



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
17 April 2018



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



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

Ethical Decision Making

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

Conflict of Interest

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

The test for conflict of interest

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

Identifying Problems

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

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

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

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

Agency Advice

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

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

Common Acronyms Used in Bland Shire Council Reports and Documents

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACAT	Aged Care Assessment Team
AFZ	Alcohol Free Zone
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ALIA	Australian Library and Information Association
AMP	Asset Management Plan
AMRC	NSW Association of Mining Related Councils
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BDCP	Bland Development Control Plan
BEC	Business Enterprise Centre
BFMC	Bush Fire Management Committee
BFMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BSC	Bland Shire Council
BWW	Business West Wyalong
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CBD	Central Business District
CDAT	Community Drug Action Team
CDO	Community Development Officer
CENTROC	Central West Regional Group of Councils
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIV	Capital Improved Value
CLRS	Councillors
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CPP	Cowal Partnering Program
Cr	Councillor
CRO	Community Relations Officer
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
CSU	Childrens Services Unit
CT	Community Technology
CWA	Country Women's Association
DA	Development Application
DAES	Director Asset & Engineering Services
DCCDS	Director Corporate, Community & Development Services
DCP	Development Control Plan
DEMO	District Emergency Management Officer
DEOCON	District Emergency Controller
DisPlan	Disaster Plan (Local DisPlan, District DisPlan, State DisPlan)
DP	Delivery Program

DPI	Department of Primary Industries
EA	Executive Assistant
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
ED	Economic Development
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EFO	Electoral Funding Authority
EOI	Expression of Interest
EPAA	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
ERA	Eastern Riverina Arts
EWSA	Educator Workplace Safety Audit
EWV	Events West Wyalong
EYLF	Early Years Learning Framework
FAG	Financial Assistance Grant
FDC	Family Day Care
FFTF	Fit for the Future
FRRR	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
FYI	For your information
GHMS	Grain Harvest Management Scheme
GIPA	Government Information (Public Access) Act
GM	General Manager
GTAN	Government Training & Assistance Network
GWCC	Goldenfields Water County Council
HACC	Home and Community Care
HR	Human Resources
ICAC	Independent Commission Against Corruption
IPART	Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal
IPR or IP&R	Integrated Planning and Reporting
ITAV	It Takes A Village Program
JO	Joint Organisation
K&G	Kerb and gutter
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LALC	Local Aboriginal Lands Council
LBDC	Little Bangs Discovery Club
LCGMCAC	Lake Cowal Gold Mine Closure Advisory Committee
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
LEMO	Local Emergency Management Officer
LEOC	Local Emergency Operations Centre
LEOCON	Local Emergency Operations Controller
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LG	Local Government

LGA	Local Government Act or Local Government Area
LGNSW	Local Government New South Wales
LIAC	Legal Information Access Centre
LTFP	Long Term Financial Plan
M	Million
Manex	Management Executive
MHDA	Mental Health Drug & Alcohol
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council
MML	Murrumbidgee Medicare Local
MOW	Meals on Wheels
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MPHN	Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network
MPR	Multi Purpose Room
MR	Main Road
MRU	Mobile Resource Unit
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal & Islander Observance Committee
NFAR	No further action required
NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NQF	National Quality Framework
NSRF	National Stronger Regions Fund
NSWEC	New South Wales Electoral Commission
NSWPLA	New South Wales Public Libraries Association
NSWRFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
OGM	Office of the General Manager
OLG	Office of Local Government
OP	Operational Plan
P&G	Parks & Gardens
PA	Per Annum
PC	Personal Computer
PCBU	Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking
PHAMs	Personal Helpers and Mentors
PLA	Public Library Association
POEO	Protection of the Environment Operations Act & Regulations
PSITAB	NSW Public Sector Industry Advisory Board
PSSA	NSW Primary Schools Sports Association
QBRS	Quarterly Budget Review Statement
R2R	Roads to Recovery
Rd	Road
RDA	Regional Development Australia

RDO	Rostered Day Off
Rec	Recreation
REROC	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
RFBI	Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution
RFS	Rural Fire Service
RMAP	Risk Management Action Plan
RMS	Roads & Maritime Services
RRL	Riverina Regional Library
RTO	Registered Training Organisation
RV	Recreational Vehicle
SEDTA	Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy

SES	State Emergency Service
SH	State Highway
SLA	Service-level agreement
SLNSW	State Library New South Wales
SRC	Summer Reading Club
SRV	Special Rate Variation
St	Street
STW	Sewerage Treatment Works
TASAC	Tourist Attraction Signposting Assessment Committee
TCORP	Treasury Corporation
TSR	Travelling stock route
TVET	TAFE Delivered Vocational Education & Training

USU	United Services Union
UV	Unimproved Value
VC	Victoria Cross
VIC	Visitor Information Centre
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement
WAPS	Workforce Assessment Plan & Strategy
WHS	Work Health & Safety
WWBC	West Wyalong Bowling Club
WWFHG	West Wyalong Family History Group
WWRL	West Wyalong Rugby League



Council Meeting Agenda

17 April 2018

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

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 20 March 2018

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

▪ **Corrections**

▪ **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Retirement Presentation – Wayne Broad

5.2 Evolution Mining Presentation

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

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

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

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole <i>(Whole Council)</i>	December 2018	
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc <i>(Mayor Lord, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	19 th June 2018	
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee <i>(Cr Keatley)</i>	21 st March 2018	
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee <i>(Cr Baker)</i>	21 st March 2018	
Community Reference Group <i>(Whole Council)</i>	13 th March 2018	✓
Country Mayors Association of NSW <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>		
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	7 th March 2018 6 th June 2018	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council Board <i>(Cr McGlynn)</i>	22 nd March 2018 26 th April 2018	✓
Internal Audit Committee		
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Crowe)</i>		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>		

Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	7 th February 2018	
NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	23 rd February 2018 11 th May 2018	✓
NSW Public Libraries Association <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	19 th April 2018	
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	1 st February 2018 12 th April 2018	
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>		
Riverina Regional Tourism <i>(Cr English)</i>		

Recommendation:

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

**MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH
2018 COMMENCING AT 6.31PM**

Present:

Amanda Stitt, Frances Jackson, Jill Funnell, Barry Cooper, Sarah Gillett, Marina Uys, Cr Tony Lord (Mayor), Cr Rodney Crowe, Cr Kerry Keatley, Cr Bruce Baker, Cr Murray Thomas, Cr Penny English, Cr Liz McGlynn, Will Marsh (Acting General Manager), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer), Rebecca McDonell (Community Development Officer).

WELCOME

Mayor Tony Lord welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6.31pm.

APOLOGIES

Cr Jan Wyse (Deputy Mayor), Cr Brian Monaghan, Ray Smith (General Manager)

BUSINESS ARISING

1. League of Extraordinary Communities

Mayor Tony Lord advised that a tourist sign promoting the League of Extraordinary Communities has arrived and will be installed in Lions Park with the support and permission of the Lions Club. A photograph of the sign was displayed on the screen.

2. Local Tourism - Datatrax

The Mayor advised that the tourism touchscreen as approved by Council late last year has arrived and is operational through the Visitor Information Centre. The screen contains a wealth of local tourism information available 24 hours a day. All the tourism information contained within the touchscreen is also available via the "Take You There" app. The Mayor said that the local information is now available at more than 240 locations around Australia through the Datatrax network. Marina Uys advised that local businesses have been invited to advertise on the network or host a screen in their business premises.

3. Wyalong Art Group Mural

President of the Wyalong Art Group, Frances Jackson, updated the group on the progress of the Main Street mural project. Ms Jackson said that the mural was almost completed and asked if Council would co-ordinate an official opening. The Mayor was supportive of the request and advised Ms Jackson to liase with Council staff. Ms Jackson said that the art group was now looking at a second project and enquired about Council funding. Craig Sutton advised that as per recent conversations with both himself and the Community Development Officer, Council can only fund each group once per financial year and further funding cannot be considered by Council until the new financial year and after the current project is completed and acquitted. A couple of potential locations were discussed for the Art group's next project and Ms Jackson was advised to seek a contribution for the cost of the paint from the business owner/s.

4. Heated Pool and Visitor Information Centre

The Mayor advised that Council is calling for expressions of interest for the development of a business case for a Visitor Information Centre and Indoor Heated Pool. Expressions of interest close on 29 March.

5. Motorcycle friendly Town Annual Event

The Mayor advised that Council is willing to work with a local community group on the development of this concept to further celebrate West Wyalong’s declaration and standing as a motorcycle friendly town with all ideas welcomed.

6. Nature Strips/Street Sweeper

Acting General Manager Will Marsh advised that the street sweeper is expected to arrive the following week and will be operational once testing and driver training is completed.

7. Community Cinema

The Mayor advised that Council was successful in obtaining more than \$450,000 in funding towards a community cinema under the State Government’s Stronger Country Communities Program. Barry Cooper said it will create a cultural hub for the community.

8. The Big Football at Ungarie

The Mayor reported that the unveiling of the Giant Football at Ungarie the previous Saturday was a great success. Councillor Kerry Keatley acknowledged and thanked everyone involved.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Flood Lighting/Illumination Project

Councillor Murray Thomas put a proposal forward to install flood lighting on trees and/or items of interest around the Shire. The Mayor also suggested that lighting be considered for the Weethalle Silos and the Big Football in Ungarie. The Mayor said Council staff will investigate the request which Council can consider as part of its 2017-2018 budget deliberations.

10. Australia Day Awards

Amanda Stitt suggested a West Wyalong Citizen award/s be incorporated into Council’s Australia Day awards. Craig Sutton explained that Council’s awards program is representative of the entire Bland Shire and not individual towns and villages. Community awards in some villages are co-ordinated by local community groups separate to Council.

Amanda queried the cost of having an Australia Day Ambassador and stated that she believes the most recent Australia Day (when the Ambassador was unable to attend) was better.

She also asked why the Bland Shire awards and breakfast are held each year in West Wyalong and not rotated around the villages.

Discussion followed and the Mayor said Council will investigate and report back to the May meeting.

11. Green Corridor

Amanda Stitt reported that motorbikes and more recently motor vehicles have been illegally using the green corridor walking track and produced a number of photographs which demonstrated the damage being caused.

She said that the majority of vehicles were entering from Pine Street.

She also played a video recording of a person illegally accessing the Boundary Street dam to swim and operate a remote controlled boat.

The Mayor advised that Council staff will investigate and report back to the next meeting.

Amanda also enquired regarding the name of the park on the corner of Northcott Street and Kurrajong Street.

12. 125 Year Anniversary

The Mayor said that Council staff has identified a number of potential projects to celebrate the Wyalong/West Wyalong 125 year anniversary in 2019. He advised that Council will call a meeting in the next month to set a date and program of events so that the associated costs can be included in Council's 2018-2019 budget.

13. General Business

Jill Funnell enquired as to the progress of access improvements to the West Wyalong Sports Stadium as approved by Council in 2017.

Sarah Gillett enquired about the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). The Mayor explained that round two of the SCCF opened on 12 March and closes on 4 May and Bland Shire Council has been allocated approximately \$1.3 million in funding. The Mayor encouraged community organisations with a shovel ready capital project valued at more than \$50,000 to approach Council staff to discuss a potential application.

Sarah Gillett thanked the Mirrool Silo Challenge Committee for a generous donation of \$1500 to purchase a mounting ramp. She also acknowledged the assistance of CB Engineering.

Mayor Lord encouraged as many people as possible to attend meetings of the Community Reference Group and highlighted some of its success stories.

Councillor Murray Thomas asked if a best dressed award could be presented on Australia Day.

Mayor Lord reported that the jet flyers visited West Wyalong the previous weekend and will return in June and September. He advised that the club has signed a five year arrangement with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to have their base field in West Wyalong. The Mayor advised that the National Model Aircraft Championships are being held in West Wyalong in April. Jill Funnell asked why Business West Wyalong had not been informed/consulted and who the appropriate contact person/s were.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Reference Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at the Bland Shire Council Chambers at 6.30pm.

CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Date: Wednesday, 7 March 2018
Time: 9.00 am – Wiradjuri Study Centre Condobolin, cnr Cunningham & McDonnell Street, Condobolin
Minutes taken by: Anne Bolton

Attendees:

Independent Chair: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Jamie Coad (JC), Danielle Wallace (DW), Bronwyn Flynn (BF), & Anne Bolton (AB)
Community Members: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Kate Dean (KD) & Angus Stitt (AS),
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)
Bland Shire Council: Cr Tony Lord (TL)
Forbes Shire Council: Cr Graeme Miller (GM) & Cr Steve Karaitiana (SK)
Lachlan Shire Council: Cr John Ridley (JR)
Wiradjuri: Laurie Hutchinson (LH)

Apologies: Ally Coe (AC), Max Finlayson (MF) & Chris Roylance (CR).

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome Independent Chair, Lisa Andrews, opened the meeting at 9:16am.	
2. Declaration of Interest LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chair of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.	
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Moved by AS seconded by LB.	
4. Business Arising from previous Minutes Name tags – these have been provided. This action is now complete.	
5. Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none">13/12/17 – Email to members with the draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 6/12/17	

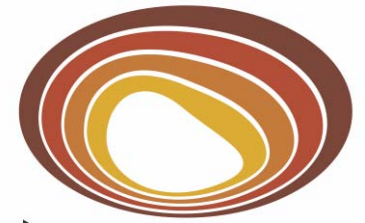
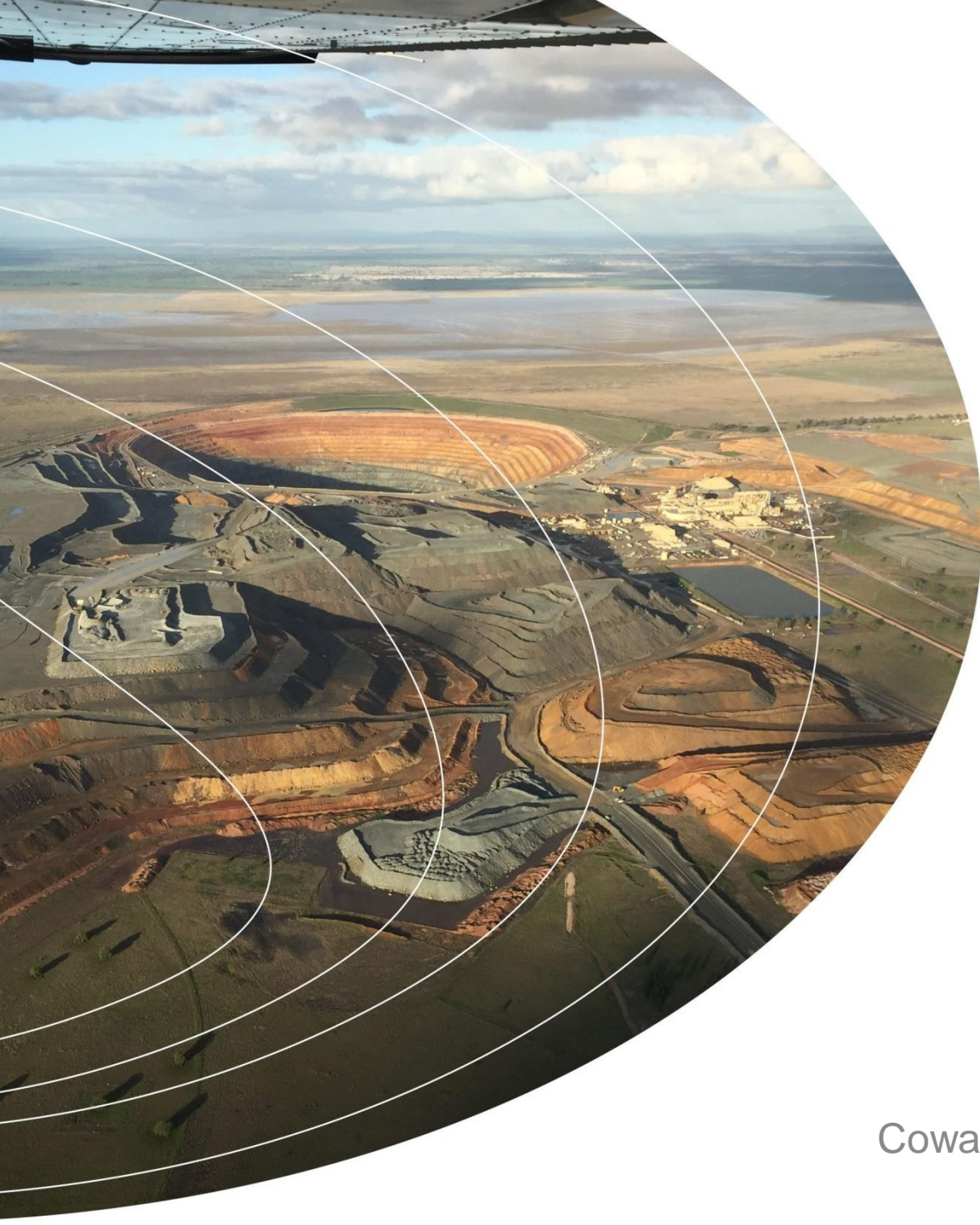
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19/2/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for this meeting. <p>Moved by LA seconded by GM.</p>	
<p>6. Reports</p> <p>DW provided a detailed account of Cowal Gold Operations (CGO's) Environment Department's activities over the past three months.</p> <p>AB provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter.</p> <p>BF provided an update on the proposed Modification 14 (Processing Rate Modification).</p>	<p>Presentation attached</p> <p>Action: Update maps and diagrams in presentation to include: key, title, labels etc.</p> <p>Action: Include link to Decision Max in the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>Action: Mod 14 – advise the amount of the increase in groundwater extraction required by CGO for Mod 14 and the amount of water CGO will need to take from the irrigation channel.</p> <p>Action: Include list of known acronyms used by CGO in future presentations.</p>
<p>7. General Business</p> <p>BD reported that a near neighbor is concerned about fencing, burrs and the increasing kangaroo population at the Myalla property. DW advised CGO are currently obtaining quotes for fencing works on company-owned land and are also in discussions with the relevant landholder regarding the other issues.</p> <p>AS enquired if CGO has appointed a new land manager. JC advised that DW is the new land manager as part of her role as Superintendent Environment & Social Responsibility. JC further advised that Shannon Sloan was recently appointed as External Land and Indigenous Relations Advisor and this role includes the day-to-day management of company-owned land.</p> <p>TL enquired on the current situation regarding Professional Fishing Licenses. JC advised CGO are in negotiation with the professional yabbie fisherman to look at fishing within the mining lease. The first step involves the preparation of a Risk Assessment, which is underway.</p>	
<p>8. Meeting Closed – 10:36am</p>	
<p>9. Dates for 2018 Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 6 at CGO – with optional mine tour August 29 at Forbes 	<p>Further details on mine tour to be provided leading up to the June meeting.</p>

- December 5 at ECCC, West Wyalong

LA thanked all present for their attendance and contribution.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	BY WHOM
1	Update maps and diagrams in presentation to include key, title & labels (Page: 9)	AB
2	Include link to Decision Max Link to DecisionMAX Software: http://www.decisionmax.com.au/	AB
3	Modification 14 – advise the amount of increase in groundwater extraction required by CGO & the amount of water to be taken from the irrigation channel	BF
4	Include list of acronyms used	AB



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Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee

Cowal Gold Operations - 7 March 2018

Safety Share – Male Suicide

He looks distressed, anxious, and/or overwhelmed by things	He is becoming uncommunicative, secretive, distant, and/or preoccupied	He looks distressed, anxious, and/or overwhelmed by things	He does not appear to be coping with work or day to day living	He appears exhausted and despondent
It is sometimes the case that men who are in distress or experiencing suicidal thoughts, display no clear signs or symptoms. However, be aware of the warning signs:		He has mentioned that life is not worth the effort, that he is tired of everything, and/or that everything always goes wrong for him	He is not mixing socially as he normally does, is neglecting his family and/or his mates, and appears to be withdrawing into his own world and experience	He has indicated that his sleep is very poor and he often feels fatigued
His eating habits have changed: he is either not hungry or is overeating	He is irritable, and gets easily upset, angry, argumentative, and/or blows up over little things that he can't control	He talks about being really stressed, and looks visibly stressed and 'wound up'	He is drinking more heavily, or has begun using substances more frequently	His appearance and self-care are deteriorating
He appears to lack motivation, and has lost interest in things he'd usually find enjoyable	He appears quite intense and panicky, and seems to be driven and attempting to do far too much at one time	He is struggling to make choices, and appears paralysed in decision making	He is engaging in risky and careless behaviour (such as drink driving or speeding)	He is letting things pile up, and is leaving things undone
He appears to be ignoring an important relationship issue	He seems to be acting strangely, or out of character	He is in financial difficulties, but is either ignoring the problem, or is 'beside himself' with worry	He talks about being useless, and that his family would be better off without him	He seems to be coldly and efficiently putting everything around him in order, but is not communicating about this, and seems numb and without feeling

- Nearly 80 % of all suicides in Australia are men
- 2/3 of men will die on their first attempt
- Suicide in Australia exceeds the national road toll, yet attracts relatively little publicity
- Suicide rates in rural and remote areas are significantly greater than in urban populations, with farmers and indigenous men being most at risk
- Alcohol intoxication increases suicide risk by up to 90 times
- Suicide ranks second to coronary heart disease as the cause of potential years of life lost by Australian males
- The majority of men at greatest risk of suicide are not engaged by mental health services. In fact current 'mental health' practices and policies may even compound men's difficulties

Environment and Sustainability Policy



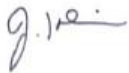
Evolution Mining Limited ("Evolution Mining" or the "Company") is committed to attaining an outstanding level of environmental performance in all of our workplaces.

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

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

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

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



Jake Klein
Executive Chairman

Issue Date:
February 2015

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

Legal Obligations

Development Consent DA 14/98 – granted February 1999

- MOD12 granted May 2016
- MOD13 granted February 2017

Mining Lease 1535 – granted June 2003

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

Environmental Protection Licence 11912 – granted Dec 2003

- EPL variation approved May 2017

Water Access Certificates (2025/ 2026)

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

Compliance Audits

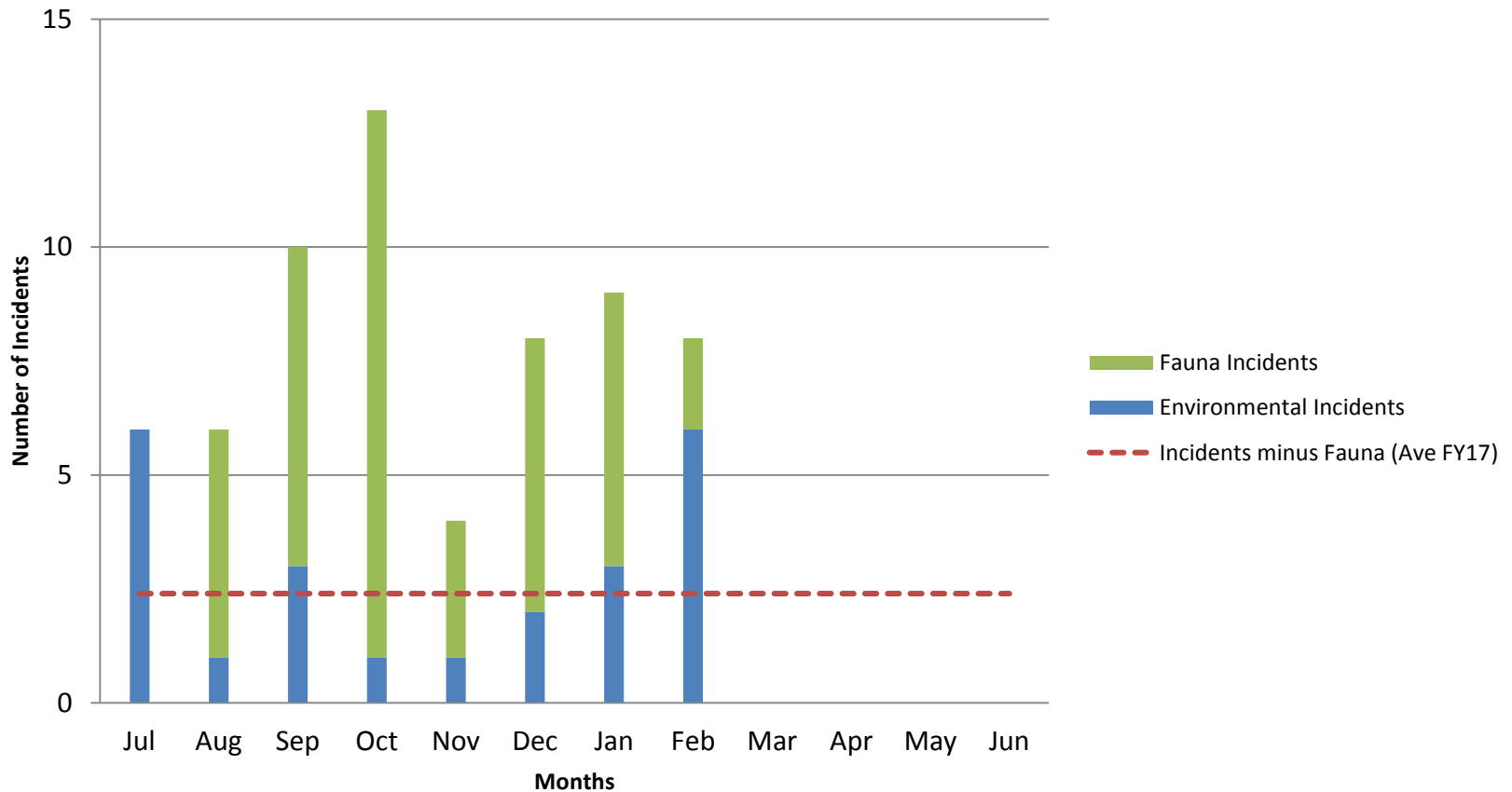
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✓ International Cyanide Code Audit	February	2018
■ Independent Environmental Audit	May	2018
■ Bunding Integrity Audit	July	2018
■ ISO14001 Recertification Audit	August	2018
■ Independent Monitoring Panel Audit	September	2018



Environmental Incidents

- No reportable environmental incidents during the quarter
- Incidents are down 52% for this time 12 months ago

Monthly Environmental Incidents 2017/18



■ **December 2017**

- Juvenile galah hit by vehicle
- Whilst felling trees for a vegetation clearance assessment a nest that had been identified as unoccupied was found to have an egg in it. Egg and nest were returned to tree
- Dead lizard found under drill platform
- Deceased East Brown snake found on access road
- Deceased Tiger snake found
- Microbat found in grill of delivery truck

■ **January 2018**

- Deceased singing honeyeater found in Cyanide delivery area
- Kangaroo and joey hit on access road
- Deceased snake-necked turtle found on site
- Deceased parrot found on the front of a light vehicle
- Deceased Welcome Swallow found in the processing plant
- Deceased brown snake found on haul road

■ **February 2018**

- Kangaroo hit on access road
- Deceased brown snake found on road

Lake Cowal

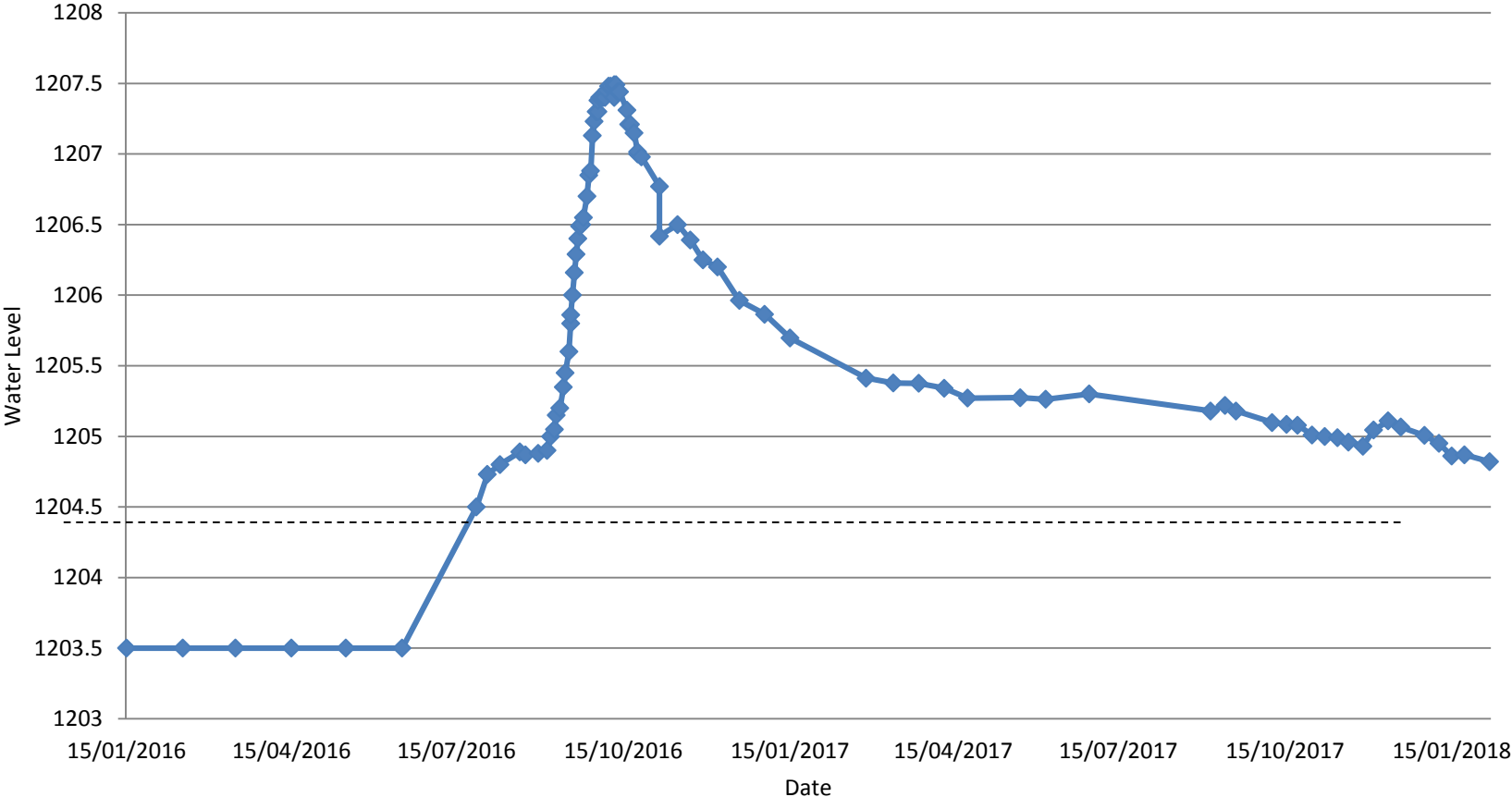
- Currently 204.82m RL (↓2.68m since peak in October 2016)



Lake Cowal – 2016 - 2018



Lake Water Levels



- **Approved Management Plans**
 - Soil Stripping Management Plan
 - Air Quality Management Plan
 - Blast Management Plan
 - Rehabilitation Management Plan including Rehabilitation Strategy
 - Indigenous Archaeology Management Plan
 - Land Management Plan
 - Biodiversity Offset Management Plan
 - Flora and Fauna Management Plan
 - Heritage Management Plan

- **Management Plans submitted and awaiting Approval**
 - Water Management Plan
 - Addendum to the Transport of Hazardous Materials Study
 - Environmental Management Strategy
 - SGWMB Monitoring Programme
 - Noise Management Plan
 - Cyanide Management Plan
 - Hazardous Waste & Chemical Management Plan
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan
 - Emergency Response Plan
 - Monitoring Programme for Detection of any Movement of Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit Void Walls

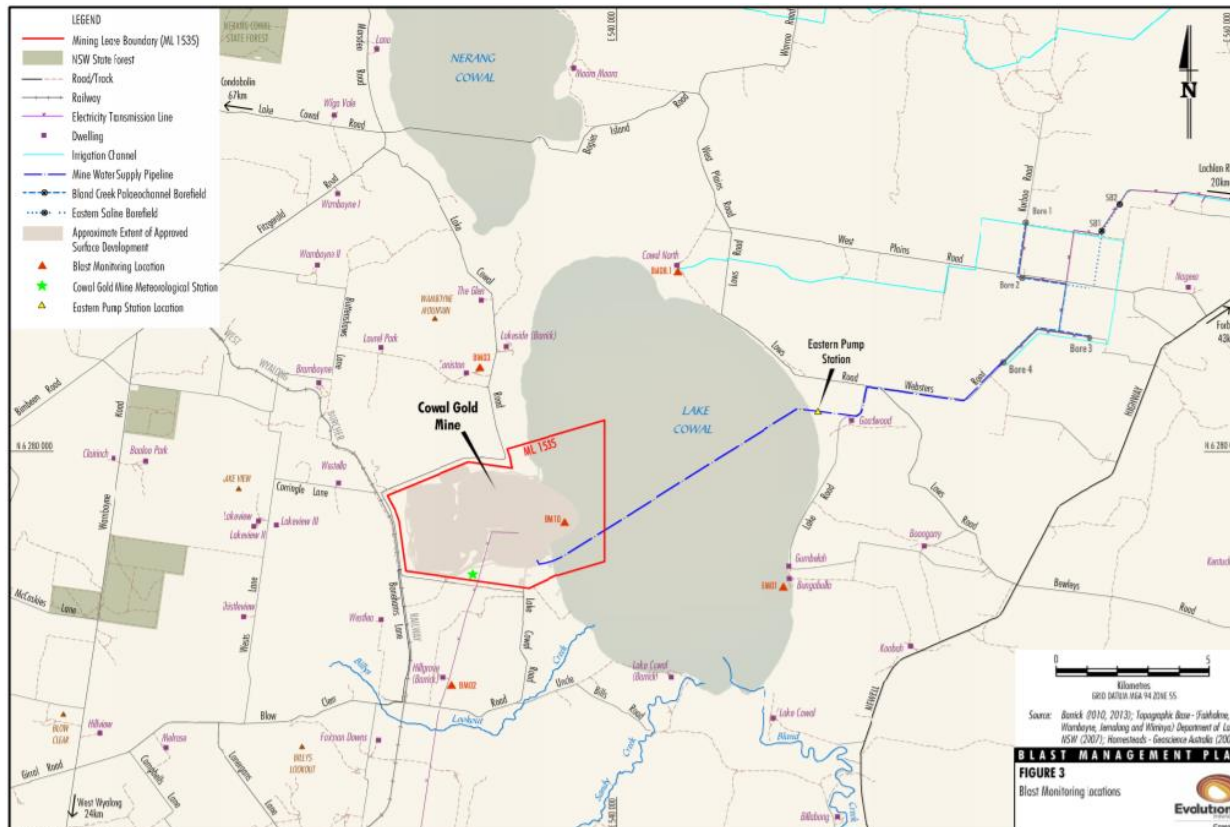
Air Quality

- No complaints were received relating to dust at the CGO during the reporting period
- No exceedances of the Development Consent air quality impact assessment criteria occurred during the reporting period
- Compliance with the assessment criterion of $4 \text{ g/m}^2/\text{month}$ average annual deposited dust was achieved at all privately-owned residences, and at all bird-breeding and native fauna areas



Blasting

- No blast related events exceeded the maximum compliance level of 120 dB(L), or the 115 dB(L) level (normal weekdays and Saturdays)
- Compliance with the allowable exceedance of 5% of the total number of blasts over a 12 month period



Operational Noise

- Noise monitoring for Q1 conducted in February
- No non-compliances of the noise impact assessment criteria were reported during the reporting period
- No community complaints received during the reporting period relating to operational noise



Surface Water

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



Lake Water

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



Groundwater

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



Fauna and Flora

- No deaths of animals by cyanide in the CGO Tailings Storage Facilities area since operations began in April 2006
- No environmental incidents or complaints were reported or received at the CGO relating to threatened flora or fauna during the reporting period



Cyanide

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



Rehabilitation

- Direct Seeding Trial – results indicate that application of seed onto newly topsoiled areas results in higher seeding densities than those areas with well established grass-cover prior to ripping
- Rehabilitation bulk earth movements completed in Areas C and D
- Rehabilitation bulk earth movements progressing in Area 2
- CGO is considering a new approach to rehabilitation, with helicopter seeding to be undertaken in April 2018
- Topsoil and subsoil stripping from NWRE extension continuing to progress



Rehabilitation



Rehabilitation



Cultural Heritage

EL8524 East Girral

- Aircore Drilling Program in East Girral
- Cultural Heritage Due Diligence surveys conducted in late December 2017 by Archaeologist Jamie Reeves
- Land Access Agreements with 8 landowners
- Expected completion April 2018



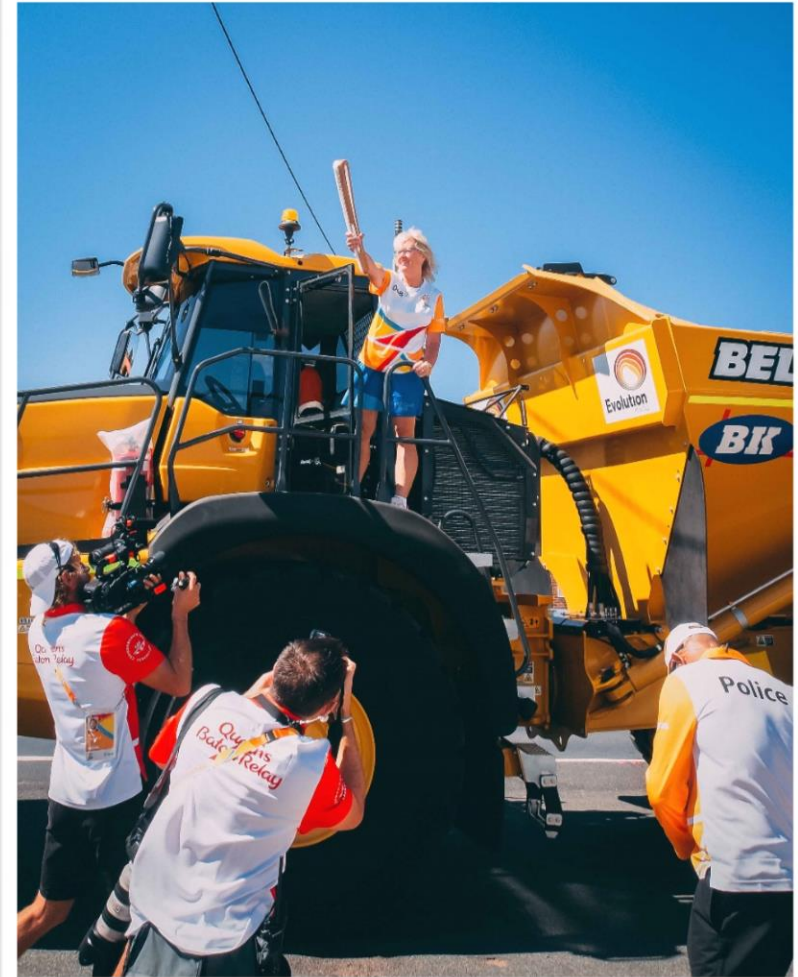
Archaeologist, Jamie Reeves at East Girral



Gilgai environs on one of the properties surveyed

Sponsorships & Donations

- Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited (Evolution) in partnership with BK Hire, participated in the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) in West Wyalong
- Bell B45E Moxy transported the Queen's Baton and CGOs Administrative Officer Inge Higgins along her segment of the Relay. Barney English, Operator & Truck Driver, for BK Hire was chosen to drive the Moxy
- This event positive generated national news coverage for Evolution Mining and was well received by the local community



29 January 2018 Queens Baton Relay, West Wyalong with CGOs Inge Higgins

Sponsorships & Donations

- 2018 Riverina Redneck Rally
- Sponsorship \$2,500
- Raising funds for Country Hope
- Car Rally travelling 2500 km over 5 days
- Commencing at Hillston and finishing at Darlington Point NSW
- Each team must raise \$2,500 to participate with 60 team registered for 2018, and 4 teams from West Wyalong



2018 Riverina Redneck Rally Entrant,
Donna Jones

Sponsorships & Donations

- Proceeds of the 2017 CGO Charity Golf Day went to the West Wyalong Branch, United Hospital Auxiliary NSW
- The Hospital Auxiliary was delighted to receive the donation of \$15,609.43 and are currently assessing their options on what initiatives to fund with this unexpected, but very welcome, funding



United Hospital Auxiliary President Narelle Johnston and Secretary Mary Minogue with CGO Sustainability Manager Jamie Coad

Sponsorships & Donations

- Proceeds of the 2017 CGO Charity Golf Day went to the West Wyalong Branch, Men's Shed
- The Men's Shed were delighted with the donation and have voted to use the funds to purchase a defibrillator and a first aid kit for their work shed



Men's Shed representatives Geoff Watling, Ross Cattle, John Mitchell, with CGO Commercial Manager Trevlyn Ryan and Anne Bolton

Sponsorships & Donations

- A selection of books on grieving, suitable for different age groups from toddlers, teenagers to adults, were donated to the Forbes, Condobolin and West Wyalong libraries
- The books were purchased on recommendation from our counselling support provider MateCheck
- These resources we hope may provide some guidance and support to anyone in the community going through a period of grief or loss in their lives



Bland Shire Librarian, Lisa Thompson with CGO Representatives Jo Rath and Anne Bolton

Cowal Partnering Program



2018 Round 1 Applications - Bland Shire Council

- Total funds requested \$47,765.21

No	Association	Initiative/Project	Total Budget	Funding Requested
1	Bland Shire Library	2018 Visiting Author & Reading Programs	\$ 14,000.00	\$7,000.00
2	Wyalong & District Community Transport Group Inc	Social Inclusion		\$2,500.00
3	West Wyalong Show	Awards & Prize Giving	\$ 35,000.00	\$2,500.00
4	West Wyalong Harness Racing Club Inc	Fashions On The Field Event at Race Meeting (Cup Day)	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,000.00
5	Weethalle Show Society	Upgrade to the Weethalle Show Grounds	\$ 5,765.21	\$5,765.21
6	Weethalle Rodeo & Gymkhana Committee	Weethalle Rodeo & Gymkhana 2018	\$ 30,000.00	\$5,000.00
7	Barmedman Mineral Pool	Mineral Pool Shade Replacement & Sun Protection Program	\$ 14,000.00	\$7,000.00
8	Can Assist West Wyalong	Melbourne Cup Ladies Day	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
9	One Enchanted Evening	Barmedman Youth VR Gaming/Art & Senior VR/Computer Skills Training	\$ 30,000.00	\$15,000.00

Cowal Partnering Program



2018 Round 1 Applications - Forbes Shire Council

- Total funds requested - \$49,838.20

No	Association	Initiative/Project	Total Budget	Funding Requested
1	Forbes Country Music Club Inc	Forbes Talent Quest	\$ 5,800.00	\$4,000.00
2	Forbes PA & H Association	Forbes Show 2018	\$ 5,500.00	\$4,400.00
3	Lachlan Valley Community Radio	Valley FM Outside Broadcast Unit	\$ 3,537.00	\$3,537.00
4	W.I.R.E.S. Weddin Lachlan	WEDDIN - Lachlan W.I.R.E.S. Equipment Drive	\$ 2,401.20	\$2,401.20
5	Mid Lachlan Valley Rural Fire Service Remote Area Fire Team	Funding For Equipment	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00
6	Northside Chapel (Church In The School Yard)	Northside Chapel New Bus Fundraising	\$ 20,000.00	\$2,000.00
7	NSW Police Service	Active Citizen Program	\$ 8,000.00	\$3,000.00
8	Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party	Fishing Workshop	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,500.00
9	Forbes Business Chamber	Samuel Johnson	\$ 30,020.00	\$12,000.00
10	Forbes Community Men's Shed	Construction of New Forbes Men's Shed	\$ 15,000.00	\$11,000.00

Cowal Partnering Program



2018 Round 1 Applications - Lachlan Shire Council

Total funds requested: \$31,171.80

No	Association	Initiative/Project	Total Budget	Funding Requested
1	Condo Joeys Youth Group	Bus Acquisition	\$ 20,000.00	\$20,000.00
2	Condo-Milby Football Netball Club	Get Skilled with the Drills	\$ 8,000.00	\$4,910.00
3	Condobolin High School P & C	Condobolin High Agriculture: Rebuilding to Learn for Tomorrow	\$ 16,161.80	\$6,261.80

2018 Round 1 Applications – Other LGAs

No	Association	Initiative/Project	Total Budget	Funding Requested
1	CanobolasCottage Incorporated Trading As Ronald McDonald House Orange	Providing a tranquil beautiful and peaceful safehaven for our families	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

Stakeholder Engagement

- On Wednesday 28 February Country Hope were presented with a donation of \$45,000 from the Cowal Employees Fundraising Committee (CEFC).
- The CEFC manage and maintain the vending machines at CGO (ie cold drinks, chips and chocolates). All the money raised through the sale of these items is donated to charity, with this year's beneficiary being Country Hope. Country Hope have kindly donated 20% of this to the local Can Assist branch.



Complaints and Grievances

- January
 - Community complaint regarding Bathurst burrs (*Xanthium spinosum*) were growing near graded firebreaks along boundary fence of Evolution-owned property (Warieda)
- February
 - Community complaint regarding Bathurst burrs (*Xanthium spinosum*) were growing near graded firebreaks along boundary fence of Evolution-owned property (Myalla)
 - Community complaint regarding Evolution procurement policy, and contractor practices on site

Mod 14 Processing Rate Increase

Agenda



1. Processing Rate Increase Modification Description
 2. Approvals Sought
 3. Specialist Environmental Assessments
 4. Stakeholder Consultation
 5. Next Steps
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Mod 14 Processing Rate Increase



- Increase ore processing rate from 7.5Mtpa to 9.8Mtpa
 - Install a secondary crushing circuit
 - Increase annual consumption of process consumables
 - Duplication of the existing water supply pipeline to site
 - Modify/expand the existing Tailings Storage Facilities within the Mining Lease to form one large TSF
 - Relocate water management infrastructure, stockpiles and other ancillary infrastructure
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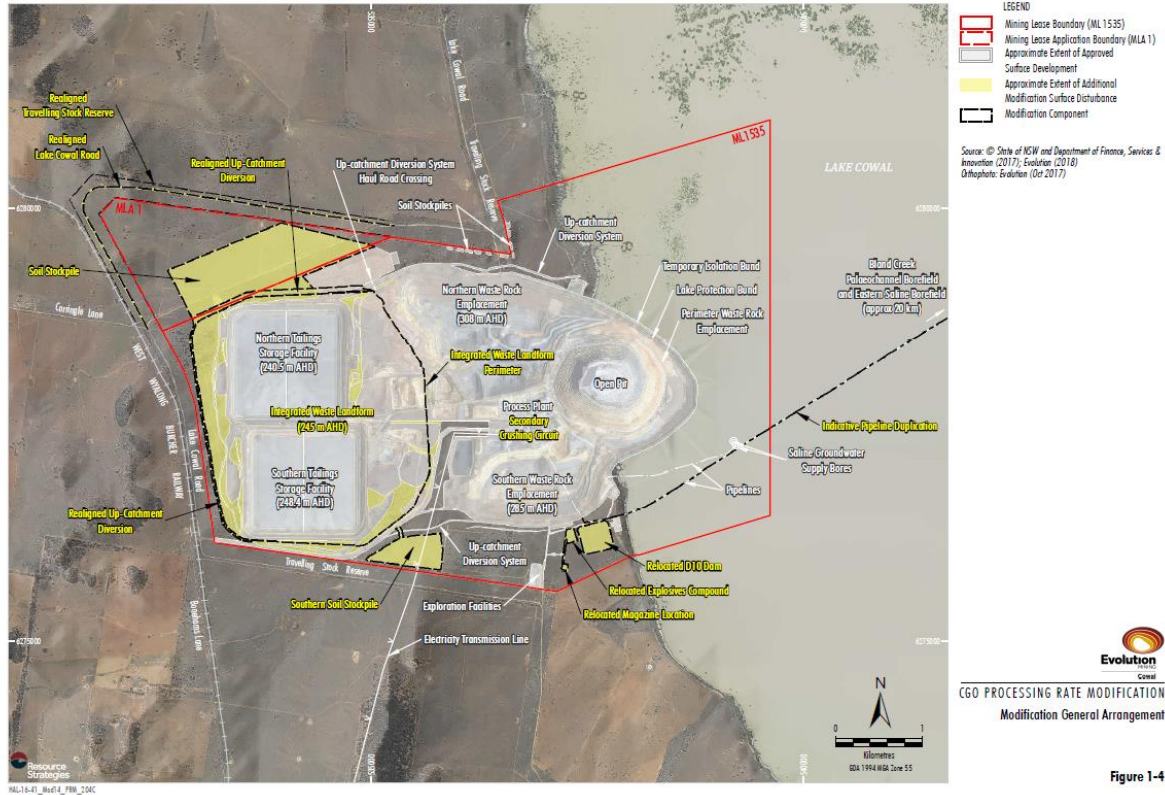
Mod 14 Processing Rate Increase



- A new Mining Lease to the north of the existing Mining Lease to accommodate soil stockpiles
 - Relocation of a Travelling Stock Reserve and Lake Cowal Road
 - Potential use of Bodells Lane / Lonergans Lane for Forbes employee access to site during road closure / flood events
 - Provision of crushed rock material to Bland/Lachlan/Forbes Shire Councils and RMS to assist with road base supply
 - Minor increase in operational workforce numbers
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Mod 14 Processing Rate Increase

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Approvals Sought



- Mod 14 has been declared a “Controlled Action” under the Commonwealth EPBC Act - approval from the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Energy required
- Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) have been issued by the NSW Department of Planning & Environment
- Mod 14 will be sought under Section 75W of the EP&A Act

Environmental Assessment Requirements	
Section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	
Application No.	DA 14/98 MOD 14
Proposal	Cowal Gold Mine Modification 14
Location	Lake Cowal, 38 km north-east of West Wyalong
Applicant	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited
Date of Issue	17 November 2017
General Requirements	<p>The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a stand-alone executive summary; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a full description of the proposed modification, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the need for the modification, including a justification for the increased processing rate; - details of the resource which would be extracted, demonstrating efficient resource recovery within environmental constraints; - changes to the existing mining operations, including the mine layout, mine sequencing and scheduling, minerals processing, reject and tailings management, overburden emplacement areas and transportation; - any additional infrastructure or other ancillary facilities; - a revised rehabilitation management strategy that describes how the changes to the existing operations would be integrated into the existing rehabilitation plans for the site; and - the likely interactions between the modified operations and any other existing, approved or proposed mining development in the vicinity of the site; • an assessment of the likely impacts of the proposed modification on the environment, focusing on the specific issues identified below, and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a description of the existing environment likely to be affected by the proposed modification, using sufficient baseline data; - an assessment of the cumulative impacts, taking into consideration any relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments, guidelines, policies, plans and industry codes of practice; - a description of the measures that would be implemented to avoid, mitigate and/or offset the likely impacts of the proposed modification, and an assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o whether these measures are consistent with industry best practice, and represent the full range of reasonable and feasible mitigation measures that could be implemented; o the likely effectiveness of these measures, including performance measures where relevant; and o whether contingency measures (including Trigger Action Response Plans) would be necessary to manage any residual risks; - a description of the measures that would be implemented to monitor and report on the environmental performance of the modified project; • a consolidated summary of all the proposed environmental management and monitoring measures associated with the modification, and how these measures would be integrated into the existing environmental management framework for the mine; and • the reasons why the development should be approved having regard to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relevant matters for consideration under the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>, including the objects of the Act and how the principles of ecologically sustainable development have been incorporated in the design, construction and ongoing operations of the development; - the environmental, economic and social costs and benefits of the development; - the suitability of the site with respect to potential land use conflicts with existing land uses; and

Groundwater Assessment – paleochannel

- Existing Groundwater Contingency Strategy (i.e. triggers on bores) to remain unchanged
- Modelling indicates the BCPC can pump at a maximum rate of 4.4ML/day (and the ESB at 1.5ML/day) until 2032 without causing the water level to fall below trigger
- No increase in extraction above currently approved licence limits (e.g. max of 15ML/day and 3,650ML/year)

Groundwater Assessment – mine site

- Modelling predicts groundwater drawdown due to open pit mining and dewatering to generally remain within ML1535
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Surface Water Assessment

- UCDS to be realigned to the north and west
 - Additional water extraction required for the Modification will be sourced from surface water sources
 - Predicted annual demand from surface water (Lachlan River) increases ahead of and during early years of IWL operation & during the oxide processing campaign
 - Negligible hydrological impact on Lake Cowal due to the Modification
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Noise & Blasting Assessment

- Two operating scenarios were assessed (2020 & 2024)
- Three receivers predicted to experience negligible exceedances; one receiver predicted to experience moderate exceedances; and two receivers predicted to experience significant exceedances (both currently have acquisition upon request rights)
- Noise mitigation at the receiver proposed for moderate and significant exceedances
- Two receivers exceed construction noise management levels

Air Quality Assessment

- No exceedances were predicted for the incremental or annual cumulative criteria
 - No exceedances of the short-term cumulative PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} criteria are likely
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Road Transport Assessment

- Concluded the Modification can be accommodated by the road network with acceptable impacts
- A number of minor upgrades were recommended:
 - Localised widening of sections of road;
 - Maintenance of guide posts;
 - Upgrading of some intersections to meet Austroads requirements; and
 - Implementation of a Traffic Management Plan for gravel haulage.



Biodiversity Assessment

- Surveys included targeted threatened species searches, confirmation of vegetation mapping and identification of threatened ecological communities
 - 204ha conformed to endangered ecological communities listed under the BC Act and or EPBC Act
 - No threatened plants were recorded
 - Nine fauna species were recorded listed as vulnerable under the BC Act
 - Offset package to be included in EA
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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

- 65 Aboriginal archaeological sites identified (including stone artefact sites, ovens, heat retainers, a scarred tree)
- 3 sites of high significance, 5 sites of moderate significance and 57 sites of low significance
- Assessment concluded the cumulative impact from the Modification would be low
- ACHA report with RAPs for review



Stakeholder Consultation



- All landholders along new alternate route to site have been contacted (i.e. Bodells/Lonergans Lanes)
 - Landholders affected by noise are being briefed
 - Near neighbours consulted
 - ACHA consultation tomorrow on site
 - Bland Creek Paleochannel Water Users consultation mid March
 - Key Government agency consultation ongoing with updated briefings over the next two weeks
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Next Steps

- Continue stakeholder consultation
 - Complete Environmental Assessment
 - Lodge Environmental Assessment (March 2018)
 - Public exhibition of Environmental Assessment (April 2018)
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Looking Ahead

- 2018 Cowal Partnering Program Round 1
- 2018 Endeavour Scholarships
- 2018 Wiradjuri Scholarships
- March 2018 Cowal Update

Feedback



Environmental management plans and monitoring data are publically available

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

CGO ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AHD	Australian Height Datum	DECCW	NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (now OEH and NOW)
ANZECC	Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council	DISRD	NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan	DP&E	NSW Department of Planning & Environment
ARI	average recurrence interval	DPI	NSW Department of Primary Industries
ARMCANZ	Agriculture and Resource Management Council of Australia and New Zealand	DPI-Water	NSW Department of Primary Industries – Water
Barrick	Barrick (Cowal) Limited	DRE	NSW Division of Resources and Energy (within the DTIRIS)
Bland LEP	<i>Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011</i>	DUAP	NSW Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
BLMP	Blast Management Plan	EA	Environmental Assessment
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology	EC	electrical conductivity
BOMP	Biodiversity Offset Management Plan	e.g.	example
CEMCC	Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee	EIS	<i>Cowal Gold Project Environmental Impact Statement</i>
CGM	Cowal Gold Mine	EL	Exploration Licence
CGO	Cowal Gold Operations	EMS	Environmental Management Strategy
CMP	Cyanide Management Plan	EP&A Act	<i>NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i>
CN _{WAD}	weak acid dissociable cyanide	EP&A Regulation	<i>NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000</i>
Coffey	Coffey Services Australia Pty Ltd	EPA	NSW Environment Protection Authority
Coffey Partners International	Coffey Partners International Pty Ltd	EPBC Act	<i>Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999</i>
CWMP	Compensatory Wetland Management Plan	EPL	Environment Protection Licence
dB	decibel	ERP	Emergency Response Plan
dba	A-weighted decibel		

ESCMP	Erosion and Sediment Control Management Plan	km ²	square kilometre
		kV	kilovolt
ESD	ecologically sustainable development	L _{Aeq}	equivalent continuous noise level
ETL	electricity transmission line	LMP	Land Management Plan
<i>et al.</i>	and others	LCF	Lake Cowal Foundation
Evolution	Evolution Mining (Cowal) Pty Limited	LGA	Local Government Area
FFMP	Flora and Fauna Management Plan	LPBMP	Monitoring Programme for Detection of any Movement of Lake Protection Bund, Water Storage and Tailings Structures and Pit-Void Walls
FHA	Final Hazard Analysis		
Forbes LEP	<i>Forbes Local Environmental Plan 2013</i>		
GEM	Geo-Environmental Management Pty Ltd	m	metre
		m/s	metres per second
GL	gigalitres	m/day	metres per day
H	horizontal	mg/L	milligram per litre
ha	hectare	Mining SEPP	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007</i>
HAZOP	Hazard and Operability Study	ML	Mining Lease
HEC	Hydro Engineering & Consulting Pty Ltd	ML/annum	megalitre per annum
HIPAP	Hazard Industry Planning Advisory Page	ML/day	megalitre per day
HWCMP	Hazardous Waste and Chemical Management Plan	MOP	Mining Operations Plan
IACHMP	Indigenous Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management Plan	MOP Guidelines	NSW Division of Resources and Energy's <i>ESG3: Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Guidelines September 2013</i>
ICDS	Internal Catchment Drainage System	Moz	million ounces
INP	NSW <i>Industrial Noise Policy</i>	Mt	million tonnes
i.e.	that is	Mtpa	million tonnes per annum
kg	kilogram	NAF	non-acid forming
kL/t	kilolitres per tonne		
km	kilometre		

NGER Act	Commonwealth <i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act, 2007</i>	SEPP 55	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 (Remediation of Land)</i>
NOW	NSW Office of Water	SMBS	sodium metabisulfite
NMP	Noise Management Plan	SSMP	Soil Stripping Management Plan
NPW Act	NSW <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974</i>	SWGBMP	Surface Water, Groundwater, Meteorological and Biological Monitoring Programme
NPWS	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service	t/ha	tonnes per hectare
NSW	New South Wales	tph	tonnes per hour
OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	the Modification	Cowal Gold Operations Mine Life Modification
PEL	Pacific Environment Limited	THMS	Transport of Hazardous Materials Study
PHA	Preliminary Hazard Analysis	TSF	tailings storage facility TSP total suspended particulate
PIRMP	Pollution Incident Response Management Plan	TSMP	Threatened Species Management Protocol
PM _{2.5}	particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometres in size	UCDS	Up-catchment Diversion System
PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 micrometres in size	V	vertical
PSNL	project-specific noise limit	VCP	Vegetation Clearance Protocol
RL	relative level	WAL	Water Access License
RMP	Rehabilitation Management Plan	WCC	Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
RMS	NSW Roads and Maritime Services	WMP	Water Management Plan
RO	Reverse Osmosis	XQ	extra quiet
ROM	run-of-mine	μS/cm	microSiemens per centimetre
RVEP	Remnant Vegetation Enhancement Programme	%	percent
		°	degrees
SEPP 33	<i>State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 (Hazardous and Offensive Development)</i>		

PRESENT

Cr D Palmer, Cr G Armstrong, Cr B Callow, Cr D McCann, Cr L McGlynn, Cr K Morris,
Cr M Stadtmiller, Cr G Sinclair.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A Tonkin (Interim General Manager), Mr C Morris (Senior Management Consultant,
Local Government Management Solutions)

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

Nil

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

6. ADMISSION OF LATE REPORTS

Nil

7. NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

8. CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE

Nil

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2) of the Act and should be dealt with in part of the meeting closed to the media and public.

18/021 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and McGlynn that Council move into CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.

9.1 MATTERS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON

9.1.1 APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL MANAGER

Report prepared by the Chairperson

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

(a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals.

18/022 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Callow and McGlynn that;

1. The Board appoints the successful candidate to the position of General Manager subject to the negotiation of the contract.
2. The Board resolves to affix the Council seal to the General Managers contract in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

18/023 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Sinclair that Council revert back to Open Session and that the resolutions made in Confidential Session be made public.

10. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Councillors noted they were comfortable with the decision and that it was unanimous.

The Interim General Manager provided an update on Councils debt recovery progress involving the use of flow restrictors.

The Interim General Manager provided an update on discoloured water issues.

11. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting closed at 11.12am

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) INCORPORATED, SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM, NSW PARLIAMENT, MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY

1. Welcome by the Chair.

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members to the meeting, asked each delegate to introduce themselves, thereafter opened the meeting at 9.05am.

2. Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Chris Connor	Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Rob Hooke	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr Andrew Johns	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock City Council
Cr Dan Thompson	Singleton Council
Cr Sue Moore	Singleton Council
Mr Jason Linnane	Singleton Council
Cr Jim Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Mr Brad Cam	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Mr Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
Rebecca Ryan	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Ben Shields	Dubbo Regional Council
Mr Michael McMahon	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council
Mr Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Joanne McRae	Orange City Council
Cr Kevin Duffy	Orange City Council
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Peter Koslowski	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council

Observer

M/s Lisa Schiff

Mid Coast Council

Minute Taker

Mr Greg Lamont

Executive Officer, Yes Pty Ltd.

3. Apologies.

SMM 1/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Thompson) that the apologies of the following delegates be received and noted:- Cr Jay Suvaal and Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council; Cr Lilliane Brady OAM and Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Councillor Des Kennedy, Mid Western Regional Council; Councillor Nuatali Nelmes, Newcastle City Council; Robert Hunt, Lachlan Shire Council; Cr Reg Kidd, Orange City Council; Cr Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council.

4. Disclosures of Interest.

- (a) Mr Ron Zwicker declared an interest as a shareholder in AGL Gas Investments;
- (b) Cr Melanie Dagg declared an interest as her husband works at Rix's Creek Mine in the Hunter Valley;

SMM 2/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Figliomeni) that the disclosures of interest and reasons for them be received and noted.

5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 17th November 2017.

SMM 3/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Dagg) that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 17th November 2017 be received and noted.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 17th November 2017

Nil

7. Adoption of Logo and Acronym for the Association.

SMM 4/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Hasler) that the Association adopt Option B as its new logo with the words "Mining & Energy" as significant and underneath the words in smaller writing "Related Councils NSW" to appear on the right of the logo figure, without the word Association on it.

SMM 5/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Connor) that the Association adopt the acronym MERC for the Association's new name acronym.

8. Adoption of Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020

SMM 6/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Miller) that the Draft Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020 be adopted with these changes:

- (1) rewording of the Vision to read "As the peak body in NSW, empowering, resourcing and advocating on behalf of local councils impacted by mining and energy production"; and
- (2) to include a list in the Strategic Plan of the Working Parties the Association is currently involved in; and
- (3) the Executive Committee to develop the Marketing Policy, not a working party.

Adjournment of Meeting – Suspension of Standing Orders

SMM 7/2018 Resolved (Cr Connor/Cr Hall) that the meeting be adjourned at 10.05am, to receive the presentations from the Minister for Energy, Resources & Utilities, Hon Don Harwin; Adam Searle, the Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations & Resources; Felicity Greenway and Katharine Hole, DPE; Linda Scott, LGNSW and Warwick Giblin, Oz Environmental thereafter to have morning tea.

(Note: It was agreed that copies of the presentation slides and documentation where provided by the speakers be distributed to delegates as information).

Resumption of Meeting

SMM 8/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Ferguson) that the meeting resume at 12.30pm.

9. Alterations to the Constitution.

SMM 9/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Miller) that the constitution be adopted incorporating the changes agreed to at the Special General Meeting held on 17th

November 2017 and including the following further changes agreed to at this Special General Meeting on 23rd February 2018, as follows:

- (1) Clause 4.5 Life Membership – Clarification of “a minimum of two terms”, being two terms as a delegate of the Council term or two terms as an annual appointment as a delegate. It was agreed that this be considered by the Executive Committee for a recommendation to a future Special General meeting to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Clause 7.1 Executive of the Association – That the need for two Deputy Chairpersons remain but without the qualification for Coal and Metalliferrous.
- (3) Clauses 14.6.1 and 14.6.1.1 Voting – Contested Elections, discard the need for the separation of Coal and Metalliferrous as Deputy Chairpersons in the annual elections.
- (4) Clauses 14.6.3.2 & 14.6.3.4 Candidates Nominations and Resumes – The clarification of nominations and seconders. Clause 14.6.3.2 to read “The candidates for the positions in Clauses 14.6.1 and 14.6.2 should forward their nominations on the form provided to reach the Executive Officer not later than 4.30pm one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. Candidates should ensure their nomination is seconded by a current Association delegate. This may take the form of the seconder signing the candidate’s nomination form or alternatively by sending an email confirming their intent to second the nomination to reach the Executive Officer by the date of the election.” Clause 14.6.3.4 is deleted as being redundant and is now part of the amended Clause 14.6.3.2.

(Note: all motions altering the constitution were passed unanimously – CI 23)

10. Close. The meeting closed at 12.45pm

The minutes (pages 1-2) were confirmed at the Special General Meeting held on 11th May 2018 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 23rd February 2018.

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Cr Peter Shinton, Chairperson

**MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS
(NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, JUBILEE
ROOM, MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY, HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2018**

Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Chris Connor	Wollongong City Council (Deputy Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Rob Hooke	Gunnedah Shire Council
Mr Andrew Johns	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock City Council
Cr Dan Thompson	Singleton Council
Cr Sue Moore	Singleton Council
Mr Jason Linnane	Singleton Council
Cr Jim Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council
Mr David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Mr Brad Cam	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Mr Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Melisa Hederics	Wentworth Shire Council
Mr Peter Kozlowski	Wentworth Shire Council
Cr Scott Ferguson	Blayney Shire Council
M/S Rebecca Ryan	Blayney Shire Council
M/s Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Ian Davison	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Joanne McRae	Orange City Council
Cr Kevin Duffy	Orange City Council
Cr Ben Shields	Dubbo Regional Council
Mr Michael McMahon	Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council
Mr Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council

Minute Taker

Mr Greg Lamont Executive Officer, Yes Pty Ltd.

Observers

M/s Lisa Schiff Mid Coast Council

Apologies

Cr Jay Suvaal and Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council; Cr Lilliane Brady OAM and Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council; Councillor Des Kennedy, Mid Western Regional Council; Councillor Nuatali Nelmes, Newcastle City Council; Robert Hunt, Lachlan Shire Council; Cr Reg Kidd, Orange City Council; Cr Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council.

1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 12.45pm.

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2. Apologies

OM 1/2018 Resolved (Cr Ferguson/Cr Hall) that the apologies for delegates listed be received and noted.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

- (a) Mr Ron Zwicker declared an interest as a shareholder in AGL Gas Investments;
- (b) Cr Melanie Dagg declared an interest as her husband works at Rix's Creek Mine, Hunter Valley;

OM 2/2018 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hall) that the disclosures of interest be received and noted.

4. Minutes of the Previous Ordinary Meeting – 17th November 2017

OM 2/2018 Resolved (Cr Moore/Cr Dagg) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 17th November 2017 be received and noted.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting - 17th November 2017

Nil.

6. Deferral of the Adoption of the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 22nd February 2018.

OM 3/2018 Resolved (Mr Loane/Cr Banasik) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018 be dealt with after the Executive Officer provides details on the background to each item outlined in the Executive Committee minutes that had not already been dealt with in the respective meetings beforehand.

7. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer's report was dealt with prior to adopting the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018

8. Adoption of Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting - 22nd February 2018

OM 4/2018 Resolved (Cr Banasik/Cr Hasler) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22nd February 2018 be received and noted.

9. Business Arising from Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 22nd February 2018

Nil

10. Delegates Report

- (a) **Resources Advisory Forum (RAF).** Nil report - no meeting until 15th March 2018
- (b) **Subsidence Advisory NSW.** Cr Dagg informed delegates that she is no longer a delegate to this organisation.

OM 5/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Moore) that the information be noted.

11. General Business

- (a) **Resources for Regions (R4R).** Delegates discussed the current Guidelines for the Resources for Regions program and expressed their disappointment in the co – funding arrangement, the deviation from the original intent of returning mining royalties back into mining affected communities, the stringent cost benefit analysis on applications involved and how difficult these are to meet for rural Councils in NSW.

OM 6/2018 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr Nolan) that the Association meet with relevant Ministers to outline concerns about the co-contribution requirements imposed on small

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rural Councils, the stringent cost benefit analysis approach and its deviation from its original intention of putting royalty funds back into the mining affected Council areas.

12. Next Meeting – Cobar 11th May 2018 commencing at 9am.

13. Close – The meeting closed at 1.00pm

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 11th May 2018 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 23rd February 2018.

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Cr Peter Shinton
Chairperson

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SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Stronger Country Communities Program – Rounds 1 and 2



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

This report deals with the progress of the successful applications under the Stronger Country Communities Program Round 1 as well as the current status of the applications under Round 2.

The objective of this Funding Program is *the delivery of community amenity and local sport infrastructure projects that improve the quality of life for residents.*

The assessment process includes the following five (5) steps:

1. Application
2. Eligibility Review Panel
3. Choice modelling – community survey process to gauge project preference
4. MP and Parliamentary Secretary input sought
5. Final Assessment Panel review and recommendation to government

Round 1

The successful projects and corresponding grant monies are as follows:

- Refurbishment of the Waterslide at Holland Park Pool - \$137,550
- Heating of Holland Park Pool - \$147,596
- West Wyalong Community Cinema - \$451,572
- Ungarie Tennis Court Complex Upgrade - \$264,520

The refurbishment of the waterslide and the heating of the pool will be project managed by council's Director of Assets and Engineering in liaison with the Holland Park Pool contract manager.

The development of the cinema complex will be project managed by a combination of the current steering committee, council's heritage adviser and the relevant council staff.

The upgrade of the Ungarie tennis court complex will be project managed by a combination of Ungarie Tennis Club Committee and the relevant council staff.

Round 2

There has been an additional \$100 million allocated to this round and the funds available to Bland Shire Council now total \$1.34 million. There has been an expanded scope for eligible projects with an increased focus on local sports infrastructure. Furthermore, the minimum grant has been reduced from \$100,000.00 to \$50,000.00 which provides the opportunity to separate certain aspects of the larger projects such as the Cooina Park project.

Councils are expected to submit sport projects totalling at least 50% of the total Round 2 applications.

The closing date for the submission of community based applications was Monday 9th April 2018 in order to allow staff and the various community groups to gather the necessary details to support their applications. It is expected that these details will be submitted to council no later than 20th April 2018.

The closing date for the submission of all applications to the NSW Government for Round 2 is 4th May 2018. The applications submitted to date, including the unsuccessful applications from Round 1 are:

- Development of a Historic Nature reserve (incorporating Cooina Park);
 - Resubmitted and can be broken down into smaller components
 - Estimated Cost \$754,882

- Upgrade facilities at the West Wyalong rodeo grounds;
 - Sports infrastructure
 - Estimated Cost \$250,000

- Extensions to the existing skate park;
 - Resubmitted
 - Estimated Cost \$130,000

- West Wyalong PS installation of synthetic sports turf;
 - Resubmitted / Sports infrastructure
 - Estimated Cost \$400,000

- Upgrade of facilities at the Weethalle showground;
 - Sports infrastructure
 - Estimated Cost \$100,000 to \$170,000

- Mobile Skate Park
 - Estimated Cost \$60,000

- Barmedman Mineral Pool upgrade of existing facilities
 - Estimated Cost \$?

- West Wyalong-Girral Australian Football and Netball Club Clubhouse
 - Estimated Cost \$600,000

- West Wyalong Tennis Club clubhouse
 - Estimated Cost \$500,000

- West Wyalong Motorsport Park
 - Estimated Cost \$600,000

- Lighting at Ungarie Showground
- Estimated Cost \$160,000 or (\$50,000)

Financial Implications

There is no co-contribution required under this specific program unless a project exceeds \$1m. The allocation to Bland Shire Council for Round 2 is \$1.34 million.

The maximum estimated cost of all of the above projects is \$3,624,882 + Mineral Pool

There is also a Deed of Agreement setting out the payment milestones that will need to be executed by council.

The projects with a sporting focus equate to almost 75% of the current Round 2 applications.

Summary

Councils have been encouraged to submit applications totalling in excess of the specific allocation which will certainly be the case for Bland Shire Council. However, councils also have the ability to decline any application if council is of the opinion that the project is not in the best interests of the community.

The project for the Park Street Recreation Ground is seen by some as a duplication of existing facilities and if approved will have long term financial implications for council in the area of ongoing maintenance costs.

There has been no indication at this stage of the length of time it will take to assess and approve of the applications under Round 2.

Recommendation:

That the information regarding the applications under Rounds 1 and 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund is received and noted;

Recommendation:

That council agree to enter into a Deed of Agreement with the NSW Government for funding for the following projects under Round 1 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund;

- **Refurbishment of the Waterslide at the Holland Park Pool Complex - \$137,550**
- **Heating of the Holland Park Pool - \$147,596**
- **West Wyalong Community Cinema - \$451,572**
- **Upgrade of the Ungarie Tennis Court Complex- \$264,520**

Recommendation:

That council determine if it wishes to support all of the above Round 2 applications.

9.2 Request to Transfer the Lease for the West Wyalong Caravan Park



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.1 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council is in receipt of a written request from the solicitors acting on behalf of the current lessees of the West Wyalong Caravan Park for approval of the transfer of the lease to new lessees.

Councillors will be aware that Council recently approved of a new 10 year lease of the caravan park which was subsequently endorsed by the NSW Government given that the park is located on crown land.

Financial Implications

There would be no financial implications to council with the transfer of this lease.

Summary

In accordance with Clause 20 of the lease council's consent is required to any transfer.

It would also be advantageous for the new lessees to meet with council staff to clarify and confirm the lessee's responsibilities under the lease, particularly in relation to ongoing maintenance and capital works.

Recommendation:

- 1. That council grants consent to the transfer of the Lease of the West Wyalong Caravan Park to Tammoroak Investments Pty Ltd;**
- 2. That the new lessees be requested to meet, as soon as possible, with council staff to confirm their responsibilities under the lease.**

9.3 Joint Regional Planning Panels



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Council has received advice from NSW Planning and Environment regarding new legislative provisions relating to the Joint Regional Planning Panels and Sydney Planning Panels.

A copy of the written advice is included as an attachment to this report.

The threshold for general development has now been set at \$30 million to be considered as 'regionally significant'

Financial Implications

Nil

Summary

Council was recently advised regarding appointments to the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel of Mr. Gordon Kirby, Mrs. Ruth Fagan and Mr. Mark Grayson

The following summary of the purpose and role of the Joint Planning Panels is provided for the benefit of councillors.

Joint regional planning panels provide independent, merit-based decision making on regionally significant development. Applications for regionally significant development are notified and assessed by a local council professional staff and then determined by the relevant regional panel.

Recommendation:

That the advice from NSW Planning and Environment regarding legislative changes relating to Joint Regional Planning Panels is received and noted.



6 April 2018

IRF18/892

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

Dear Mr Smith

I am writing to draw your attention to new legislative provisions relating to the Joint Regional Planning Panels and Sydney Planning Panels.

As you would be aware amendments to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (Act)* came into force on 1 March 2018. A key change in the Act now means that property developers and real estate agents are no longer eligible to sit as either state-nominated or council-nominated Panel members.

If you have not already done so, please review Council's nominated Panel members and ensure their continuing eligibility to participate. If you make changes to your council-nominated members please email the Planning Panels Secretariat at enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au of any changes to Council's members at least two weeks prior to any scheduled Panel meeting.

The categories of regionally significant development can now be found in schedule 7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011. The threshold for general development has changed: development that has a capital investment value (CIV) of more than \$30 million is now considered regionally significant development.

Please note that transitional provisions mean any development applications that were lodged but not determined before 1 March 2018 that met the former CIV threshold of more than \$20 million will remain with the Panel for determination.

Under section 8.2 of the Act Panel determinations are now subject to reviews of decisions made on development and modification applications. These reviews will be undertaken by different Panel members to those that made the original decision. Please ensure Council has sufficient alternate council members appointed to enable this decision review function to be carried out in a timely manner.

Another new requirement is that all public Panel meetings are to be recorded and the recording made available on the Planning Panels website at planningpanels.nsw.gov.au. The Panels Secretariat has arranged for audio recording specialists to record these

meetings. However, where Council is equipped to be able to make audio recordings, it would be appreciated if these facilities could be made available for Panel meetings. Could you please contact the Panel Secretariat to discuss how we could use your equipment.

Should you have any questions in relation to any of these matters, please contact Mr Stuart Withington, Manager, Planning Panels Secretariat, on 8217 2061.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marcus Ray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
Planning Services

9.4 General Manager's Annual Performance Review - Panel Membership



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

DP10.3 – ensure that the general manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan and other council documents.

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The annual performance review of the general manager is conducted each year during May and a panel of nominated councillors undertake the task of conducting the review in accordance with a set of predetermined Key Performance Indicators (KPI's).

The review is divided into three specific areas:

- Managerial Objectives
- Specific Projects
- Personal Leadership Behaviours

The current panel of councillors are: Lord / English / Baker / Monaghan

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Summary

This will be the final review under my current contract with a new contract commencing on 1st July 2018 for a period of three (3) years.

The opportunity exists for council to vary the membership of my review panel if deemed necessary.

Recommendation:

That council determine if it wishes to vary the membership of the general manager's annual performance review panel for 2017 / 2018.

9.5 Request for Support of the Droughtmaster Project



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillors will be aware of a proposal to establish a major new water infrastructure project within the Riverina through the company, Plains Water, with the project being known as the Droughtmaster project.

The Droughtmaster project combines new water infrastructure development to reach 100kms from the Murrumbidgee river system at Grong Grong, near Narrandera, north towards West Wyalong.

The proponents of the project are in the process of submitting an Expression of Interest in the NSW Safe and Secure Water Program as well as the Federal Government's Regional growth Fund and are seeking council's support by way of a letter indicating that Bland Shire Council would benefit from such a project.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$117 million and the proponents are hoping to source at least \$50 million from the above funding programs.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the provision of a letter of support and there would be no liability arising from the project based on Bland Shire Council's participation in the grant application process.

Summary

If this project is successful there will be direct economic benefits for the Bland Shire particularly with any new emerging mining developments. The project would also increase the water capacity for the local agricultural industry.

The provision of additional water security is paramount to the ongoing development and sustainability of the Bland Shire.

Recommendation:

That Council provides a letter of support as part of an Expression of Interest for funding under the NSW Safe and Secure Water Program and the Regional Growth Fund for the Droughtmaster Project.

9.6 Community Forums 2018



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

DP4.3 Actively engage with the community and promote open communication

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillors will recall discussions at the recent April workshop on the best timing for the 2018 community forums and there was consensus that the forums should be later in the year possibly between August and October.

After further discussions with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor the following suggested dates and times are submitted for confirmation.

- 16 August (Thursday) – 3.30pm Naradhan / 5.15pm Weethalle / 6.45pm Tallimba
- 11 October (Thursday) – 6.00pm Ungarie
- 25 October (Thursday) – 5.30pm Barmedman / 7.00pm Mirrool

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

Each of the above start times make allowance for the travel between locations.

Recommendation:

That council confirm the following schedule for the 2018 Community Forums:

- 16 August (Thursday) – 3.30pm Naradhan / 5.15pm Weethalle / 6.45pm Tallimba
- 11 October (Thursday) – 6.00pm Ungarie
- 25 October (Thursday) – 5.30pm Barmedman / 7.00pm Mirrool

9.7 Dedication of the Council Workshop to the Late Col Williams



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

DP10.3 Ensure the general manager takes on a high level role in implementing the Community Strategic Plan

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Based on discussions with the relevant employees and with the full support of all council staff the council workshop in Chauvel Street is being dedicated to the late long serving employee Col Williams.

Mr. Williams was employed with Bland Shire Council for 42 years from 1974 to 2016 and his initiative, dedication and commitment to his work has left a long lasting legacy to the Bland Shire. Consequently, it was considered only fitting that he be recognised for his outstanding service.

Financial Implications

The cost of a plaque and a BBQ breakfast for staff, councillors and family and friends of Col can be met from within the existing budget for staff recognition awards.

Summary

The dedication ceremony will take place on Monday 30th April 2018 at the Chauvel Street depot commencing at 7.00am and an invitation is extended to all councillors and staff.

Recommendation:

That the decision to dedicate the council workshop in Chauvel Street to the late Col Williams is endorsed by council.

9.8 ***Bland ... far from Dull and Boring Signage***



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.1 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Bland Shire Mayor Tony Lord and General Manager Ray Smith recently unveiled an interactive sign promoting the Bland Shire and its membership to the League of Extraordinary Communities. The League of Extraordinary Communities is a partnership between the Bland Shire in Australia, Boring in the United States and Dull in Scotland.

The sign is located in Lions Park West Wyalong with the permission of the Lions Club President, Ron Cooper and member, Merv Penny.

The sign features all three communities and countries. Members of the public and visitors are encouraged to take their photo and post it online through Facebook and Instagram with the hashtags: #blandshire, #visitwestwyalong and #leagueofextraordinarycommunities



Financial Implications

At this time of finalising this report the final project costs are still to be finalised however it is estimated to be \$7,700 which will be funded from the existing promote tourism budget.

Summary

The sign featured on the Advocate's front page on Friday, 23 March 2018 with Mayor, Tony Lord and General Manager, Ray Smith who both have made a private trip to Dull in Scotland. Installation of the sign was also promoted on Facebook and to date has been well received as can be seen in these performance statistics.

Post Details



Bland Shire Council

Published by Carissa Bland [?] · March 23 at 10:00am ·

Signage can often be described as bland, dull or boring but a new Bland Shire Council tourism sign installed this week in West Wyalong can lay claim to all three!

Bland Shire Mayor Tony Lord and General Manager Ray Smith this week unveiled an interactive sign promoting the Bland Shire and its membership to the "League of Extraordinary Communities".

The League of Extraordinary Communities is a partnership between Bland Shire Council in Australia, Boring, Oregon in the United States and Dull, Perth and Kinross in Scotland.

The sign feature all three communities and countries with members of the public encouraged to pose for photographs behind the sign and share with the world.

#leagueofextraordinarycommunities #visitwestwyalong #blandshire



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1,201 Post Clicks

258 Photo Views
0 Link Clicks
943 Other Clicks

NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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0 Report as Spam
0 Unlike Page

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Recommendation:

That the information regarding the installation of the *Bland...far from Dull and Boring* signage in Lions Park is received and noted.

9.9 Visitors Information Tourism Touch Screen



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.1 Work with the tourism industry to identify and develop products and services that appeal to visitors of the Shire

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Bland Shire Mayor Tony Lord and Deputy Mayor Jan Wyse turning on Council's new Datatrax TourismTouchscreen™ at the Bland Shire Visitors Information Centre.

The new touch screen technology will provide 24 hour access to local tourist information ensuring visitors to West Wyalong at all hours can instantly access information about local attractions, dining options, accommodation, shopping and services in just one touch.

The portable screen will be available at the library during regular Visitor Information Centre opening hours and accessed after hours from the front window of the Council building utilising keypad technology.

This local information is also shared and made available on a network of over 240 visitor centres and over 2000 operators across Australia and New Zealand. The Touchscreen is easy to use and through the use of graphics, audio, video and the intuitive sense of touch creates an immersive and enjoyable visitor experience.

Information is placed in different categories with options for Things to do, Places to stay, Where to eat, What to see, and Shopping. Each village in the Bland Shire has its own touch button allowing a 'sneak previews' of the various venues and what the area has to offer giving the visitor the option to extend their stay.



Bland Shire Mayor Tony Lord and Deputy Mayor Jan Wyse

Financial Implications

The total cost, including GST, was \$13,777.50 which is for a three (3) year period including maintenance.

Summary

Local businesses were given the option to advertise on the TouchScreen or even host such a screen in their business. The Hot Glass Gallery in Wyalong opted to host the TouchScreen in their business which means they need less space for brochures as all the information is now available at the touch of a button.

Recommendation:

That the information regarding the installation of the new Tourism Touch Screen is received and noted.

9.10 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework - Adoption of Draft Documentation 2018/2019



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The Delivery Program identifies the principal activities that the Council will undertake over the life of the program and must be reviewed each year when preparing the Operational Plan which includes the annual budget, Revenue Policy (Fees and Charges) and the Resourcing Strategy (Asset Management Strategy, Long Term Financial Plan and the Workforce Assessment Plan).

The Resourcing Strategy includes information on the time, the people, the money and the assets required by Council to progress the strategies within the Delivery Program and Operational Plan

The Operational Plan, including the draft budget and Revenue Policy, is an annual plan that must be adopted before the beginning of each financial year. It outlines the activities to be undertaken that year as part of the Delivery Program. The draft Operational Plan must be publicly exhibited for public comment for a minimum of 28 days and the submissions received must be considered before the final program is adopted.

Financial Implications

The draft documents detail the financial implications to be considered by Council.

Summary

Councillors will have further opportunity to comment on the draft documents during the public exhibition period up until Wednesday 16 May 2018, although Councillors are encouraged to put forward their comments well prior to this deadline.

A copy of each of the above documents has been provided under separate cover.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the following DRAFT documentation be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, commencing 18 April 2018, in accordance with the legislative requirements of the Local Government Act 1993:**
 - Combined Delivery Program and Operational Plan**
 - Resourcing Strategy (10 years) including Asset Management Strategy, Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Assessment Plan**
- 2. That all public comments, submissions and input from staff and Councillors to the DRAFT IPR documents be provided to the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on 19 June 2018 commencing at 6.30pm.**
- 3. That all staff involved in the preparation of the IPR documents be congratulated for a job “well done”.**

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.11 Financial Statements – March 2018



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

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

Author: Director Corporate, Community & Development Services

Introduction

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

Financial Implications

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2018.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 31ST March, 2018

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 671,916.21
BCard	\$ 15,990.00
	\$ 687,906.21
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 22,735,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 3,168,550.93
	\$ 25,904,320.93
Net Balance	\$ 26,592,227.14
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	97.41%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31.03.18
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING APRIL 17TH, 2018

BALANCE as at 01.03.18	\$ 1,930,787.25
Add Receipts	
<u>Receipts over \$150,000</u>	
	No receipts over \$150,000
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	
	\$ 751,078.83
<i>Total Receipts for March 2018</i>	\$ 751,078.83
Less Payments	
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>	
23/3/18 Bucher Municipal – Street Sweeper	- \$ 248,383.33
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>	
	-\$ 1,761,566.54
<i>Total Payments for March 2018</i>	-\$ 2,009,949.87
CASH BALANCE	<u>\$ 671,916.21</u>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank	\$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period March 01, 2018 to March 31, 2018.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	025377 - 025397	\$ 38,142.70
Auto-pay Creditors	E013558 – E013847	\$ 1,396,146.63
Auto-pay Payroll	4/3-1/4	\$ 565,590.57
March Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$ 1,956.35
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 8,113.62
		\$ 2,009,949.87

1. Are fully supported by vouchers and invoices and have been fully registered.
2. The responsible officer concerned has certified that the goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered to order and/or that the services for which respective accounts are submitted have been rendered according to order.
3. Official orders have been issued for the supply of such goods and services. The goods for which respective accounts are submitted have been checked with the entries in the goods order book.
4. The prices and computations of every account are correct.
5. The prices for the goods supplied or services rendered under the contract or quotation in accordance therewith and in all cases the prices charged are according to order and as far as I am able to ascertain fair and reasonable.
6. The provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and Regulations in connection therewith have been complied with.

Further I also certify that the Ledger has been reconciled with the bank statements for the last preceding monthly period.

.....
Director of Corporate, Community & Development Services

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 17th April 2018, 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 \$2,009,949.87 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 17th April 2018 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

.....
Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2017/18)	\$ 9,600,887.31
Rates received as at 31/03/2018	\$ 7,198,970.25
% of rates received to date	74.98%

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 March, 2018**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 March to 31 March 2018, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,009,949.87**

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st March 2018. 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-January-2018	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	17-October-2018
31-August-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	242 days	2.57%	30-April-2018
21-June-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	334 days	2.53%	21-May-2018
14-September-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	271 days	2.57%	12-June-2018
08-November-2017	Rural Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	2.50%	08-November-2018
16-March-2018	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	270 days	2.55%	11-December-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
08-September-2017	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.60%	08-September-2018
18-December-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	270 days	2.40%	14-September-2018
17-October-2017	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	17-July-2018
15-June-2017	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.60%	15-June-2018
29-November-2016	Westpac (FRN)	2,000,000.00	1826 days	3MBBSW+1.2%	29-November-2021
01-February-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	274 days	2.65%	02-November-2018
17-March-2017	Credit Suisse (FRN)	1,035,770.00	1453 days	3MBBSW+1.95%	19-March-2021
11-January-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.45%	11-October-2018
31-May-2017	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	273 days	2.55%	31-May-2018
10-October-2017	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	2.57%	10-October-2018
12-December-2017	CUA (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	336 days	2.60%	13-November-2018
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,801.39	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	3,117,749.54	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	25,904,320.93			

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

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.12 Swimming Pool Contract



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author: Director Assets and Engineering Services

Introduction

On the 15 April, 2014, Bland Shire Council adopted that the contract for the swimming pools to L&R Group be extended by 4 years with a 2 year option.

L&R Group have now notified Bland Shire Council that they will be exercising their two year contract extension under the same conditions as the current contract.

In addition L&R Group has also requested a further 2 year option after this period ends in 2020.

Financial Implications

None at this time

Summary

The L&R Group have been exceptional members of the community and the council staff has had extremely good relations with them. They often go beyond the strict terms of the contract when maintaining the infrastructure which is a benefit to the community and Council. They have also brought into town extra events such as the annual Triathlon. In addition they were by far the best tenderer originally.

Recommendation:

- 1. That it be noted that the L&R Group have exercised their two year extension option for the swimming pool contract;**
- 2. That the L&R Group be offered a further two year extension option for the swimming pool contract at the end of this time in 2020.**

9.13 Taxi Spot White Tank Lane



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author Director Assets and Engineering Services

Introduction

Council has received representations from the owner of the premises, via a taxi operator, regarding their inability to get into the rear of their premises. This has occurred since they built a new shed and purchased a larger car. The matter has been investigated in line with the proposal, I believe, put forward by the taxi operator.

The attached plan shows the relocation of the existing taxi rank in White Tank Lane (to be replaced with a "No Stopping Zone") to the last parking spot available nearest to the supermarket in Barnado Street.

The matter was sent to the Bland Shire Council Local Traffic Committee with the recommendation of "Bland Shire Council Local Traffic Committee adopt the relocation of the taxi parking area at the supermarket in line with the proposed plan."

The Bland Shire Local Traffic Committee supported this action but recommended to place two taxi spaces in the location of the last spot available nearest to the supermarket in Barnado Street

Financial Implications

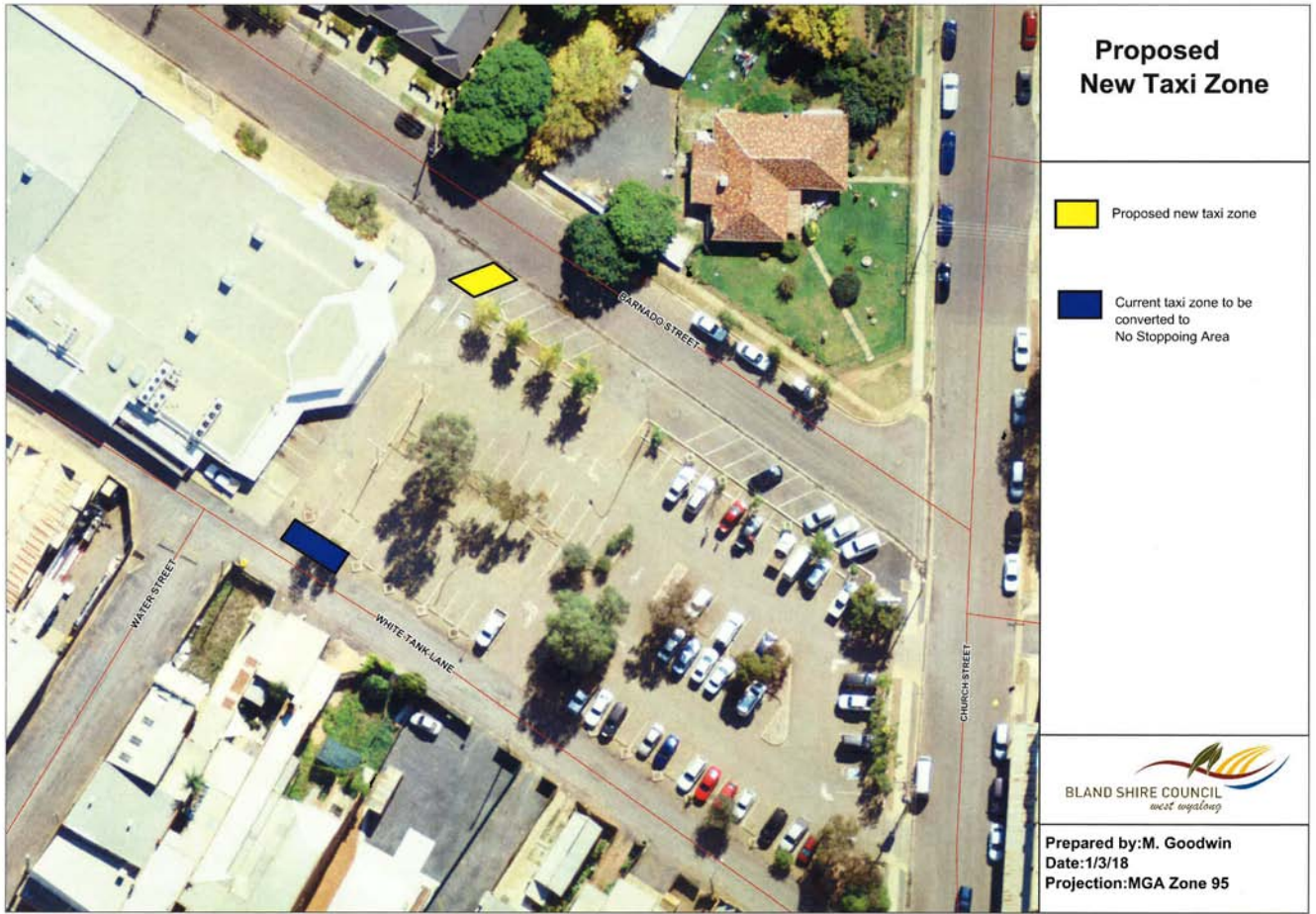
Can be accommodated within operational costs

Summary

The current parking spot in White Tank lane be moved to Barnado Street.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the Taxi Spot in White Tank Lane be relocated to Barnado Street and be replaced with a "No Stopping" zone.**
- 2. That two taxi spots be placed in the vicinity of the yellow marking as per the attached plan, being the last two spots available nearest to the supermarket in Barnado Street.**



9.14 Speed at Bend Ungarie – Lake Cargelligo Road at Rail Crossing North of Ungarie



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author

Director Assets and Engineering Services

Introduction

Council received representations regarding the speed limit at the bend in the Ungarie – Lake Cargelligo Road over the rail crossing just north of Ungarie from the Ungarie Advancement Group.

The matter was investigated with the aim of reducing the speed at this area to 50 km/hr. The matter was put before the Traffic Committee, with all but the RMS supporting the issue. The RMS comment was “Speed zone review is not a traffic committee issue. ‘The Road Transport Act 1999 authorises the RMS to set the speed limits on NSW Roads through traffic regulation. The RMS has not delegated this authority to any other agency and is therefore responsible for setting speed limits on all roads – State, regional and local’.

From others on the Traffic Committee it was recommended to change the signage going north from Ungarie to 80km/hr at the end of the current 50km/hr zone. This 80km/hr zone is to finish to the north of the railway crossing. The opposite section going south is to have matching restrictions.

Financial Implications

None at this time

Summary

In light of RMS's comment Bland Shire Council should write to the RMS requesting they review the speeds at this rail crossing.

Recommendation:

That the Bland Shire Council Traffic Committee recommends that council write to the RMS to undertake a speed zone review on the Ungarie – Lake Cargelligo Road with the aim of reducing the speed to 80km/hr between the northern end of the 50km/hr town zone and the north of the railway crossing, and matching restrictions travelling south.

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Recommendation:

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

- **9.15 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – March 2018**
- **9.16 - Community Services Report**
- **9.17 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.18 - Children’s Services Monthly Update**
- **9.19 - Development Services Activity Report – March 2018**
- **9.20 - Asset & Engineering Services Report**

9.15 Economic Development & Tourism Report – March 2018



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

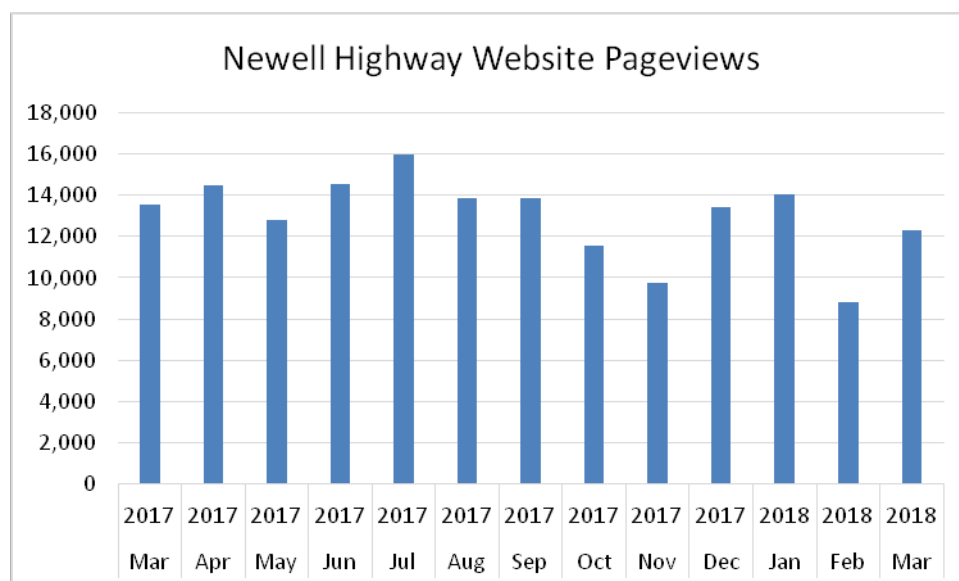
Author: Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor

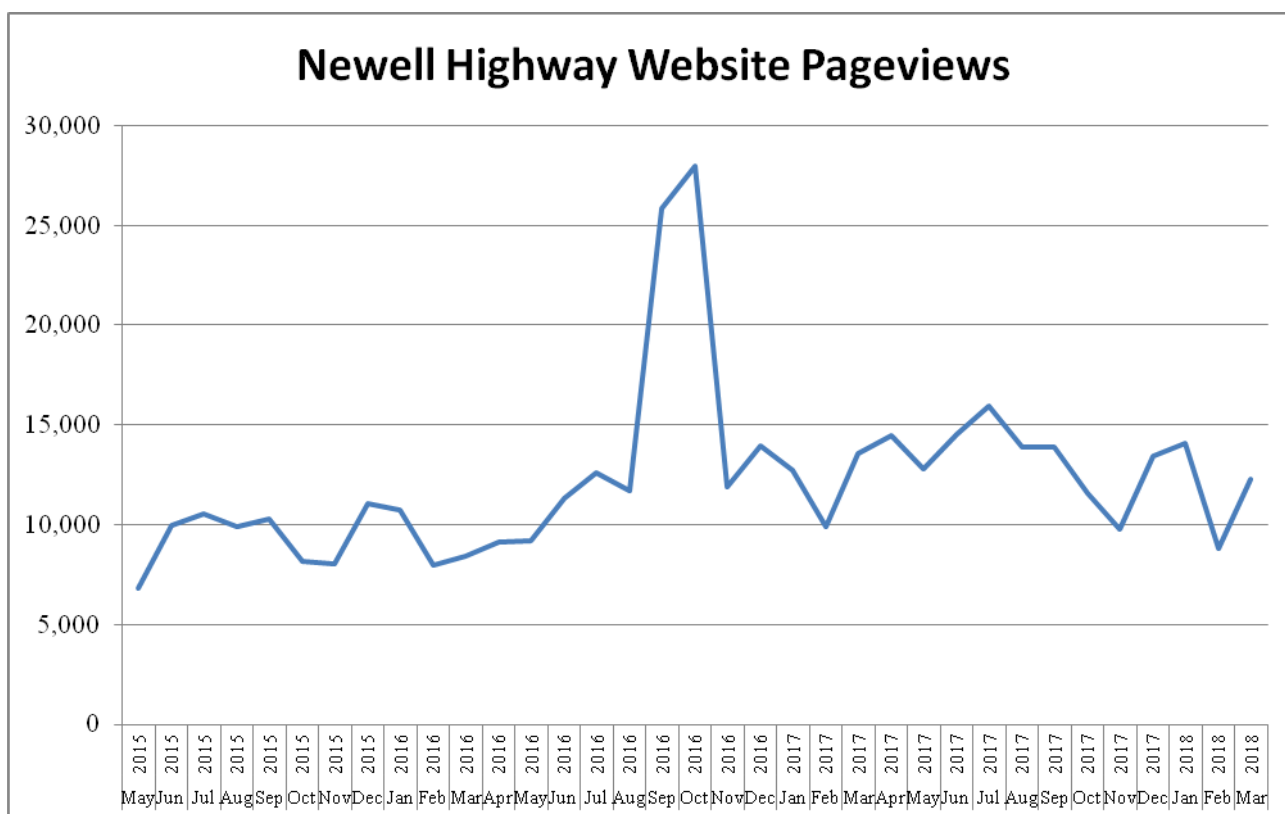
Introduction: Bland Shire Council March 2018 Economic Development & Tourism Report

Financial Implications: Nil

Newell Highway Website Analytics

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018
Page view	13,570	14,467	12,789	14,554	15,959	13,872	13,869	11,559	9,753	13,446	14,066	8,810	12,310
Visits	5,842	5,775	5,088	5,748	6,274	5,141	5,151	4,419	3,857	5,176	5,935	3,440	4,983
Visitors	4,687	4,581	4,016	4,491	4,923	4,260	4,269	3,552	2,939	4,106	4,628	2,787	3,938
Desktop	37.8%	34.7%	36.6%	38.9%	32.8%	33.8%	32.2%	32.6%	37.4%	31.5%	30.4%	39.2%	34.7%
Mobile	42.8%	44.8%	42.6%	40.7%	45.6%	42.0%	45.6%	47.2%	42.2%	50.4%	52.3%	41.0%	45.8%
Tablet	19.4%	20.5%	20.9%	20.4%	21.6%	24.2%	22.2%	20.2%	20.4%	18.2%	17.2%	19.7%	19.5%





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.



As at the end of March 2018, the MAAA Nationals have received 250 confirmed competitor entries including:

- 2 from Japan
- 7 from China
- 2 from New Zealand
- 1 from America – Rich Hanson President of the American Academy of Model Aeronautics
- And enquiries from Mongolia

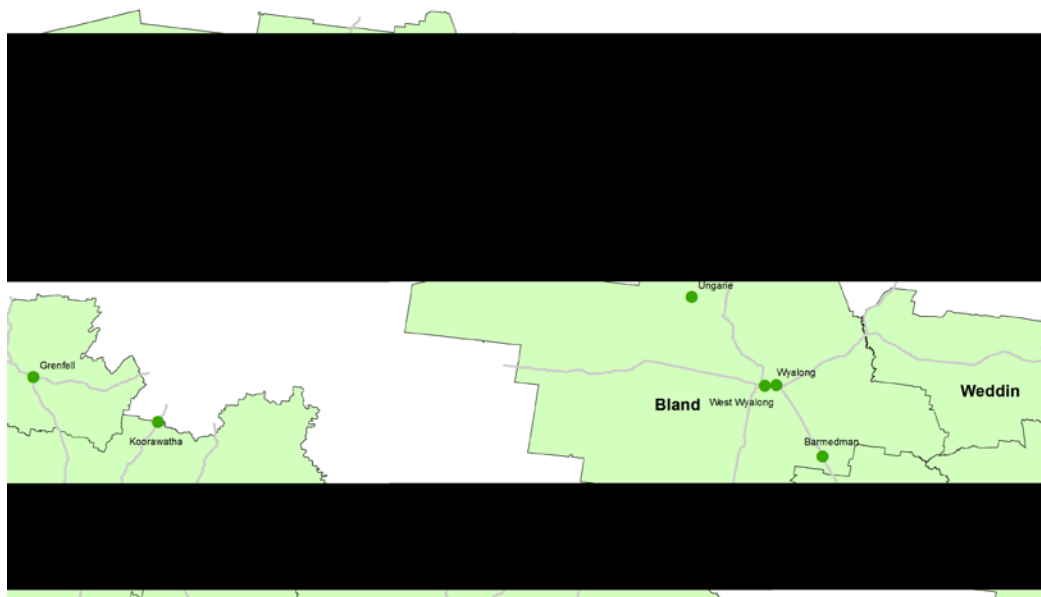
Jet Flyers NSW

Bland Shire Council has also been successful in attracting four Jet Flyer events to West Wyalong. The first event was held from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 March 2018. Other dates will be Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June 2018 and Friday 28 to Sunday 30 September 2018. In the following photo are Cr Tony Lord Mayor of Bland Shire Council, Michael McCormack the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Cr Jan Wyse the Deputy Mayor of Bland Shire Council at the West Wyalong airport with the Jet Flyers of NSW.



Functional Economic Regions and Regional Economic Development Strategies

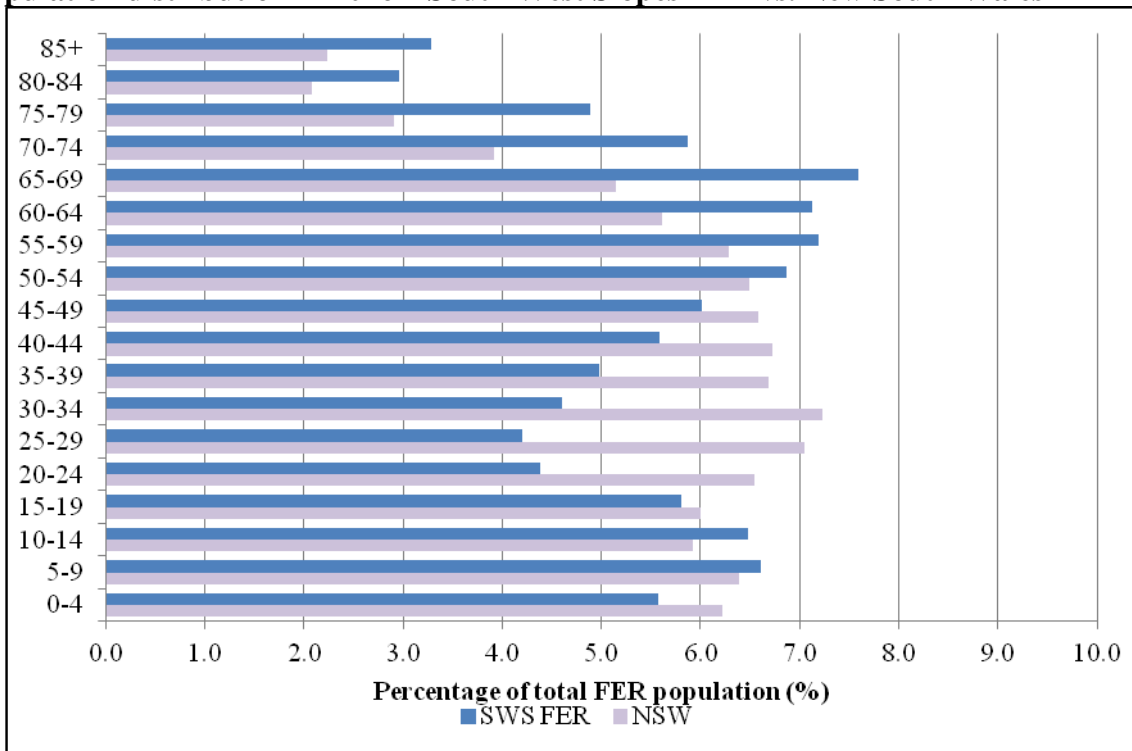
The NSW Government has determined that the Bland Shire be included in the South West Slopes (SWS) Functional Economic Region (FER) with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Hilltops Council, Temora Shire Council and Weddin Shire Council. The General Manager and the SEDATO are involved in the development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) for the SWS FER. The process aims to identify comparative economic advantages and the infrastructure priorities that would help leverage these advantages to drive economic growth.



Key statistics of the SWS FER	
Population (2016)	45,368
Estimated Gross Regional Product (2016)	\$2.4 bn
Total employment (2016)	17,268
Total labour force (2016)	19,444
Value of exports (2016)	\$785 m
Major employing industries	Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming Metal Ore Mining Horticulture School Education Local Government Administration Food Product Manufacturing

Bland Shire Key statistics	
Population (2016)	5,955
Total employment (2016)	2,373
Unemployment rate (2016)	3.6%
Participation rate (2016)	44.3%
Major employing sectors	Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming Metal Ore Mining School Education Local Government Administration Other Agriculture

Population distribution in 2016 – South West Slopes FER vs. New South Wales



Bland Shire Events List 2018

	APRIL	LOCATION
14	Brower's Charity Walk	West Wyalong
14	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
14-27	Youth Week Celebrations	14-27
16-20	Bland Shire Library School Holiday Program	West Wyalong
16-26	Vacation Care	West Wyalong
23-30	National Model Aircraft Championships	West Wyalong
25	Anzac Day Ceremonies	Bland Shire

	MAY	LOCATION
5	West Wyalong Team Yarding	West Wyalong
12	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	National Simultaneous Storytime – Bland Shire Library	West Wyalong
TBA	Bland Shire Library Smallest and Biggest Morning Tea	West Wyalong
TBA	Phillip Judd Jumping Day and Gymkhana	West Wyalong

	JUNE	LOCATION
9	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong

	JULY	LOCATION
14	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
21	Christmas in July Trivia Night	West Wyalong

	AUGUST	LOCATION
4	Australian Yard Dog Championships	West Wyalong
4	Sore Butt Ride to LCCC	West Wyalong
11	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
12-13	Variety Bash West Wyalong/Weethalle	West Wyalong/ Weethalle
19	Weethalle Show	Weethalle

	SEPTEMBER	LOCATION
4-5	West Wyalong Show	West Wyalong
8	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
15	Adam Brand	Ungarie
30	West Wyalong Rodeo	West Wyalong
TBA	Mayoral Election	West Wyalong
TBA	Landmark Gold Nugget Campdraft	West Wyalong
TBA	Ungarie Bogeye Cup	Ungarie
TBA	Barmedman Show	Barmedman

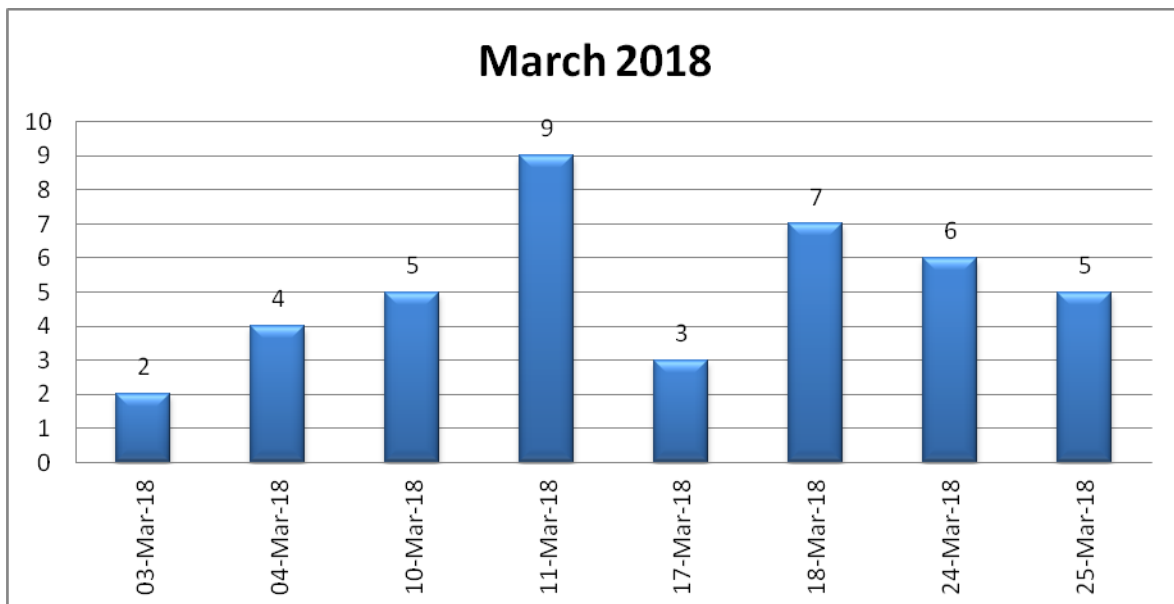
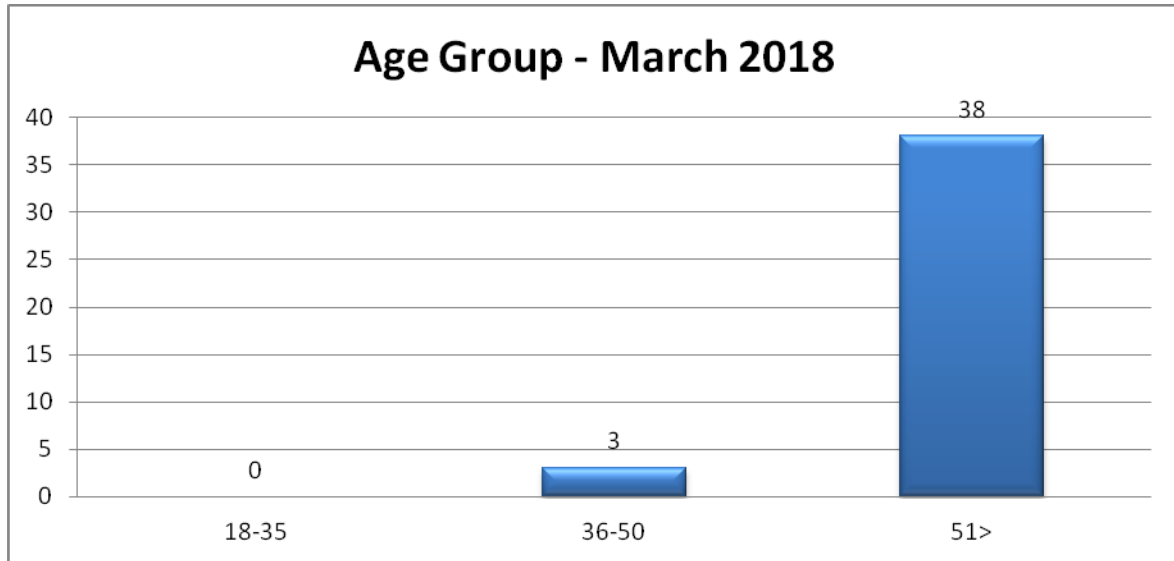
	OCTOBER	LOCATION
13	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
13	Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
26-27	Camp Quality	West Wyalong
TBA	Barmedman Tractor Pull	Barmedman
TBA	In the West Festival	West Wyalong

	NOVEMBER	LOCATION
10	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	Wyalong Museum Open Day	Wyalong
TBA	Crooked Mile Show & Shine	West Wyalong

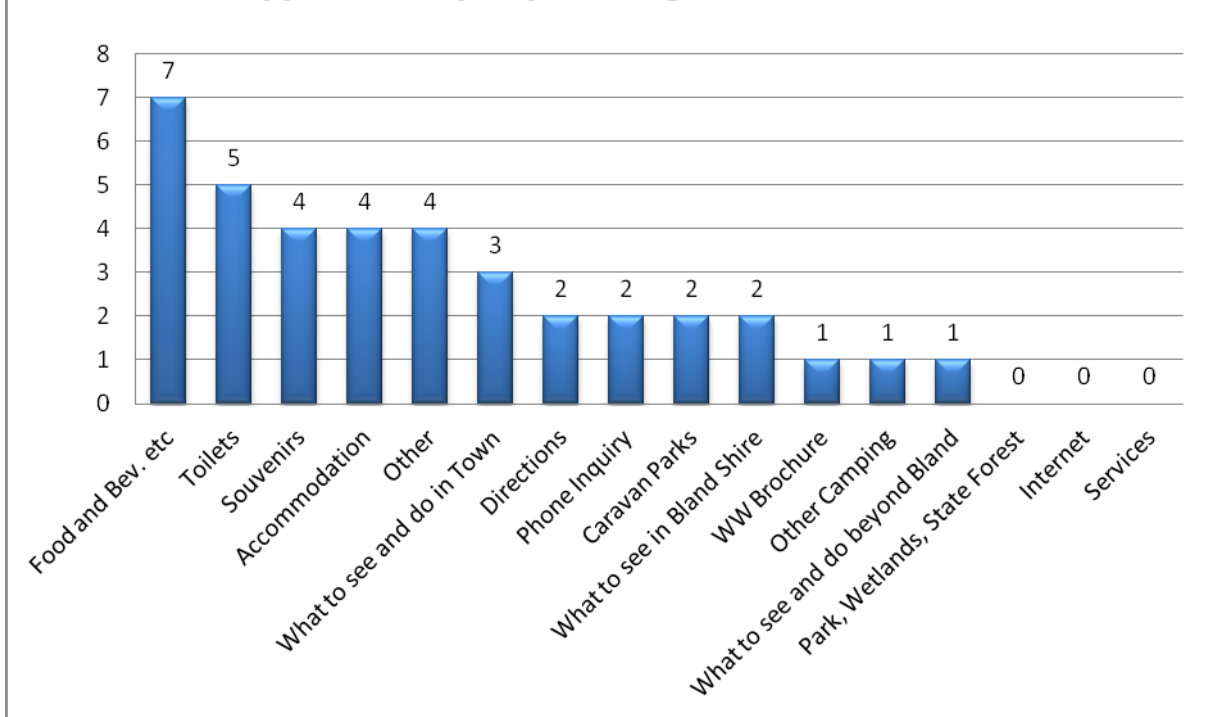
	DECEMBER	LOCATION
7	Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival	West Wyalong
25	Community Christmas Lunch	Wyalong
TBA	Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong
TBA	International Day of People with a Disability	West Wyalong
TBA	Annual Summer Pool Party West Wyalong	West Wyalong

Please note: Dates can change, please see the Bland Shire Events website for updates

Visitor Information Centre Statistics



Type of Enquiry during March 2018



Other: include questions about road conditions, car repairs and free camping

Statistics for VIC during weekdays (Monday to Saturday morning 12pm) March 2018

VIC general enquiries: 151 VIC phone calls: 20

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 Relations Officer

Youth Week Activities

Council has put together an innovative program for Youth Week celebrations during the school holidays.

For the first time ever, a 3D printing workshop is being offered to local youth.

Two three hour workshops will be held on Friday 27 April with each participant able to design and print their own 3D artwork.

Accomplished regional artist Luke Vineburg will conduct a skate park street art workshop with local youth on Monday 23 April.

Each participants will create their own street art and help Luke in the design and implementation on a small artwork for the skate park.

The skate park artwork will be supervised by Council staff.

Earlier in the holidays, Council arranged for the NRMA Driving School to visit. All lessons were fully booked as local learner drivers seized the valuable opportunity for professional driving instruction right on their doorstep.

Council also partnered with the NSW Police and the PCYC to assist in hosting one of their annual 'Blue Light Goes West' disco events at the West Wyalong Service and Citizens Club on Saturday 14 April.

Stronger Country Communities Fund

The Community Relations Officer and Community Development Officer attended an information session in Wagga on Friday 6 April in relation to funding opportunities through the State Government's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund.

Experts were in attendance to provide information regarding the Stronger Country Communities Fund, Growing Local Economies Fund, Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund, Fixing Country Roads and Fixing Country Rail.

The Community Relations Officer attended a follow up question and answer session relating to the Fixing Country Roads Program while the Community Development Officer attended a session specific to the Stronger Country Communities Program.

Additional information was also sought regarding the Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund which is focused on projects with a minimum value of \$1 million and requires a minimum 25 per cent co-contribution.

Information received at the forum will assist Council in preparing applications under round two of the Stronger Country Communities Fund and consider applications for any appropriate future projects under the Fixing Country Roads program.

Round two applications under the Stronger Country Communities Fund close on Friday 4 May and are expected to be announced in August/September.

Grandparents Day Film Project

Bland Shire Council hosted the launch of its intergenerational Grandparents Day film project at the West Wyalong Bowling Club on Thursday 12 April.

Fully funded by the State Government, the project saw young people from West Wyalong High School and Wyalong Public School interview grandparents and grandfriends about growing up in and around the district.

The project was a terrific experience for both the interviewers and interviewee and captured some precious stories from the past.

Catering at the film launch was provided by the hospitality students from West Wyalong High School.

Variety Bash and Camp Quality Escarpade Charity Car Rally's

Bland Shire Council hosted another successful Free Tip Day on Sunday 8 April.

The community once again responded in huge numbers.

Landfill staff reported 222 vehicle loads going through the West Wyalong tip while approximately 60 vehicles dumped their sorted rubbish in Barmedman and approximately 25 vehicle loads in Ungarie.

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 Assistant

Cowal Partnering Program – Successful Application

Bland Shire Library's application seeking support from Evolution Mining's Cowal Partnering Program has been successful. The \$7,000 grant will provide funding for the library's annual Author Visit and Summer Reading Club initiatives.

School Holiday Program

The library's April school holiday program is fully booked. The program includes Lego Construction, a no-bake cooking session (making "goodies" which do not require an oven) and weird science (lava lamps, foaming eruptions, slime and fake snow).

Volunteer Work Placements

The library continues to support the West Wyalong High School's Volunteer/Work Placement Program by providing a regular work placement for a Year 12 student with special needs and also by hosting a number of volunteer students from Years 10 and 11 to assist with storytime. Please note that all students receive an induction from Council.



Supporting Our Seniors

The library regularly hosts a group of seniors in partnership with Council's Home and Aged Care Services. The group, which attends the library on Thursday mornings, is provided with a cuppa and some light reading while enjoying the jovial antics of story-time and interacting with the children.



- The library continues to provide a home delivery service to the elderly, frail and disabled every second Monday.
- The CWA – Kikoira Branch, which consist of only a handful of long standing members, has expressed interest in holding their monthly meetings at the library.

Library and Information Week 21-27 May

Library and Information Week aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals in Australia. It gives libraries and information services the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, events, contacts and services through different programs and events to the community.

- As part of Library and Information Week, Bland Shire Library will showcase all its programs with a display.
- For a bit of fun, a competition based around this year's theme 'Find Yourself in a Library' will be held for patrons both young and old to participate in.
- **Wednesday 23 May – National Simultaneous Storytime** — at 11am participants across Australia and New Zealand will sit down and read *Hickory Dickory Dash* by Tony Wilson and illustrated by Laura Wood.
- **Thursday 24 May** – a Biggest Morning Tea in support of Cancer Council will be held in the library from 10.30am.
- **Thursday 24 May** – a Littlest Morning Tea in support of Cancer Council will be held in conjunction with Story-time at 10am.

Meetings

- RRL Branch Library Meeting held on Tuesday 10 April 2018 at Wagga.
- NSW Public Libraries Association South West Zone meeting held Thursday 19 April 2018 at Coolamon.

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

All staff and Family Day care educators attended mandatory child protection refresher training, conducted by the Family Day Care Coordinator.

Seniors Festivities Celebrations were held this month with the staff and children participating in a Sing-a-long morning tea. The morning was a great success and the children did a great job of entertaining all those in attendance.



Mobile Resource Unit Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

Ungarie Preschool is now running with all 16 current enrolments in attendance. The children have enjoyed participating in Easter crafts this month as well as making their own treasure hunts. They have also been exploring colours and counting. The children and staff attended the Zoomobile at Ungarie Central School and enjoyed a magic show, The Big Bag.



Bland/Temora Family Day Care

It has been a busy month for the Family Day Care educators and children with excursions to see Healthy Harold at the Wyalong Public School; the preschool to see the Finding Frank puppet show; Zoomobile visit and participate in the Seniors Festivities – Seniors sing-a-long.

Playgroups were also held this month with Easter being a popular topic for the children. The service is currently trialling digital documentation (Kindyhub) to enable better communication with families.

The Coordination Unit staff have assisted all Family Day Care educators to obtain their PRODA (Provider Digital Access) accounts, which will be required for the changeover to the new Child Care Subsidy system being introduced in July. Coordination Unit staff planned and delivered Child Protection refresher training for all FDC educators and Children's services staff. Staff have also prepared a submission regarding the changes to the capping of educators in services which is being introduced by the Department of Education for all Family Day Care services. The submission includes a request to increase the educator cap for Bland/Temora FDC from 15 to 30.

ITAV

As part of the ITAV wellbeing program Sharon, one of our regular participants, demonstrated massage techniques and brought along the equipment and ingredients for everyone to enjoy a foot spa. The families enjoyed participating in a 'Make n Take' doTerra workshop. Helen Rees a local consultant from the Body Health Bowen presented the women with oils and a selection of recipes for different blends. During these presentations the children enjoyed the play session and making Easter craft together.



Bland Preschool

Bland Preschool children attended a lot of activities and shows this month including:

- Healthy Harold
- Finding Frank Puppet show
- Zoomobile
- Seniors Festivities – Children's Sing-a-long Morning Tea
- Library visits



9.19 Development Services Activity Report – March 2018



Our Leadership - 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 & Regulatory Services

Planning and Building Activities Update

Development Applications

The Council has received the following Development Applications during March 2018:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2018/0070	9 Ethel Street, Ungarie	New dwelling
DA2018/0071	143-147 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for "A" Frame Advertising sign
DA2018/0072	55-57 Neeld Street, Wyalong	Two new Storage sheds
DA2018/0074	298 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	New service station
DA2018/0075	44 Maitland Street, West Wyalong	Removal of two trees & lopping of one tree
DA2018/0076	53 Bellarwi Road, West Wyalong	New dwelling & inground swimming pool

The following DA applications were approved during March 2018:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2018/0058	3-7 Robertson Street, Barmedman	New dwelling	12/3/2018
DA2018/0064	64 Cassin Street, Wyalong	Patio	20/3/2018
DA2018/0065	55 Operator Street, West Wyalong	Pergola	14/3/2018
DA2018/0066	62 Court Street, West Wyalong	Double garage, carport & outdoor entertainment area	16/3/2018
DA2017/0076	53 Bellarwi Road, West Wyalong	New dwelling & inground swimming pool	28/3/2018

Heritage Conservation Activities

Council's Heritage Advisor visited Bland Shire in March. During this visit the Heritage Advisor held meetings regarding the Masonic Hall, Ungarie Museum and Wyalong House.

Public Health Activities Update

Food Premises

Council staff undertook **two (2)** food premises inspections during March 2018. There were no significant food safety issues identified during these inspections.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There was **one (1)** dog attack reported during March 2018 that injured one sheep and resulted in a Penalty Infringement Notice being issued.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities February 2018

Seizure Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Seized	2	0
Returned to Owner	1	0

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	2	0
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	1	0
Dumped at Pound	4	11
Surrendered	5	2
Total Animals in Pound	12	13

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	0
Euthanased	0	2
Rehoused	6	5
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	1
Total Animals Leaving Pound	7	8
Animals in Pound at end of Month	5	5

9.20 Asset & Engineering Services Report



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

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

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

Author: Director Asset & Engineering Services

1. Contractors

- Headwalls have been completed on the following roads and general tidy will commence next four weeks.
 - Aria Park Road
 - Beckom Road
 - Whilesmiths Lane
- While a heavy/wet grade has been carried out by Cleary Earthworks on the following:-
 - Calleen Road.
- Work has commenced Hatelys Lane.

2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 26/3/18

Subject to change, road crews will be working in and around the following locations this week:-

- Graders
 - Nobbys Road – Wet Grading
 - Chanters Lane – Wet Grading
 - Wilga Plains area – Wet Grading/Flood Damage
 - Sandy Creek Road area – Dry Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - Kolkilbertoo Road Shoulder Widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Gravel Patching – shire roads

3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing Tuesday 2/4/18

Due to the Easter break and subsequent staff shortages there are crews working in the following locations this week:-

- Graders
 - Nobbys Road – Wet Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - Stockpiling gravel on MR57N for Shoulder Widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Gravel Patching – Shire Roads
- Jetpatcher
 - Shire Roads

4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 9/4/18

Subject to change, road crews will be working in and around the following locations this week:-

- Graders
 - Quandialla Road – Heavy Patching/Rehab
 - Nobbys Road – Wet Grading
 - Chanters Lane – Wet Grading
 - Kildary Road – Wet Grading
 - Wilga Plains area – Wet Grading
 - Dundas Road – Shoulders
 - Bairds Lane – Dry Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - MR57 North
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Gravel Patching – Koops Lane/shire roads

5. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- Property Inspections – 24 private properties, Rail corridor, Ungarie to Weja, 2 creeks in Clear ridge area.
- Sucker Spraying – Buggajool Road, Kildary Road, Storms Lane, Leachs Lane, Alleena Road, Aria Park Road.
- Training – Fall Trees Refresher, Cross Cut And Trim Refresher.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - Silver Leaf Nightshade – 57 N, 231, Ungarie, Kikoira, Calleen - Meaghers Lane, Aria Park Road, Hollands Lane, Stidwells Lane, Abernethys Lane.
 - Spiny Burr Grass – Wargin Road, Quandialla Road, Mid Western, Kolkilbertoo Road, Dundas Road, Beckom Road Buralyang Road, Sandy creek Road, Bygoo Road, Newell Highway, 231, 371, 57 north, Pattons Lane, Clear Ridge Road, Mcdermotts Lane, Gunns Road, Buralyang Road.
 - Bathurst Burr – Back Creek Lane, Kellys Lane, Blow Clear Road Uncle Bills, Lake Cowal Road, Bonehams Lane, Wests Lane, Corringale Lane, Bartons Lane, West Lane, Dundas Road.
 - Devils Claw - Quambatook Lane, East Bland Lane, Berendebba Road, Williams Crossing Road, Mandamah Road, Quandialla Road, Grahams Lane.
 - Nagoora Burr – East Bland Lane, Williams Crossing Road.
 - Coolatai grass – Newell Highway.
 - Bathurst Burr – Morangorell Road, East Bland Road, Grahams Lane, Williams Crossing, Weja Road, 231, Mary Gilmore, Troths Lane, Gunn Road, South Yalgogrin Road, Aria Park Road, Tallimba Road, Deacons Lane, Russells Lane, Fullers Lane, Quambatook Road, Troys Lane, Kiers Lane, Berendebba Lane, Harris Lane, Warbilla Lane, Cottingley Lane, Cattles Lane, Rootes Lane Hatleys Lane, Mulga Lane, Hilliers Lane, Alleena Road, Nobbys Lane, Blundens Lane, Wargin Road.
 - Galvanised Burr – Sutcliffes Lane, Coopers Lane, Clays Lane.
 - Johnson Grass – Newell Highway.
 - General weed control – West Wyalong cat heads and khaki weed; Ant Control – Barmedman; Town Slashing – Ungarie