedman, Alleenna Road, Buddigower Road.
- General weed control
- Tree sucker control Buddigower Road, Rootes Lane, Culleen Lane, Minogues Lane, Mulga Lane, Hatelys Lane, Collins Lane, Hilliers Lane, Ridleys Lane, Brennans Lane, Alleena Road, Weja Road.
- Roadside Slashing Bygoo Road, Brolga Road, Paynes Road, Kolkilbertoo Road, Ariah Park Road.
- West Wyalong Cemetery spraying, Wyalong drains sprayed, Ungarie drains sprayed.