



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
16 October 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.

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

Common Acronyms Used in Bland Shire Council Reports and Documents

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

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

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

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

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

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



Council Meeting Agenda

16 October 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 Corporate, Community, Development & Regulatory Services – Adele Casey

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 18 September 2018

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 September 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

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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10.0 **URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**

11.0 **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

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

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

12.1 **Wet Grading Tender and Associated Works**

Local Government Act 1993 (section 10A (2) (c)

The matters and information are information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

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

14.0 **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole (Whole Council)	4 th December 2018	
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc (Mayor Lord, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)	19 th June 2018	
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee (Cr Keatley)	21 st March 2018	
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee (Cr Baker)	21 st March 2018	
Community Reference Group (Whole Council)	11 th September 2018 13 th November 2018	✓
Country Mayors Association of NSW (Mayor Lord)	2 nd November 2018	
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) (Mayor Lord)	29 th August 2018 5 th December 2018	✓
Goldenfields Water County Council Board (Cr McGlynn)	25 th October 2018	
Internal Audit Committee		
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee (Cr Crowe)		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board (Cr Monaghan)		

Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	14 th August 2018	
NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC) <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	10 th May 2018 9 th & 10 th August 2018 8 th & 9 th November 2018	
NSW Public Libraries Association <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	11 th October 2018	
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Lord)</i>	7 th June 2018 2 nd August 2018 19 th October 2018 6 th December 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 11
SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

Present:

Amanda Stitt, Jill Funnell, Marina Uys, Danielle Wallace, Barry Cooper, Julie Sharpe, Councillor Tony Lord (Mayor), Cr Kerry Keatley, Cr Bruce Baker, Cr Murray Thomas, Cr Liz McGlynn, Cr Brian Monaghan, Cr Penny English, Cr Rodney Crowe, Will Marsh (Acting General Manager), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer), Rebecca McDonell (Community Development Officer).

WELCOME

Mayor Tony Lord welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6.34pm.

APOLOGIES

Cr Jan Wyse (Deputy Mayor), Ray Smith (General Manager), Sarah Gillett.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. West Wyalong Movies

Mayor Tony Lord told the meeting that following Ross Harmer's presentation at the previous Community Reference Group meeting, a Strengthening Communities grant application was submitted and approved by Council for \$4000 to assist West Wyalong Movies with the cost of producing a documentary centred on the history of West Wyalong's Main Street for release in 2019 as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations.

2. Tip fees and charges

Will Marsh advised that new tip fees and charges were implemented on 1 July as part of Council's 2018-2019 Revenue Policy, including some increased charges at the West Wyalong tip.

He advised that the increased charges that apply to car and trailer loads are a one off rise to counter the increased cost of operating the new street sweeper. Mayor Lord explained that Council is required to operate its waste management services at cost neutral and is not permitted to cross subsidise with rates or other income.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Green Waste Collection

Barry Cooper asked Council to consider a once a year green waste collection, possibly during spring, to assist residents to dispose of various large and small items of green waste.

Mayor Lord told the meeting that if there is sufficient support for the proposal, Council will need to obtain detailed costs to provide such a service as well as establish if and how the community is willing to pay for it.

Acting General Manager Will Marsh will investigate the matter further.

4. Microphones in Council Chambers

Barry Cooper suggested Council consider purchasing microphones/headsets for Councillors and guest speakers/presenters at Council meetings.

Mr Cooper said he sometimes finds it hard to hear Councillors and presenters during monthly meetings.

Jill Funnell said she also finds it hard to understand some Councillors and presenters on occasions when attending monthly meetings.

If there is sufficient support, Mayor Lord said Council would need to obtain costs for the provision of a suitable microphone system. While there are no funds allocated in the current budget, Mayor Lord said Councillors could consider the purchase and installation of microphones as part of its 2019-2020 budget deliberations.

5. Music Festival

A local resident put forward a suggestion for a music festival/event in West Wyalong.

It was agreed that Council further consider ideas for future events and/or festivals after the 125th anniversary celebrations of Wyalong and West Wyalong in March 2019.

In the meantime, the Mayor advised that Council has lodged a commitment free expression of interest with Co-Opera in hosting Opera in the Park in 2019 and Council is also pleased to have secured the Interactive Theatre Company's production of Fawly Towers for September 2019.

6. Change and Feeding Room

A written suggestion was put forward by a local resident for discussion regarding a proposal for a change and feeding room separate from public toilets.

Mayor Lord said that change table facilities are currently available at Barnado Park, the Main Street toilets and VIC/library toilets in Shire Street. Will Marsh added that a second change table was being installed in the unisex toilet in Main Street.

Mayor Lord invited community feedback about a suggested location for a feeding/change table room, preferably without removing any of the existing public toilets in and around the CBD, and told the meeting that if an appropriate and viable location is identified, Council can then investigate further and obtain costings for consideration in its 2019-2020 budget.

7. 125th Anniversary of Wyalong and West Wyalong

Community Development Officer, Rebecca McDonell, and Community Relations Officer, Craig Sutton delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the activities planned for the 125th anniversary celebrations of Wyalong and West Wyalong.

The presentation was positively received.

Mayor Tony Lord advised that Council has been shortlisted for an \$18,000 Federal Government grant for a walkway project to commemorate pioneering families and local historical figures as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations of Wyalong and West Wyalong in 2019. The gallery and wider community was invited to provide suggestions.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Liz McGlynn suggested Council consider a Wall to Wall art festival. It was agreed to further consider ideas for major festivals and events after the 125th anniversary celebrations of Wyalong and West Wyalong in 2019.

Jill Funnell enquired about the progress of a Council resolution to install hand rails and steps at the spectator seating areas at West Wyalong Stadium.

Councillor Murray Thomas queried the status of garzinnias as either a weed or a plant. If suitable, Councillor Thomas said garzinnias are drought resistant and

may be worth investigating further as an option to tidy and brighten local streetscapes.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Reference Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at the Bland Shire Council Chambers at 6.30pm.

CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.17 pm.

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

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018
Time: 9.00 am – Forbes Shire Council Chambers, 2 Court Street, Forbes
Minutes taken by: Anne Bolton

Attendees:

Independent Chairperson: Lisa Andrews (LA)
Evolution: Danielle Wallace (DW) & Anne Bolton (AB)
Community Members: John Ridley (JR) & Angus Stitt (AS)
Lake Cowal Landowners: Bruce Dent (BD)
Independent Scientist: Max Finlayson (MF)
Bland Shire Council: Cr Tony Lord (TL)
Forbes Shire Council: Mayor - Cr Graeme Miller (GM) & Chris Roylance (CR)
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation: Laurie Hutchison (LH) *(entered at 10am)*

Apologies: Lucy Buttenshaw (LB), Ally Coe (AC), Jamie Coad, & Kate Dean (KD)

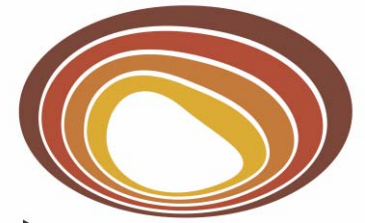
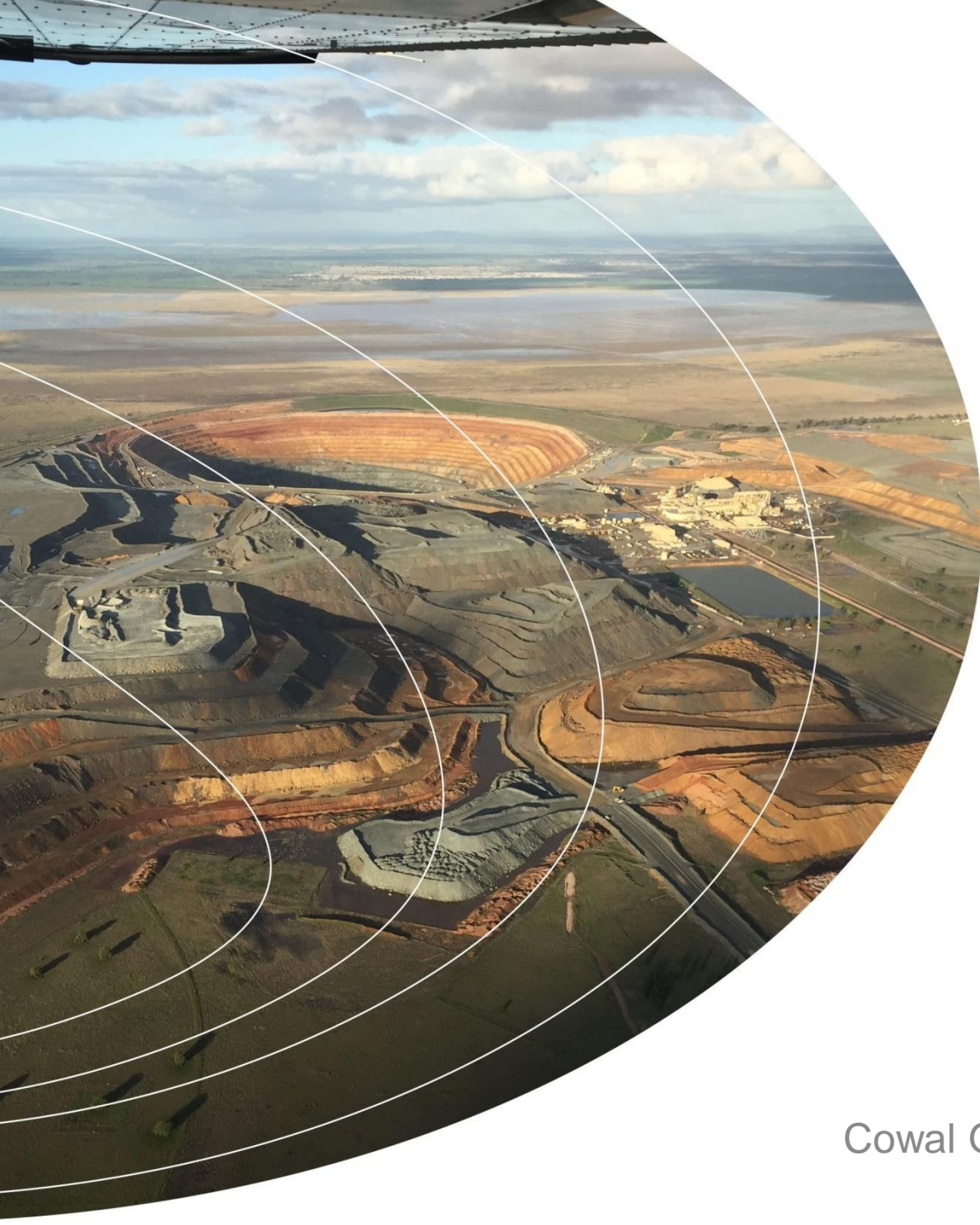
ITEM	ACTION												
<p>1. Welcome</p> <p>Independent Chairperson, LA, opened the meeting at 9:01am and welcomed all attendees. LA thank the Mayor, Cr Miller for arranging use of the Forbes Shire Council Chambers.</p>													
<p>2. Declaration of Interest</p> <p>LA advised there were no changes to previous declarations by CEMCC members, nor to hers; Independent Chairperson of the CEMCC, appointed by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and she receives payment via a Trust established by the Bland Shire Council for her work as Chair of the CEMCC.</p>													
<p>3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>Moved by CR, seconded by TL.</p>													
<p>4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">ITEM</th> <th style="text-align: left;">ISSUE</th> <th style="text-align: left;">RESPONSIBILITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Name tags to be ordered for CR, AC, LH, GM. LH name spelt incorrectly, needs to be reordered.</td> <td>AB</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>CEMCC to be informed of any notifiable incidents. Ongoing.</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Native fauna deaths to be notified at quarterly meetings, unless they relate</td> <td>Ongoing</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY	1	Name tags to be ordered for CR, AC, LH, GM. LH name spelt incorrectly, needs to be reordered.	AB	2	CEMCC to be informed of any notifiable incidents. Ongoing.	Ongoing	3	Native fauna deaths to be notified at quarterly meetings, unless they relate	Ongoing	
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4	Link to Response to Submissions for MOD 14 to be provided. Complete, included in minutes emailed out.	LA	
<p>5. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8/6/18 – Email to members with the draft minutes for review/comment 16/6/18 – Email to members with the reviewed draft minutes together with the MOD 14 Response to Submissions & the Acronyms sheet Ongoing notifications from Evolution with the list of native fauna deaths, which will be included in this meeting’s presentation. 1/8/18 – Email from Danielle Wallace regarding a fauna death (pink eared duck) sent for autopsy. 18/8/18 – Email to members with the Meeting Notice & Agenda for today’s meeting. 18/8/18 – Email from Jamie Coad advising that he is leaving the Lake Cowl operations and heading to Evolutions Mt Rawdon (Bundaberg) mine. 23/8/18 – Email advice from Dannielle Wallace regarding a fauna death (Hoary-headed Grebe – duck) sent for autopsy. <p>Moved by LA, seconded by GM.</p>			<p>LA to send thank you message to Jamie Coad on behalf of the CEMCC.</p>
<p>6. Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DW provided a detailed account of Cowl Gold Operations (CGO’s) Environment Department’s activities over the past three months. DW provided a detailed account of the reportable NTSF incident in the last quarter. DW provided details on the DPE compliance investigation in relation to the THMS. GM raised his concerns with the transport investigation and asked if there was anything that the three Councils could do to assist CGO. DW advised that she would keep the CEMCC informed and would get in touch with the Councils specifically, if CGO required any additional assistance. AB provided details on the activities undertaken by the Social Responsibility Department in the last quarter. DW provided an update on the proposed Modification 14 (Processing Rate Increase Modification). DW provided details on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed Exploration Decline. 			<p>See attached presentation for further details</p> <p>GM recommended contacting the Chief Planner of the Department of Planning, Gary White to assist.</p>

<p>7. General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items of General Business were raised by the CEMCC members. 	
<p>8. Meeting Closed – 10:15am</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th December 2018 at ECCC, Main Street, West Wyalong - 9am. 	

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM	ISSUE	RESPONSIBILITY
1	Name tag to be re-ordered for LH – correct spelling 'Hutchison'	AB
2	Send a farewell message to Jamie Coad	LA



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**Community
Environmental
Monitoring &
Consultative
Committee**

Cowal Gold Operations - 29 August 2018

Environment and Sustainability Policy



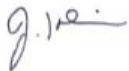
Evolution Mining Limited ("Evolution Mining" or the "Company") is committed to attaining an outstanding level of environmental performance in all of our workplaces.

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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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
- Extension granted on 23 August 2018, until 29 February 2019

Environmental Protection Licence 11912 – granted Dec 2003

- EPL variation approved April 2018

Water Access Licences (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

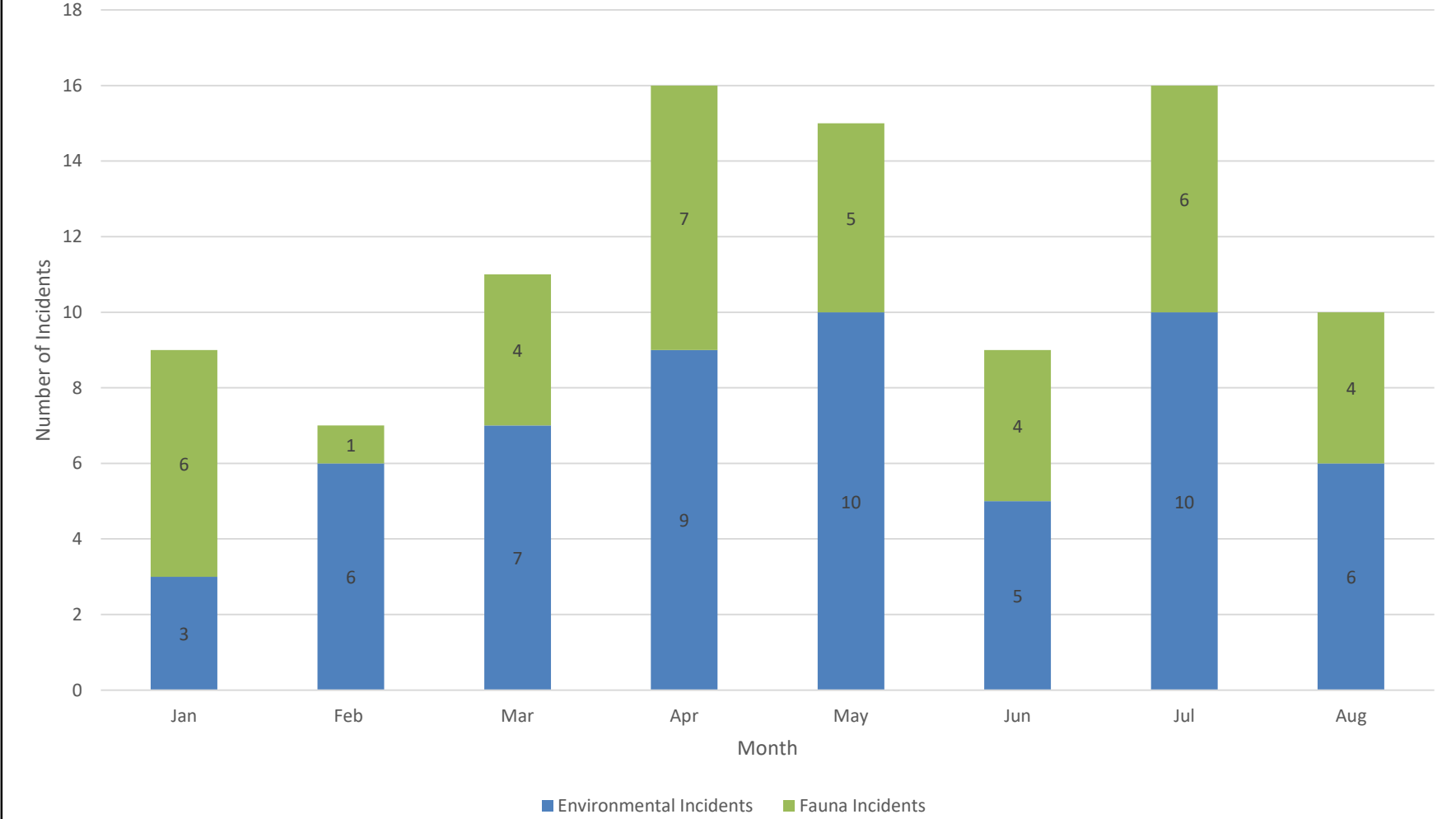
✓ Evolution Group HSE Audit	January	2018
✓ International Cyanide Code Audit	February	2018
✓ Independent Environmental Audit	May	2018
✓ Bunding Integrity Audit	July	2018
✓ ISO14001 Recertification Audit	August	2018
✓ Evolution Group HSE Audit	August	2018
■ Independent Monitoring Panel Audit	September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



Environmental Incidents



Environmental Incidents by Month - 2018



Fauna Incidents

- **June 2018**

- Deceased welcome swallow near mining admin area
- Decapitated baby bird found behind sand mill in processing plant
- Welcome swallow flew into roller door and found deceased on floor
- Injured swallow brought to ESR department, died short time later
- Deceased swallow found under processing electrical substation

- **July 2018**

- Deceased welcome swallow found on road outside fixed plant workshop
- Deceased welcome swallow found in car park
- Emu hit by service truck
- Kangaroo hit by LV
- Kangaroo hit by LV
- Wallaby hit by LV

- **August 2018**

- Deceased Pink Ear Duck found in pit sump
- Two eastern brown snakes uncovered during excavation work, snakes were unharmed and relocated
- Kangaroo hit by LV
- Deceased Hoary-headed grebe located on site

Lake Cowal

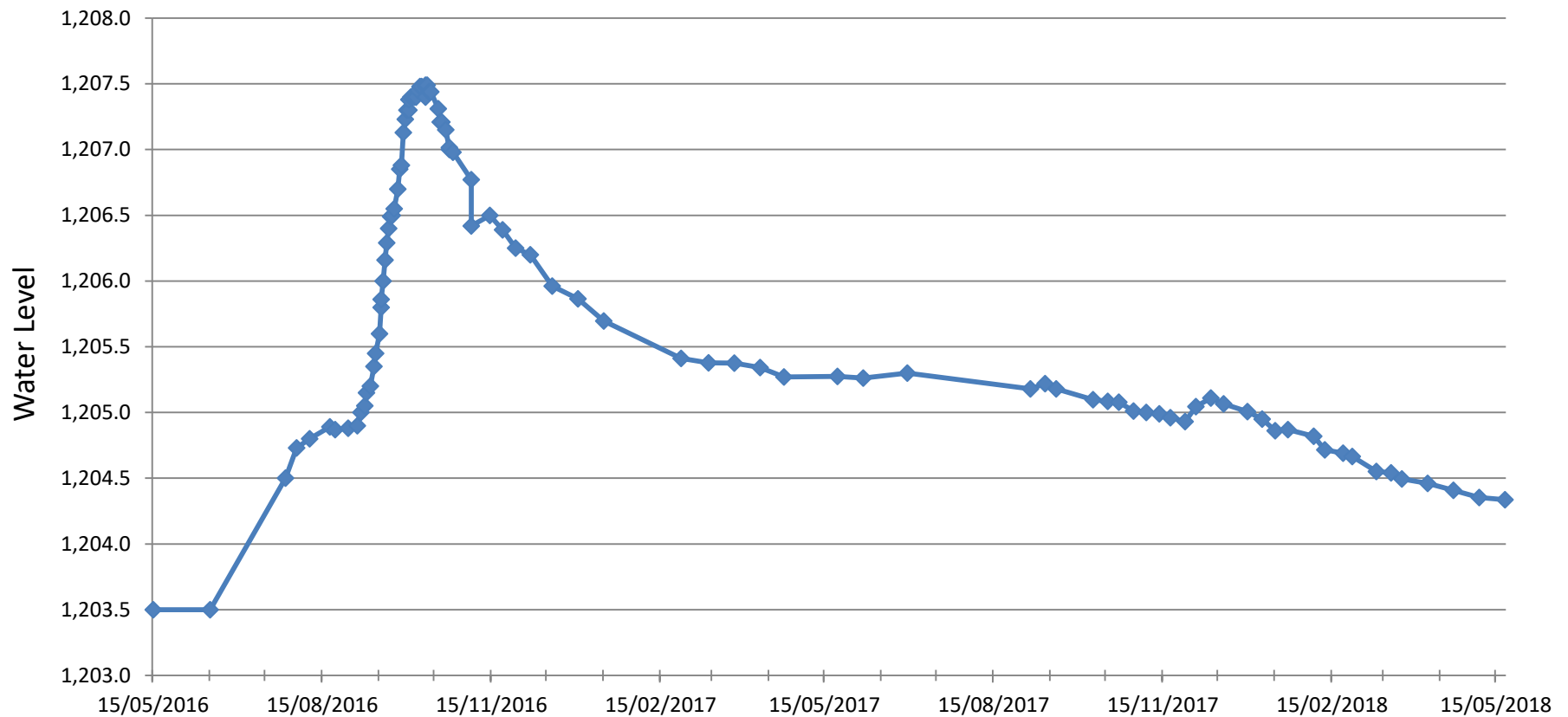
- Currently 204.31m RL (↓2.68m since peak in October 2016)



Lake Cowal – 2016-2018



Lake Level



Note 1203.5 the Lake is Dry

Date

Environmental Management

- **Approved environmental 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 re-submitted in June/July 2018 and awaiting approval:**
 - Water Management Plan
 - Addenda 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

CGO Organisational Updates

INCOMING:

- CGO has welcomed a new General Manager – Craig Fawcett
 - Commenced at CGO on 20 August 2018
 - Craig was previously with OceanaGold as the Mining Manager for the Didipio Mine, based in the Philippines
 - Craig was in General Manager roles prior to this with Merlin Diamonds and Reed Resources
 - A qualified Geologist and Mining Engineer, Craig has over 20 years multinational experience in the industry with extensive underground and open pit management



OUTGOING:

- Jamie Coad, Sustainability Manager has left CGO to take the position of General Manager at the Evolution-owned Mt Rawdon Operations in QLD



CGO Environmental Management

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

- Once blast related event exceeded the maximum compliance level of 95 dB(L) at BM01 on Sunday 15 July 2018. Level recorded at 95.9 dB(L)
- No other blast related events exceeded the maximum compliance level of 120 dB(L), or the 115 dB(L) level (normal weekdays and Saturdays)
- Compliance remains with the allowable exceedance of 5% of the total number of blasts over a 12 month period



Operational Noise

- Noise monitoring for Q3 conducted in August 2018
- 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
- Several properties triggered for noise mitigation works, in progress



Surface Water and Lake Water

- No environmental incidents or complaints were received relating to surface water or lake 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 sampling sites reflective of lower dam volumes (lack of rainfall)
- Lake water quality testing ceased, as below 204.5 m AHD level



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
- Fauna deaths on ML 1535 reported as required under Development Consent (DA 14/98)



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

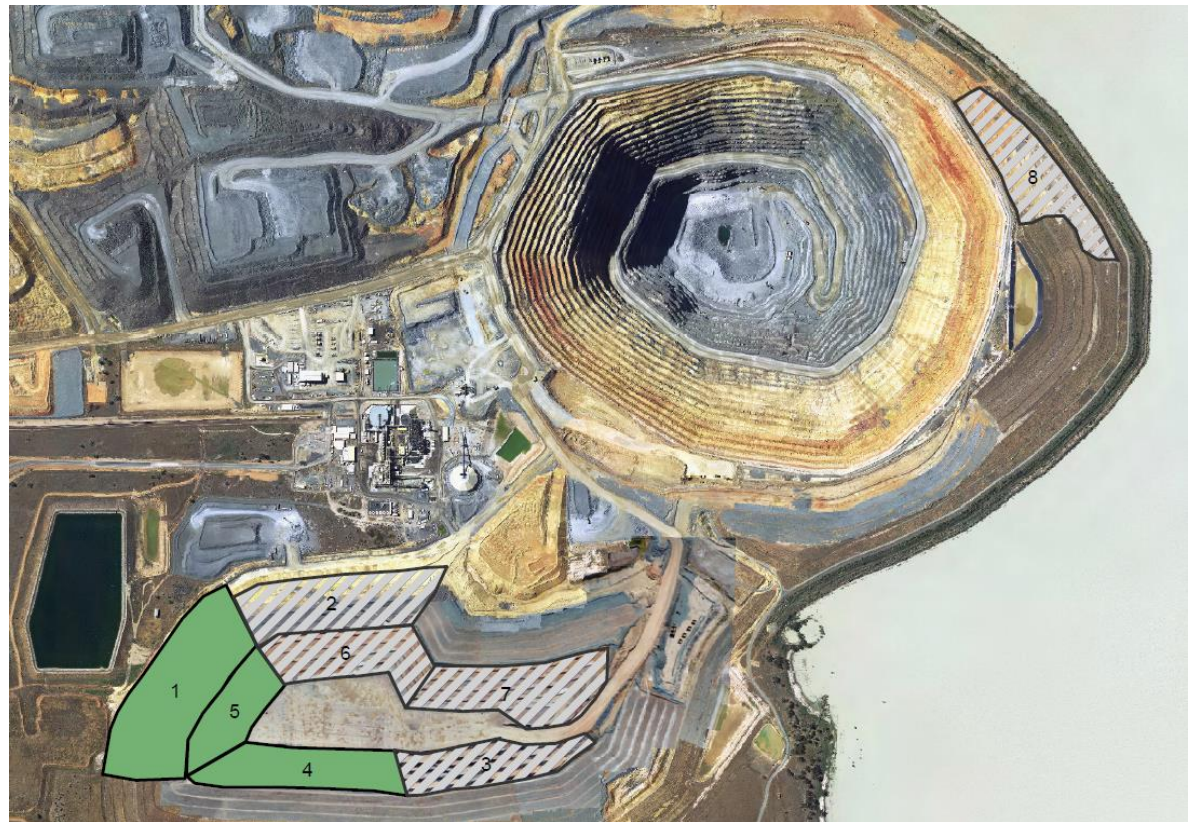


Rehabilitation

- Rehabilitation bulk earth movements completed in all required areas under the MOP (and/or as agreed by DRG) for end August 2018
- New MOP Amendment submitted and with DRG for approval
- Map on right indicates proposed rehab for completion by end August 2019 (subject to DRG approval)

Proposed areas for rehab 2018-2019 MOP

-  Shape Oxide Only
-  Shape, Apply Rock Mulch, Apply Topsoil



Reportable Incidents – NTSF Update

Reportable Incidents - NTSF

- On 21 April 2018, a minor seepage incident was observed on the eastern wall of the NTSF during route monitoring
- The seepage was predominately comprised of water with some tailings slurry material and clay also deposited
- The seepage was contained within the bund at the bottom of the current lift
- The processing plant was immediately shut down and pumping into the NTSF ceased
- Evolution notified EPA within 24 hours, and made notifications to DPE, DRG, DSC, DI-Water and other groups as required by the Development Consent (DA 14/98)
- Regulator inspections undertaken, and reporting provided
- **No material harm to people or the environment**
- Pumping into STSF was commenced following approval from the Engineer of Record

Reportable Incidents - NTSF



Reportable Incidents - NTSF



Tailings on Stage 4 NTSF berm, looking south



Droppers near the discharge point on eastern wall, Stage 5



Approximate location of tailings breach (red oval)

Reportable Incidents - NTSF

- On 14 May 2018, Evolution received a Section 240(1)(c) Notice under the NSW *Mining Act, 1992* from the NSW Resources Regulator (within DPE)
- The notice(s) required Evolution to prepare a response and investigation report by 31 July 2018
- On 26 July 2018, Evolution provided a response to the Resources Regulator, including an investigation report prepared by AECOM (Engineers of Record)
- The investigation concluded that the seepage was the result of erosion of the clay liner as a direct result of cutting the droppers around the stage 5 lift of the NTSF
- The spigots were cut back to maintain subaerial deposition (instead of below the surface) and allow the layers of tailings to dry in an effort to enhance stability
- **On 14 August 2018 the Resources Regulator finalised their investigation and confirmed that there had been no breach of the NSW *Mining Act, 1992***
- Notwithstanding, the remediation works on the NTSF are continuing

Reportable Incidents - NTSF



Clay liner with wet tailings exposed on eastern wall, Stage 5



Example of reinstatement of clay liner (above and below)



DPE Compliance Investigation - THMS

Compliance Investigation - THMS



- THMS – Transport of Hazardous Materials Study:
 - Approved in January 2006, under Condition 5.4(b)(i) of the Development Consent (DA 14/98)
 - Prepared as a pre-commissioning study that analysed routes, volumes, delivery frequencies, truck configurations etc for hazardous materials
 - Prepared in consultation with the EPS, RMS and various local councils
- Following initial approval of the THMS, five subsequent addenda were prepared and approved for further changes to the transport routes (2007 to 2017)
- In March and April 2018 Evolution undertook an internal audit against the requirements of the THMS and some inconsistencies were identified
 - Variations to the prescribed transport routes, supplier storage locations and volumes/number of deliveries
 - In many cases, the changes were the result of a change in supplier, or the closure of an existing route or facility
- These inconsistencies were notified to DPE on several occasions in May and June 2018
- On 8 June 2018, DPE-Compliance requested further information in relation to the possible non-compliances
- Evolution provided formal response on 2 July 2018

Compliance Investigation - THMS



Chemical/Substance	Approval Aspect	Issues Identified	Timing
Caustic Soda	Transport Route	<p><u>Route Used by CGO:</u> Botany, Sydney – Hume Highway – Temora – West Wyalong – CGO.</p> <p><u>Prescribed Route in THMS:</u> Matraville, Sydney – Hume Highway – West Wyalong – CGO.</p>	Since 2005 deliveries of caustic soda have come from Botany, Sydney. This continued until May 2018, when the supplier reverted to the prescribed route in the THMS at Evolution's direction.
	Delivery Method/Frequency	<p><u>CGO Deliveries:</u> 3 deliveries per fortnight (at a maximum).</p> <p><u>Prescribed Deliveries in THMS:</u> 1 delivery per fortnight.</p>	<p>Records indicate that deliveries were increased in early 2009 beyond the level prescribed in the THMS.</p> <p>Deliveries from the supplier were reduced to within prescribed limits in May 2018 at Evolution's direction.</p>
Hydrochloric Acid	Transport Route	<p><u>Route Used by CGO:</u> Botany, Sydney – Hume Highway – Temora – West Wyalong – CGO.</p> <p><u>Prescribed Route in THMS:</u> Tocumwal (NSW/VIC border) – West Wyalong – CGO.</p>	Since 2005 deliveries of hydrochloric acid have come from Botany, Sydney. This continued until late May 2018, when the supplier reverted, at Evolution's direction, to the prescribed route in the THMS.
	Delivery Method/Frequency	<p><u>CGO Deliveries:</u> 1 delivery per week (at a maximum).</p> <p><u>Prescribed Deliveries in THMS:</u> 1 delivery per fortnight.</p>	<p>Records indicate that deliveries were increased in early 2009 beyond the level prescribed in the THMS.</p> <p>Deliveries from the supplier were reduced to within prescribed limits in May 2018 at Evolution's direction.</p>
Sulphuric Acid	Transport Route	<p><u>Route Used by CGO:</u> Port Kembla – Hume Highway – Temora – West Wyalong – CGO.</p> <p><u>Prescribed Route in THMS:</u> Tocumwal (NSW/VIC border) – West Wyalong – CGO.</p>	<p><u>ixom</u> has confirmed that from 2005 to 2008 deliveries came from both Port Kembla and Victoria. From mid-2008, deliveries have only come from Port Kembla.</p> <p>This continued until early 2018, when the supplier last delivered to CGO. Future deliveries will revert to the prescribed route in the THMS.</p>
Ammonium Nitrate Emulsion	Delivery Method/Frequency	<p><u>CGO Deliveries:</u> Deliveries varied up to a maximum of 8 per month.</p> <p><u>Prescribed Deliveries in THMS:</u> 4 deliveries per month.</p>	Increased deliveries occurred from at least April 2017, however, deliveries from the supplier were reduced to within prescribed limits in March 2018 at Evolution's direction.

Compliance Investigation - THMS



Chemical/Substance	Approval Aspect	Issues Identified	Timing
Sodium Cyanide	Delivery Method/Frequency	<p><u>CGO Deliveries</u>: Bringing 2 B-Doubles and 1 single semi-trailer to site per week, for a short period in 2018.</p> <p><u>Prescribed Deliveries in THMS</u>: 8 single semi-trailers per week.</p>	Use of B-doubles started in April 2018. Prior to this, single semi-trailers were being used. This ceased in May 2018 and the previous delivery method/volumes were reinstated in accordance with the prescribed THMS requirements at Evolution's direction.
	Storage Location	The approved storage location in Dubbo no longer exists, currently being stored ~200m further down the same road at the Rocky's Own Transport facility.	Change occurred in April 2018, when transport provider switched from Orica to Rocky's Own Transport.

- Extensive consultation was undertaken with DPE-Compliance and relevant suppliers
- On 17 August 2018, Evolution received a Penalty Notice from DPE-Compliance
 - Notice included a fine and a request for further information
 - The compliance investigation determined there had been a breach of the Development Consent (DA 14/98)
 - DPE-Compliance acknowledged that Evolution had immediately notified the Department upon becoming aware of the occurrence, and had fully cooperated with the investigation
- Evolution paid the Penalty Notice on 17 August 2018, and provided the requested follow up information on 20 August 2018

Compliance Investigation - THMS



So what are the next steps?

- Evolution has corresponded with each supplier of the relevant hazardous materials in relation to the THMS requirements, and provided copies of relevant documentation and mapping
- The suppliers of the relevant hazardous materials have confirmed with Evolution that the requirements of the THMS are being satisfied in relation to the required routes, volumes, truck configurations and other prescribed delivery specifications
- Evolution is in the process of reviewing and/or updating the contracts with each supplier of the relevant hazardous materials to ensure that THMS requirements are captured in the contractual agreements
- Evolution has requested GPS tracking of recent deliveries of the relevant hazardous materials to confirm that the prescribed routes are being followed. This will occur on a regular basis

CGO Social Responsibility

Complaints Report

- June 2018 – nil
- July 2018 – nil
- August 2018 – nil (to date)



Sponsorships and Donations

- Cowal Partnering Program – Round 1 2018
 - Throughout July – August CGO have been assisting recipients of CPP Round 1 2018 applications
 - Through the program CGO donated over \$75,000 to 18 local community groups and organisations within the Bland, Lachlan and Forbes shires



2018 Round 1 CPP – Weethalle Showground's Amenity Block Refurbishment

Sponsorships and Donations

- Cowal Cares Program
 - During Q1 FY19 CGO donated \$5,500 to local sporting groups through the Cowal Cares Program
 - The program allows any CGO employee, or their spouse/partner, who volunteers a minimum of 25 hours of personal time over a 12-month period to a registered community group or sporting club to earn the club a donation of \$250



West Wyalong Junior Basketball Association Cowal Cares 2018

Sponsorships and Donations

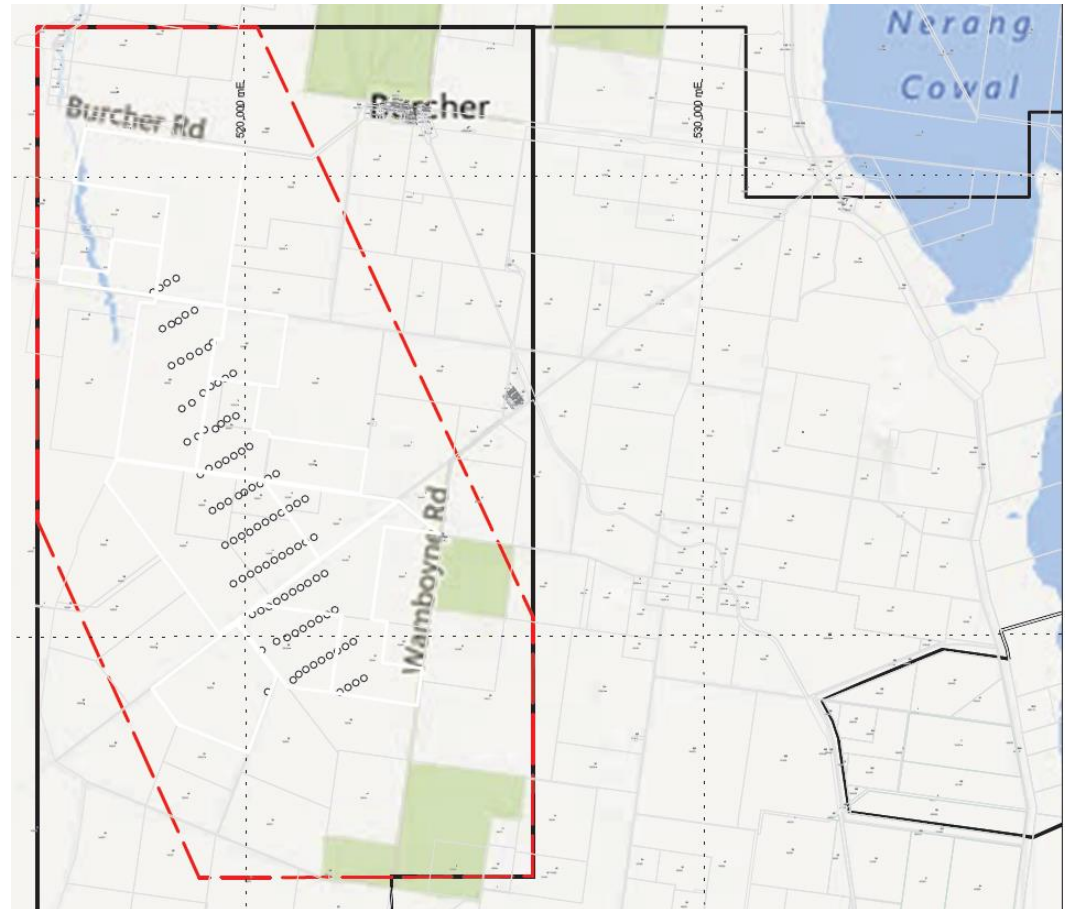
- Endeavour Scholarship Program
 - Each year CGO donates \$15,000 each to the Forbes, West Wyalong and Condobolin High School and to Red Bend Catholic College for students commencing tertiary studies
 - SR recently attended school assemblies at Forbes High School to present the 2018 Endeavour Scholarships



**Forbes High School
2018 Endeavour Scholarship Recipients**

Community Consultation – East Girral

- CGO has commenced landholder consultation in relation to the proposed FY19 East Girral exploration program
- The proposed exploration program includes helimag surveys and follow up exploration drilling
- Community consultation is currently ongoing



Proposed FY19 East Girral exploration program

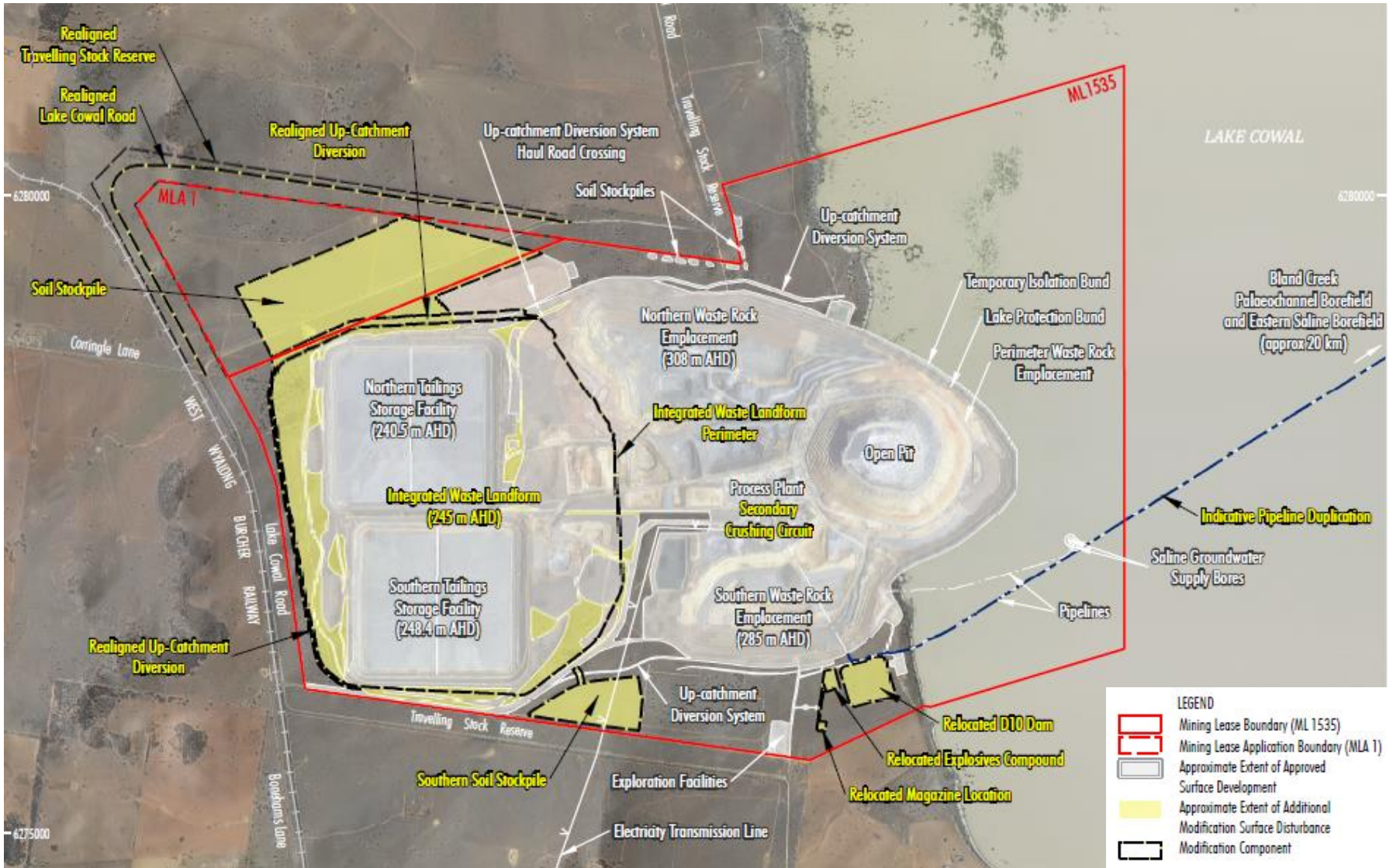
Modification 14

Processing Rate Increase Modification

MOD14 – Summary

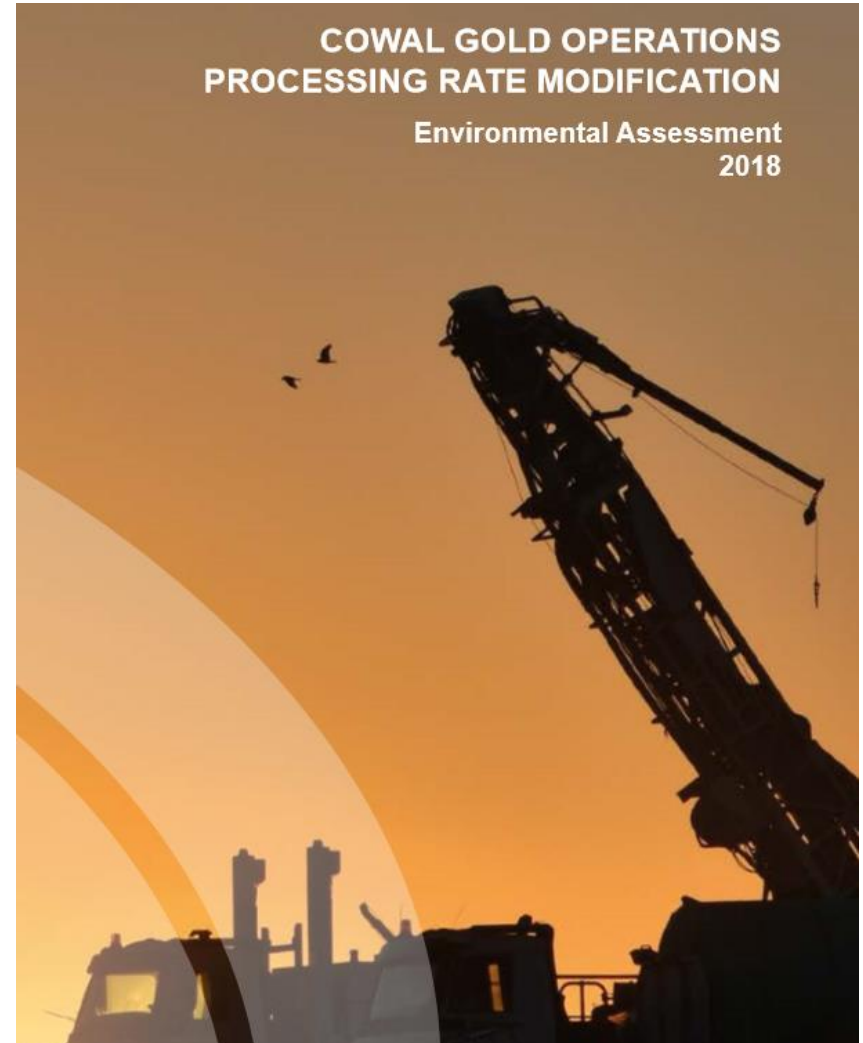
- Evolution has recently prepared the Processing Rate Increase Modification to support an increase to the throughput rate of the processing plant from 7.5 Mtpa to 9.8 Mtpa
 - The key aspects of the Modification are:
 - Increasing the processing rate from 7.5 Mtpa to 9.8 Mtpa;
 - Development of an Integrated Waste Landform (IWL) surrounding the existing Tailings Storage Facilities for tailings and waste rock placement;
 - Duplicating the existing water supply pipeline across Lake Cowal;
 - Relocation of water management, soil stockpiles and other ancillary infrastructure (displaced by the larger IWL footprint) in a new Mining Lease Application (MLA) area;
 - Realignment of Lake Cowal Road around the new MLA;
 - Increased annual extraction of water from external water sources (e.g. surface water from Lachlan River);
 - Increase in the average and peak workforce employed at the CGO; and
 - Provision of crushed gravel to local Shire Councils and RMS
 - This Modification was referred to the DoEE, and was subsequently determined to be a “Controlled Action”
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MOD14 – General Arrangement



MOD14 - Update

- The assessment process included a public exhibition phase to allow interested parties the opportunity to make comment on the Modification
- Public exhibition closed 15 May 2018
- Total of 29 submissions received
- Response to submission was submitted to the DPE on 7 June 2018
- **Draft consent conditions have been received from the DPE and comments were provided by Evolution on 23 August 2018**
- As this Modification is a “Controlled Action”, it will be assessed under the Bilateral Agreement by the NSW Government before being determined by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment



Review of Environmental Factors (REF) Exploration Decline

REF – Exploration Decline

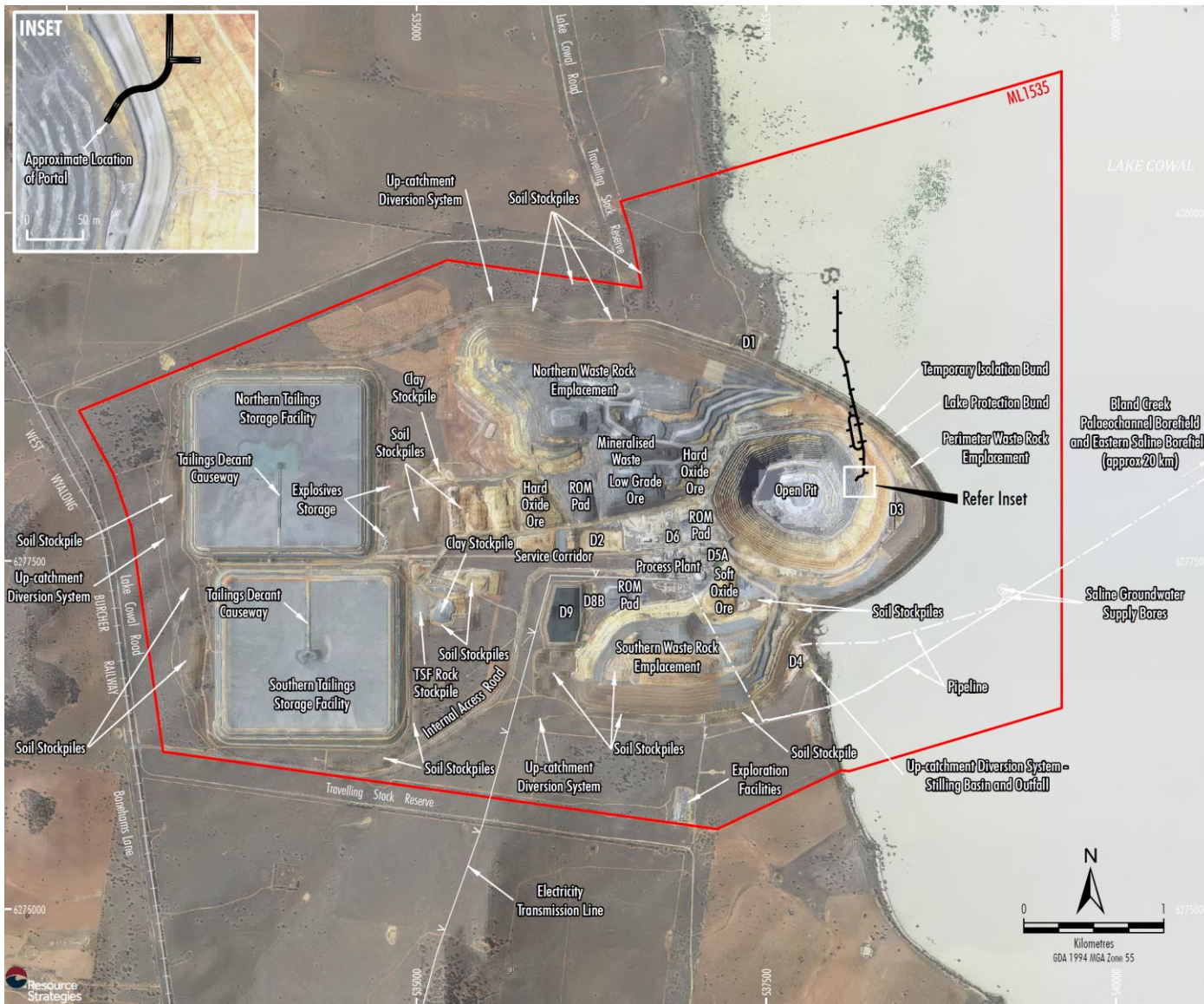


- Evolution is seeking approval to construct an exploration decline within ML 1535 from the existing CGO open pit to allow underground exploration drilling and bulk sampling of the Galway, Regal and E46 resources
 - The Activity would be located entirely within ML 1535
 - The Activity would involve construction of a portal on an existing bench located off the main ramp of the open pit
 - The exploration decline would extend from the portal to the north for approximately 1.4 km and would remain within the ML 1535 boundary
 - The portal would be located so that no mining haul road realignment would be required in front of the portal
 - Existing surface laydown areas at the CGO would be used, therefore, no additional surface disturbance areas would be required
 - **The information obtained from the Activity is essential to determine the technical, environmental and financial viability of any future open pit or underground mining associated with development of the CGO**
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REF – Exploration Decline



Evolution
MINING



- LTbt:NU
- Mining Lease Boundary (ML 1535)
- Proposed Exploration Decline

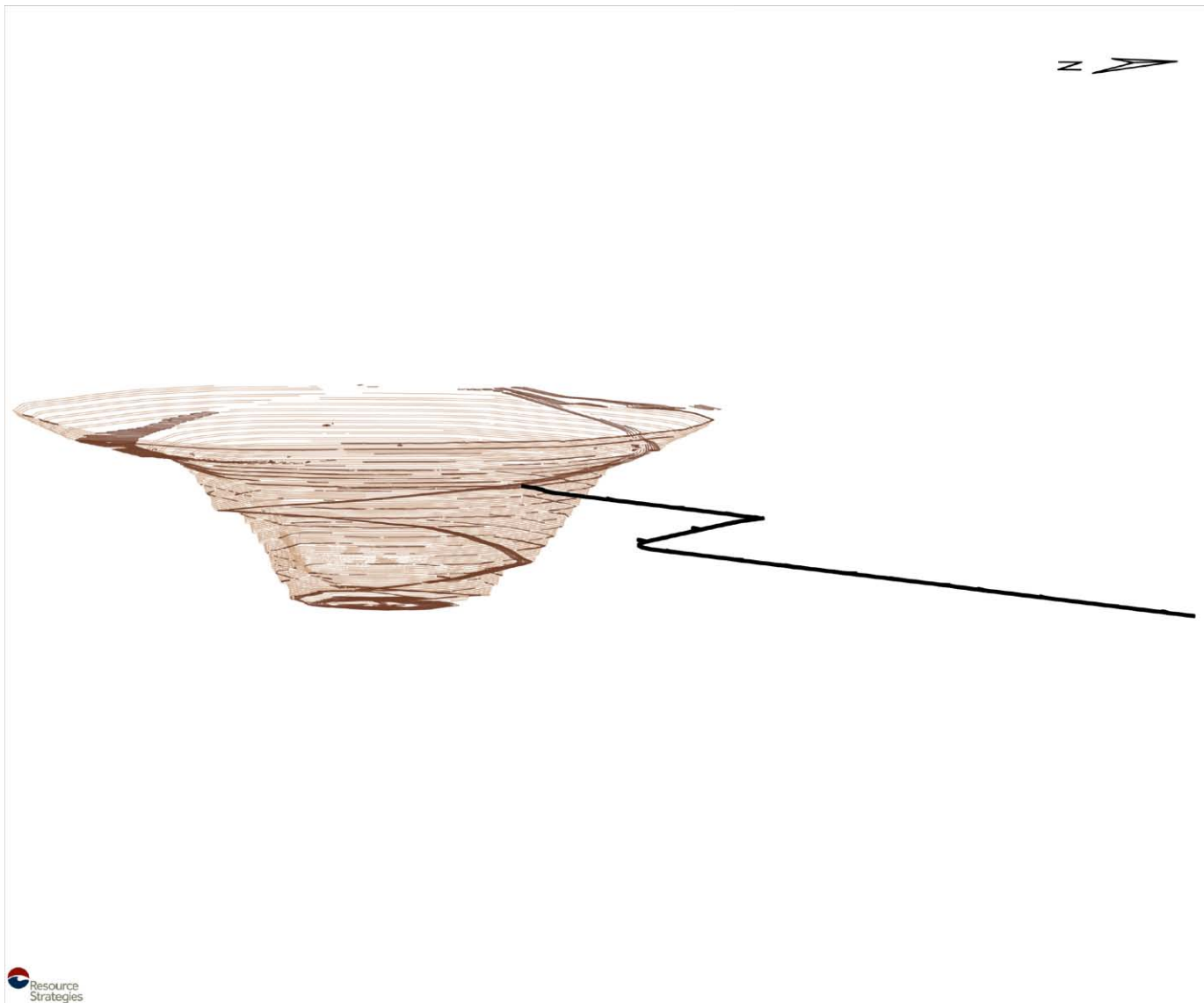
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CGO EXPLORATION DECLINE REF
Current Status of CGO and
Location of Proposed Exploration Decline

Figure 2

REF – Exploration Decline



LEGEND
Open Pit
Proposed Exploration Decline
Source: Evolution (2018)

REF – Exploration Decline

- No additional surface disturbance associated with the Activity
 - As Lake Cowal is hydraulically separated from the underlying groundwater systems (due to the very low permeability of the clay pan deposits that form the lake bed) no impacts on Lake Cowal or other surface water resources would result from the Activity
 - Limited to minor incursion of highly saline groundwater from the fractured rock groundwater system is expected due to the geology of the host rocks. As there are no users of this groundwater system nearby, no impact on other groundwater users would occur
 - Potential noise and blasting impacts associated with construction of the portal would be temporary in nature and are expected to be consistent with impacts associated with the approved operations at the CGO
 - Ongoing noise impacts associated with truck haulage of waste rock is likely to be negligible compared with existing approved CGO noise impacts
 - Potential impacts from underground blasting are expected to be imperceptible at privately-owned receivers
 - Land subsidence is not expected due to the geology of the host rocks and the small size/dimensions of the proposed exploration decline
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REF – Exploration Decline



What are the next steps?

- Evolution has undertaken consultation with the DRG regarding the exploration decline
 - A REF has been prepared in accordance with the *ESG2: Guideline for Preparing a Review of Environmental Factors* (DRG, 2015) and was lodged on 6 June 2018
 - An associated MOP Amendment was prepared and lodged with DRG in August 2018
 - Evolution is currently awaiting formal approval from DRG
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Feedback



Environmental management plans and monitoring data are publically available

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

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Mayoral Appointments to External Organisations



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

There are a number of external organisations to which the Mayor of the Day is council's approved delegate. In some cases representation by the Mayor is determined by the external organisation and in other cases it has been a resolution of this council to nominate the Mayor as its representative.

The following is a list of those delegations:

Representation Determined by the External Organisation

- Country Mayors Association of NSW
- REROC
- Riverina Joint Organisation

Representation Determined by Council

- Newell Highway Task Force
(Meets quarterly at locations along the Newell Highway from Moree to Jerilderie)
- Cowal CEMCC, delegate and alternative representative (Councillor or staff) required in accordance with Department of Planning requirements
(Meets quarterly in either West Wyalong, Forbes, Condobolin or at the mine site)
- Australian Rural Roads Group
(Meets once a year in Canberra)
- Local Traffic Committee
(Meets in West Wyalong as and when required)
(The local state member also has a representative on this committee which is currently Cllr. Liz McGlynn. However, council also needs to nominate its own representative).

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for council associated with this report.

Summary

Council needs to confirm its representative on the following organisations:

- Newell Highway Task Force
- Cowal CEMCC
- Australian Rural Roads Group
- Local Traffic Committee

Recommendation:

That council confirms its delegate to:

- a) Newell Highway Taskforce**
- b) Cowal Community Environmental Monitoring and Consultative Committee (CEMCC)**
– delegate and alternate representative required
- c) Australian Rural Roads Group**
- d) Local Traffic Committee**

9.2 Part Day Public Holiday Application – West Wyalong Show 2019-2020



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

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

Author: Community Relations Officer

Introduction

The West Wyalong Show Society has asked Council to apply to the NSW Industrial Relations Office for a part day public holiday between the hours of 12 noon and 6pm on Wednesday 4 September 2019 and Wednesday 2 September 2020 for the purposes of the West Wyalong Show.

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

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

Financial Implications

Nil to this report

Summary

For the sixth time in seven years, Council was required to undertake a widespread community consultation process in order to support any application for a local public holiday or local event day in the West Wyalong/Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts

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

A total of 38 responses were received of which 35 (92 per cent) believe a holiday is necessary for the survival of the Show while 68 per cent of respondents favoured a part day public holiday (noon to 6pm) as requested by the Show Society and 21 per cent favour a half day public holiday (noon-midnight).

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

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

Comments received from community as part of the survey process for the consideration of Councillors were –

“The West Wyalong Show is a such standing tradition of this great little community and should be supported by all residents, business and council. It would be detrimental, in my opinion for it to not go ahead. Love the show.”

“Many local organisations raise valuable funds through show catering etc so it does have a positive economic impact in this way..Can’t see the show surviving if volunteers don’t have the afternoon off work and the school children get there after 3:30pm.”

“The West Wyalong show is an important event for West Wyalong . We need events like this to maintain society cohesion in the town.”

“The show is a major event in every town. Without a holiday people would not be able to attend the show till after work, there is not enough lighting to be able to ensure the safety of the public. If the public stop going to the show the oldest event in West Wyalong’s history would not be able to run. Once it stops it will never get started again to the detriment of the town and district.”

“If the 2019 and 2020 Shows are not gazetted as public holidays no one will be able to attend the show as children would be at school and adults would be at work.”

“Why not consider moving the show to a weekend to limit disruption to the community. Paying penalty rates to employees that are not interested in attending the show does not fit well with anyone I have had contact with. If the show can’t survive without it being mid week with a half day holiday I think it is doomed to fail anyway.”

“I believe the West Wyalong Show is an important event on the local calendar showcasing local talent (pavilion) and products (Industrial pavilion etc). It is an important social event bringing the agricultural and residential communities together. A half day holiday allows individuals and families to attend the Show and experience the opportunities a rural Show provides.”

“I think to be fair for all business involved in west wyalong that a half day local event day be declared. This is because business like pubs, clubs and supermarkets still stay open for the day as a requirement for the town. It is unfair for these businesses to be slugged with public holiday rates for this period while they are still trying to provide valuable services for the town and by closing for the required time for the show disadvantages the town and its economy greatly.”

“This is an important event in the West Wyalong Community. It encourages locals and the communities to come together for a fun and entertaining day. It is important for adults and children to have something to look forward to each year...if this is not made a half day public holiday the attendance will certainly decrease and so the fun and social bonding with it.”

“Without a public holiday, show day cannot & will not continue.”

“I think if we can't have a 1/2 day holiday, then a half day local event day would be sufficient.”

In addition to the survey, individual letters outlining the application process and seeking feedback were also sent to local banks, schools and Business West Wyalong. No return correspondence had been received at the time of writing this report.

The local public holiday has traditionally been declared in the Wyalong/West Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts.

Recommendation:

That the Council make application for a local part day public holiday between the hours of 12noon and 6.00pm for the purpose of the West Wyalong Show on Wednesday 4 September 2019 and Wednesday 2 September 2020 covering the West Wyalong/Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts within the Bland Shire area.

9.3 Road Rail Interface Agreement between John Holland Rail Pty Ltd, Bland Shire Council and Roads and Maritime Services



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author – General Manager

Introduction

Council is in receipt of an Agreement relating to the conditions surrounding access to rail corridors for road works. This will mainly affect council when it is required to undertake works either within an operational or non operational rail corridor, or in close proximity to railway crossings.

It is not expected that this will occur on many occasions however all councils in NSW that have a rail corridor running through their area are being requested to enter into the same agreement.

It simply means that council will notify John Holland Rail when works are planned within the rail corridor.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with council entering into this agreement.

Recommendation:

That Council resolves to enter into a Road Rail Interface Agreement between John Holland Rail Pty Ltd, Bland Shire Council and Roads and Maritime Services and that the general manager is delegated authority to execute the necessary documentation on behalf of council.

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.4 Financial Statements – September 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 SEPTEMBER, 2018.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2018

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 2,769,835.35
BCard	\$ 20,990.00
	\$ 2,790,825.35
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 27,735,770.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 2,185,120.68
	\$ 29,920,890.68
Net Balance	\$ 32,711,716.03
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	91.47%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.09.18

SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2018

BALANCE as at 01.09.18	\$ 3,898,915.18
Add Receipts	
<u>Receipts over \$150,000</u>	
No receipts over \$150,000	
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	\$ 792,195.66
 <i>Total Receipts for September 2018</i>	 \$ 792,195.66
Less Payments	
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>	
No payments over \$150,000	
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>	-\$1,921,275.49
 <i>Total Payments for September 2018</i>	 -\$ 1,921,275.49
CASH BALANCE	<u>\$ 2,769,835.35</u>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank	\$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period September 01, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	025503 - 025512	\$ 45,614.36
Auto-pay Creditors	E015226 – E015483	\$ 1,273,663.11
Auto-pay Payroll	02/09/18 – 30/09/18	\$ 582,437.24
September Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$ 2,932.69
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 16,628.09
		\$ 1,921,275.49

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 16th October 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 \$1,921,275.49 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 16th October 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 (2018/19)	\$ 9,784,938.36
Rates received as at 30/9/2018	\$ 3,589,186.69
% of rates received to date	36.68%

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 September, 2018**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2018, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$1,921,275.49**

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th September 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
30-April-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	333 days	2.67%	29-March-2019
21-May-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	270 days	2.63%	15-February-2019
12-June-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	272 days	2.75%	11-March-2019
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-2018	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.55%	08-September-2019
08-September-2018	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.55%	08-September-2019
08-September-2018	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.55%	08-September-2019
14-September-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	273 days	2.80%	14-June-2019
17-July-2018	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	184 days	2.75%	17-January-2019
15-June-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	270 days	2.80%	12-March-2019
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-2018	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	273 days	2.72%	28-February-2019
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
28-June-2018	CBA (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	300 days	2.78%	24-April-2019
28-June-2018	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	211 days	2.80%	25-January-2019
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,833.62	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	2,134,287.06	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	29,920,890.68			

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

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

9.5 Local Heritage Assistance Funding – 146 Main Street, West Wyalong



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

An application for Local Heritage Assistance Funding has been received from Caroline Shaw for the repair and replacement of a concrete verandah floor at the side of 146 Main Street, West Wyalong, along the Church Street frontage.

The works include: the removal of the existing concrete and the installation of a 125mm concrete slab coloured red or green. A quote for the works has been provided to the value of \$15,630.00.

In accordance with the Heritage Funding Guidelines, the project is eligible for funding of up to \$5000.00

The premises are listed as a heritage item under the Bland Local Environmental Plan 2011.

The following is an extract from the NSW State Heritage Inventory:

Statement of Significance:

A landmark building of architectural merit on a prominent intersection, the building has retained its original character and significance and has a relationship with the three older buildings on the opposing corners. The building has historic and aesthetic significance. It forms a focal point at the main intersection in the town centre and the building contributes to the Conservation Area.

Financial Implications

There is currently \$23,000 of unallocated funds in the Local Heritage Grants budget.

Summary

The project is consistent with the Local Heritage Fund Guidelines as the proposed works do contribute to the external heritage fabric of the building.

Recommendation:

That Council approve funding of \$5000.00 for the repair and replacement of the verandah flooring at 146 Main Street, West Wyalong.

SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Recommendation:

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

- **9.6 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – August 2018**
- **9.7 - Community Services Report**
- **9.8 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.9 - Bland HACC Services Update**
- **9.10 - Development Services Activity Report – August 2018**
- **9.11 - Assets & Engineering Services Report**

9.6 Economic Development & Tourism Report – August 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

Financial Implications Nil

Summary Bland Shire Council August 2018 Economic Development & Tourism Report

Jet Flyers NSW

The Jet Flyers NSW held a successful windy event in West Wyalong from Friday 28 to Monday 1 October 2018. Thirty one pilots and their families travelled to West Wyalong from New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Canberra including Alice Springs, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Flying was affected by gusty winds on Friday and Saturday with better flying conditions on the Sunday and Monday.



NSW Free Flight Society

The NSW Free Flight Society will be holding their event in West Wyalong on from October 27 – 28.

71st MAAA National Model Aircraft Championships 24 April – 1 May 2019

Great news for the Bland Shire in that the 71st MAAA Nationals will be held in West Wyalong and the dates that they are looking at are the 24th April 2019 to 1st May 2019.

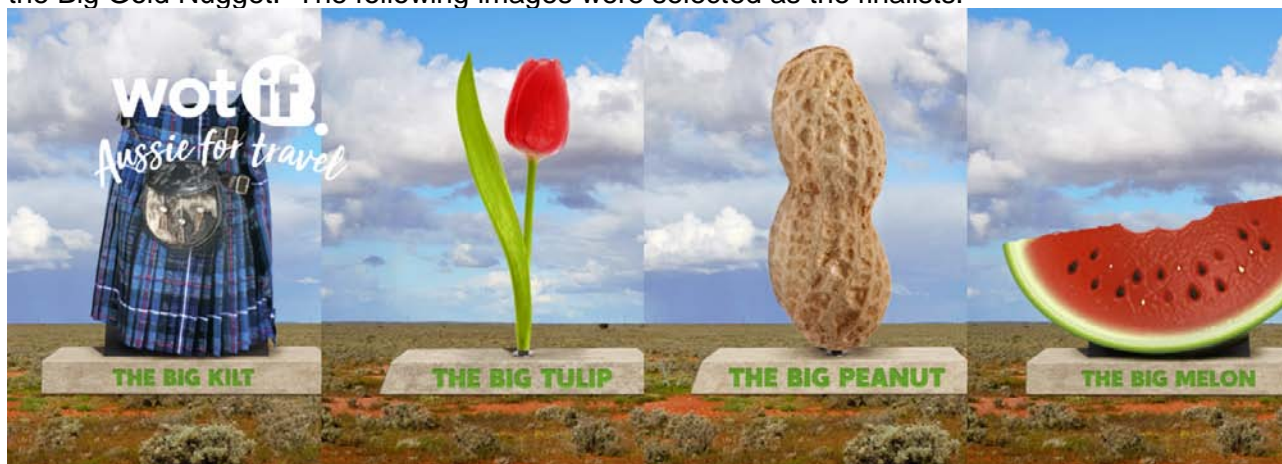
Old Target Building and New Tenants

The new owners of the Old Target Building held a successful open day on Saturday 29 September. Their company currently operates eight supermarkets including Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin, Hillston, Canowindra, Walgett etc



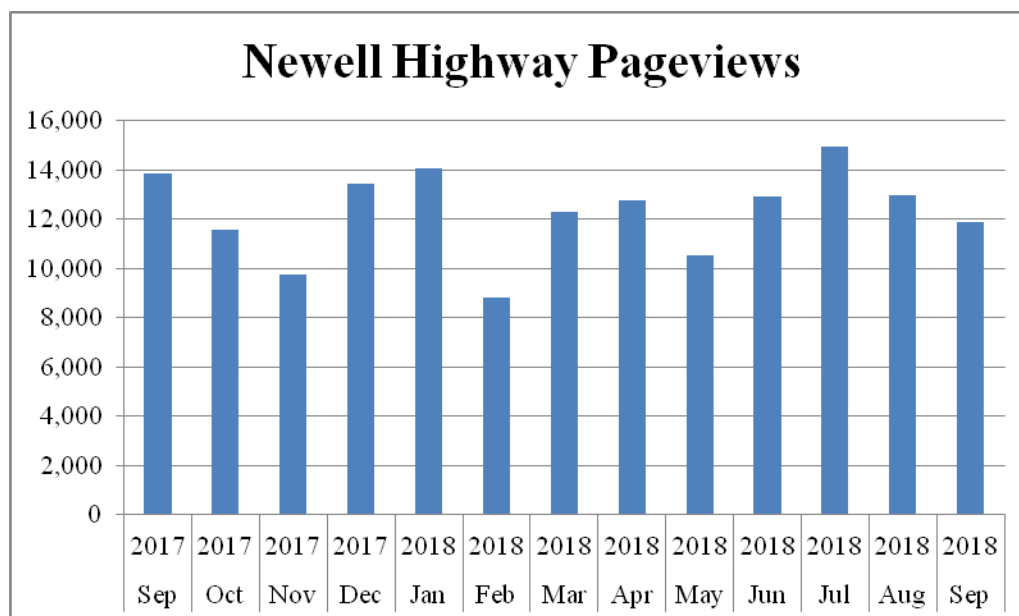
The Wotif's Next Big Thing

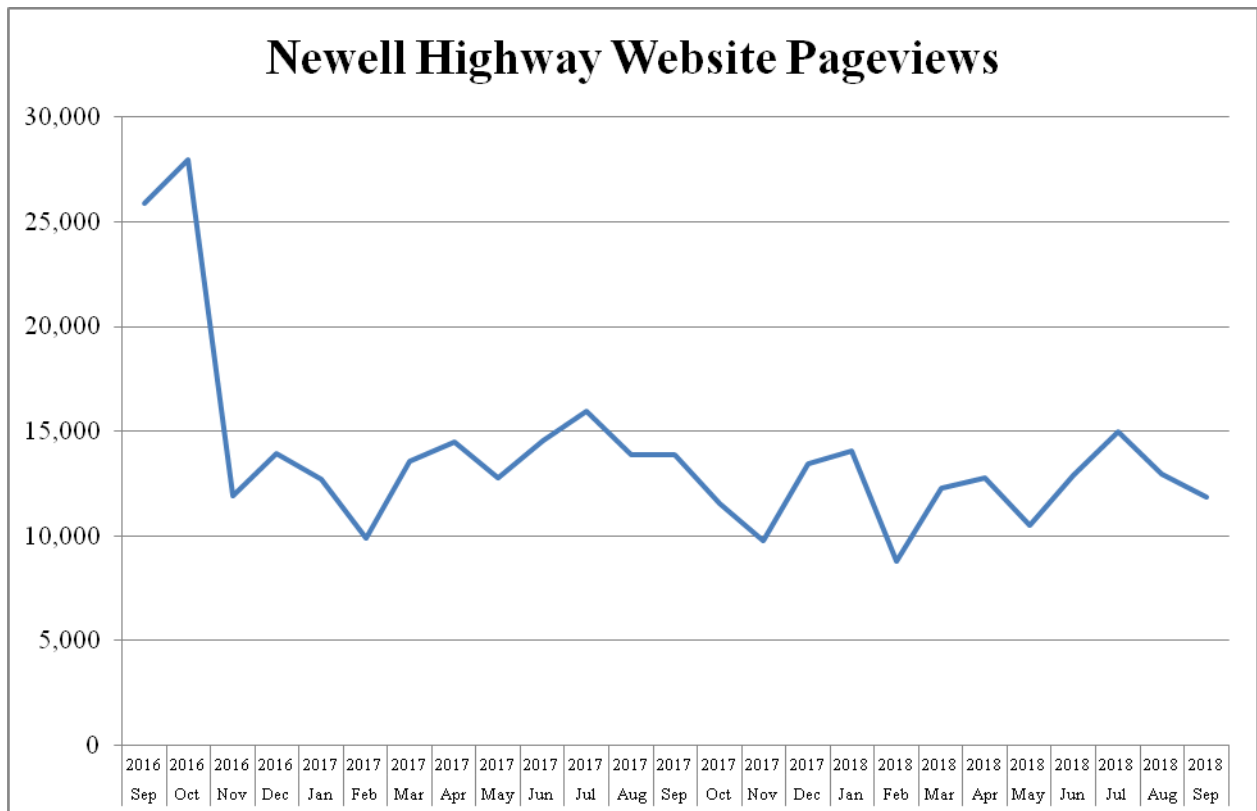
The Bland Shire Council submitted a number of suggestions for Wotif's Next Big Thing <https://www.wotif.com/nextbigthing> competition and progressed to nearly being a finalist with the Big Gold Nugget. The following images were selected as the finalists:



Newell Highway Website Analytics

	Sept	Oct	Sept	Nov	Sept	Dec	Sept	Jan	Sept	Feb	Sept	Mar	Sept
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Pageviews	13,869	11,559	9,753	13,446	14,066	8,810	12,310	12,743	10,523	12,903	14,959	12,983	11,861
Visits	5,151	4,419	3,857	5,176	5,935	3,440	4,983	4,691	4,526	4,910	5,677	5,084	4,601
Visitors	4,269	3,552	2,939	4,106	4,628	2,787	3,938	3,712	3,345	4,002	4,634	4,241	3,992
Desktop	32.2%	32.6%	37.4%	31.5%	30.4%	39.2%	34.7%	33.1%	32.3%	33.2%	31.6%	33.4%	32.1%
Mobile	45.6%	47.2%	42.2%	50.4%	52.3%	41.0%	45.8%	45.8%	44.0%	44.3%	46.0%	45.5%	48.6%
Tablet	22.2%	20.2%	20.4%	18.2%	17.2%	19.7%	19.5%	21.1%	23.7%	22.5%	22.4%	21.1%	19.3%





ESCO Pacific Solar Farm Development in the Bland Shire

ESCO Pacific is currently investigating establishing a 130 megawatt large scale solar farm in the Bland Shire and have lodged their preliminary documents with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment. ESCO Pacific will be holding a Community Information session

Proposed Wyalong Solar Farm

Community Information Session

ESCO Pacific invites local residents to attend a community information session on the proposed Wyalong Solar Farm (up to 130 MW), approximately 7kms northeast of West Wyalong, NSW. The project will involve the installation of solar panels arrays across an area of up to 260 hectares within the project area and a local connection to the NSW power grid.

Date: Wednesday 3rd October 2018, 6.30 – 7.30pm

Venue: West Wyalong Services and Citizens' Club
100 Monash Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671

Please register your interest to attend at info@escopacific.com.au or contact us on 03 8595 2406.

For more information please visit ESCO Pacific website www.escopacific.com.au



Lightsource BP Solar Farm Development in the Bland Shire

LightsourceBP is currently investigating establishing a 130 megawatt large scale solar farm in the Bland Shire and have lodged their preliminary documents with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment. Lightsource BP are planning to hold a community information event on Wednesday 7 November and this will be confirmed closer to the date.

Business Bus

The Business Bus will be visiting West Wyalong on Wednesday 21 November 2018 and will be located at 174 Main Street West Wyalong from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Businesses In The Bland Shire

Hort Enterprises have recently undertaken a restructuring of their West Wyalong operations with the closure and subsequent sale of our workshop facility and the renting of a Main Street office. Horts are still committed to providing services and employment in the area. In the following photo outside the Main Street office are Wayne Whiteman on the left and Jared Reid on the right.



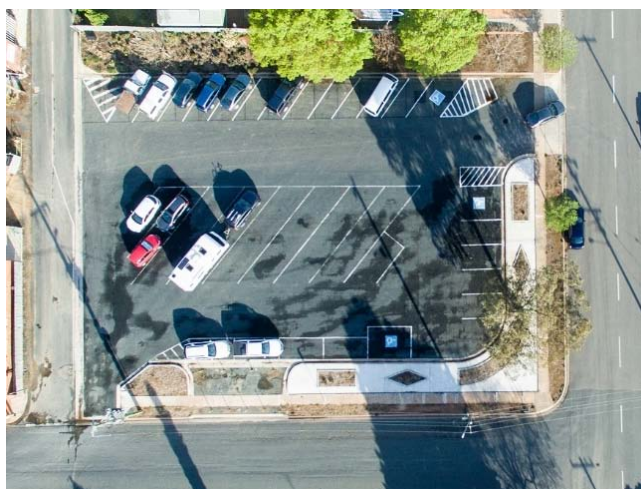
Integral Scaffolding has recently purchased the Horts site in the industrial estate. Integral Scaffolding are located in Orange, and provide quality designed and built scaffolds, Australia wide. Integral Scaffolding hire and erect scaffold and temporary fence for mining, commercial and residential sectors.

NRMA Electric Vehicle Fast Charger Network

The NRMA announced that as part of their Social Dividend Investment Strategy, the NRMA will establish Australia's largest electric vehicle fast-charging network, suitable for a range of electric vehicles and free for NRMA Members.

More than 95 per cent of NRMA Member road trips will be covered by the network. The \$10 million investment will deliver at least 40 chargers, more than double the size of the current network of chargers in NSW and the ACT.

Bland Shire Council has been working with the NRMA for one of the Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers to be installed in the Waters Street / Council Car Park by the end of 2018. The charger will be branded with the Bland Shire Council Logo.



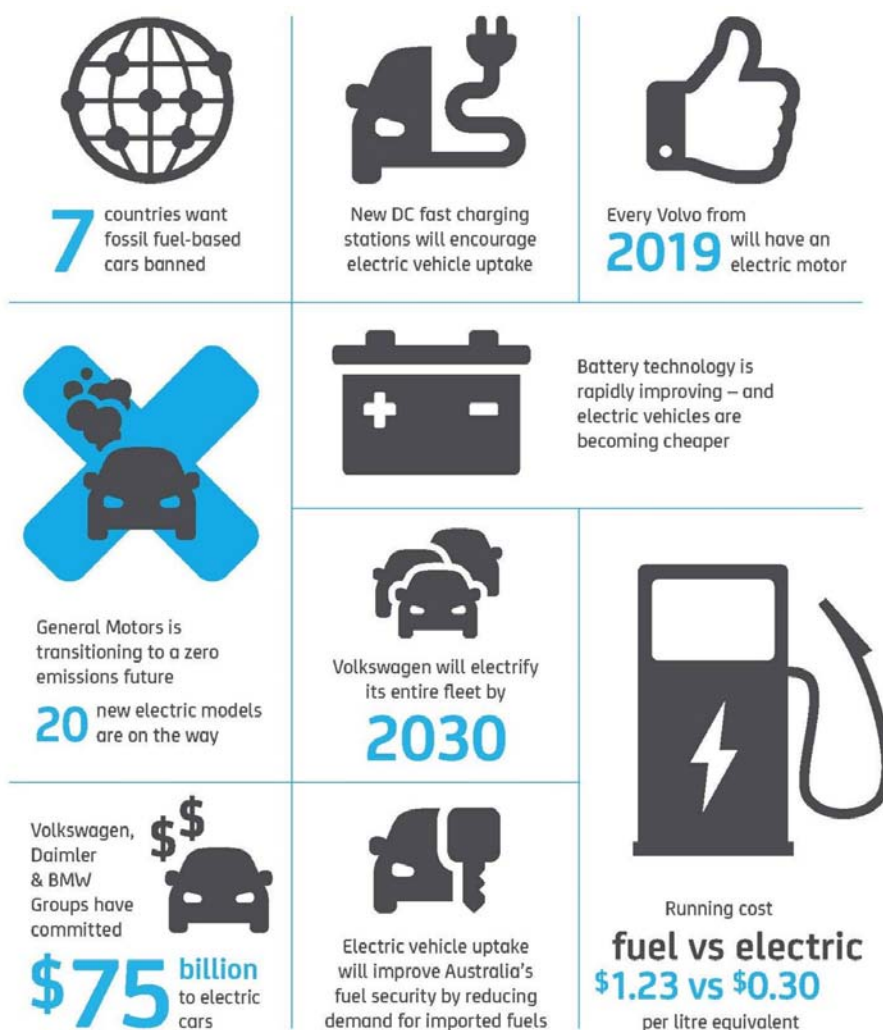
NRMA's vision for Australia's largest EV fast-charger network includes:

- Delivers over 40+ sites ensuring motorists are never more than 150km from a fast charge
- Covers 95% of NRMA Member road trips with a focus on major highway routes
- Is universally accessible –adopting both CHAdeMO and CCS standards which is suitable for most battery electric vehicles
- Will charge most electric vehicles to 80% battery capacity within 30 min
- Connects key tourism routes to help drive business in local communities across NSW, the ACT and beyond
- Is delivered in partnership with local communities, businesses and industries
- Is available to all motorists and will be free to use for NRMA Members

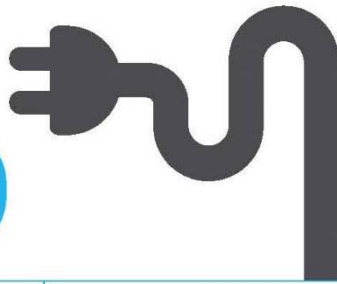
Research found that:

- 65% of motorists are more likely to consider purchasing an EV if a network of public fast charging stations was available across NSW and the ACT
- 94% of existing EV owners are more likely to take road trips if fast charging is available
- 73% of motorists indicated they would be more likely to use an EV for long distance travel
- 61% expect fast charging stations to be located in regional towns, close to amenities and services

The move towards an electric vehicle future



Every new model line
from Jaguar Land Rover
will be electric from
2020



China is leading the
world's boom in electric
vehicles with

140

battery makers and
a ban on petrol and
diesel looming



Ford is
shifting
focus
away from
internal combustion
engines to electric cars

Electric vehicle batteries
will become a

**\$240
billion**

industry within two
decades

CO2 emissions
from vehicles
could be
reduced by

90%



Over
750,000
electric vehicles were sold
worldwide in
2016



Dyson will launch an
electric car by **2020**

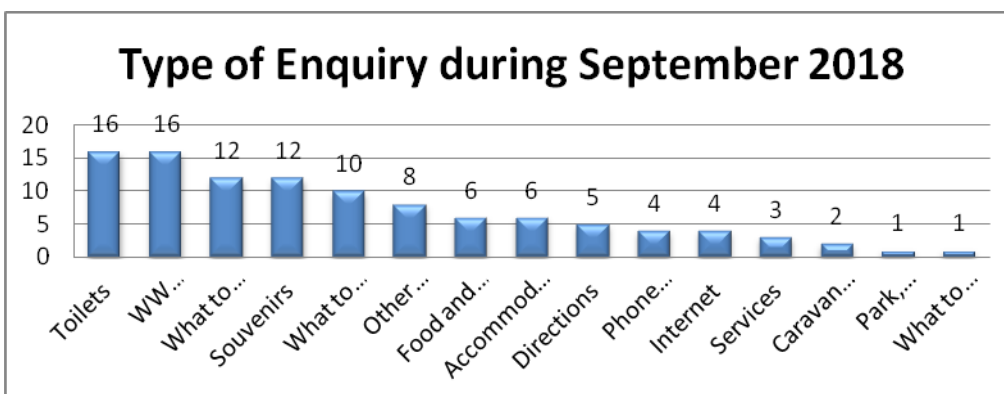
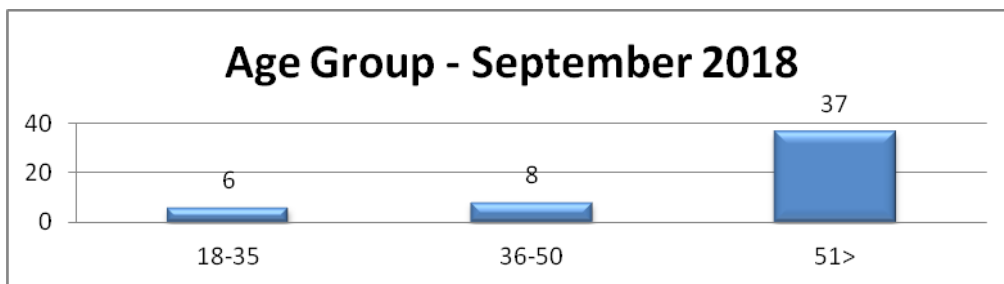
Bland Shire Events List 2018

	OCTOBER	LOCATION
1	Labour Day Public Holiday	NSW
2, 4, 8, 11	Bland Shire Library Holiday Program	West Wyalong
6	Holland Park Pool Opens for Season	West Wyalong
8-11	Vacation Care Holiday Program	West Wyalong
9	Small Business Month Dinner	West Wyalong
13	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
13	Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
13	Barmedman Tractor Pull	Barmedman
18	West Wyalong Community Garden Open Day	West Wyalong
19	Australian Government Mobile Services Centre Visit	West Wyalong
19-21	Motorcycle Friendly Bike Event	West Wyalong
20	Cowal Gold Operations Charity Golf Day	West Wyalong
20	Barmedman Mineral Pool Opens for season	Barmedman
26-27	Camp Quality in West Wyalong	West Wyalong
27	The Rat Bags – Tribute to Frank Sinatra	West Wyalong
27-28	NSW Free Flight	West Wyalong
	NOVEMBER	LOCATION
3	Weethalle Gymkhana	Weethalle
6	Melbourne Cup Ladies Day	West Wyalong
10	West Wyalong Markets	West Wyalong
TBA	Wyalong Museum Open Day	Wyalong

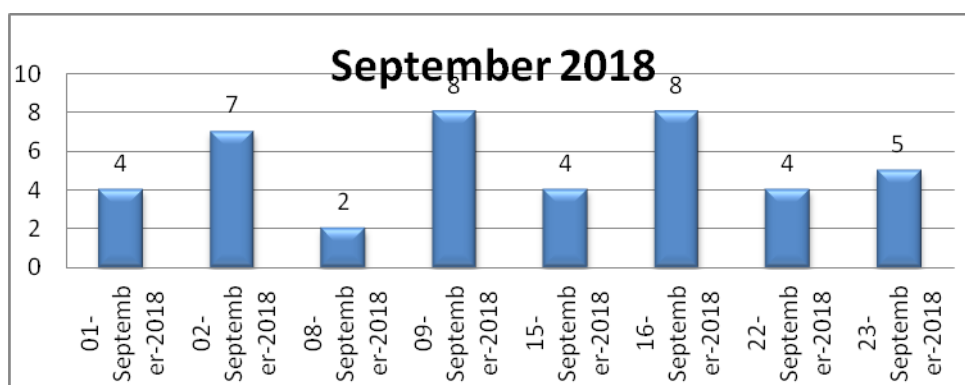
	DECEMBER	LOCATION
3-6	Cowal Gold Operations Shut Down	West Wyalong
9	Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong
14	Business West Wyalong Christmas Carnival	West Wyalong
25	Christmas Day	NSW
26	Boxing Day Public Holiday	NSW
TBA	International Day of People with a Disability	West Wyalong
TBA	Annual Summer Pool Party West Wyalong	West Wyalong

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

Visitor Information Centre Statistics



Others: include questions for historic information, family history, car repairs, free camping



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

Visitors: 216 Phone call and email: 31

9.7 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

Grant applications

Council has assisted a number of local sporting organisations with grant applications under the Federal Government's new sports infrastructure program.

Council worked directly with representatives from Ungarie Netball and Basketball, the Weethalle Recreation Ground Committee, West Wyalong Horse Sports and Rodeo Club, West Wyalong Swimming Club and West Wyalong Tennis Club to assist in the preparation and submission of significant grant funding.

Council has also submitted an application under the Safer Communities Fund to fully fund the installation of CCTV cameras at the West Wyalong Skate Park, Barnado Park and McCann Park.

Federal Member for Riverina, Michael McCormack, has also advised that Council has been shortlisted for funding under the Stronger Communities Fund for an historical walkway as part of the 125th anniversary celebrations.

Meanwhile, State member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke, was due to announce the successful recipients under the Stronger Country Communities Fund in West Wyalong on Wednesday 12 October.

Artstate NSW

The Chief Executive Officer of Arts NSW, Elizabeth Rogers, has invited the Community Development Officer and Community Relations Officer to make a presentation at the statewide arts conference, ArtState, in Bathurst on 1-4 November. The presentation will highlight Council's initiative in delivering the Weethalle Silo Art Project and the Big Football in Ungarie.

West Wyalong High School partnership agreement

Bland Shire Council has entered into an historic agreement with West Wyalong High School providing students with the opportunity to commence school based apprenticeships or traineeships. This will enable students to attain a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification as well as their Higher School Certificate.

The Partnership Agreement for Career Transition (PACT) is a joint agreement to enhance the career opportunities available at Bland Shire Council to students at West Wyalong High School through three key partnerships - Work Experience, School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships (SBATs) and the provision of Industry Access such as school visits, presentations and mentoring.

Under the agreement, Council will –

- Support a minimum of two new School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships annually until at least 2021
- Provide up to 10 work experience placements each year
- Support the West Wyalong High School Career program by providing staff and resources for career information activities, access to Council sites for student visits and provide mentoring opportunities to High School students.



Youth engagement

As part of the new partnership agreement, the Community Relations Officer and Community Development Officer are working with students on planning a Community Expo in December and updating and modernising Council's Community and Business Guide.

Students have also met with a number of community groups to offer assistance to create promotional material highlighting the work of each group.

The CDO and CRO were also invited to address and work with year eight geography students on a unit of study where they are required to plan their own town.

This follows a successful Mayoral forum held at Ungarie Central School in August.

Furthermore, community services have recently facilitated two work placement students from West Wyalong High School and will host a student from Ungarie Centre School for a week in November.

School holidays

As part of its school holiday program, Council once again hosted the NRMA Driving School on 3-4 October. For the first time some lessons were made available in the evening to assist learner drivers to gain expert tuition and experience driving at night.

Council also partnered with Community Transport to deliver a well attended youth excursion to Griffith on Friday 12 October.

A planned trip to Canberra on 10 October was cancelled as only 10 bookings were received.

9.8 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update



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

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

Author: Senior Library Officer

Megan Forward Presentation

Megan Forward will present a workshop titled “All I Want for Christmas is Rain” on Tuesday 6 November 2018 from 11am to 12.30pm, in the library. The workshop which targets students aged 5–10 years focuses on Australian farms, drought and its effects, rain and water catchments. Megan, who has a background in teaching, will take the students into an art activity working with ink, condies crystals and lemon juice to create a mural of before and after rain images. The children will then draw and paint their own faces and bodies which will then be arranged as a collage over the top of the mural. Due to limited space, the library has approached local schools to nominate students from Years 3 and 4 to participate in the workshop which was sourced by Riverina Regional Library.

Summer Reading Club

The library will launch its annual Summer Reading Club program on Thursday 29 November 2018. The free program which officially runs from December 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 aims to promote reading and literacy by encouraging children and young people to read over the long summer break using rewards as an incentive. Children and young people will be able to participate in activities aligned to the annual programming theme ‘Curious Creatures’, discover great Australian authors and illustrators, and share their voice by engaging in literary and creative activities, both online and in the library.

October School Holiday Program

The library held another successful school holiday program during October with all activities booked out. The program included decorating biscuits; Minute-to-win-it, a variety of fun 60 second challenges; Crocodile Encounters and Sweet Treats for Native Birds.



Successful Author Visit

Bland Shire Library recently engaged Bernard Caleo – author, illustrator, storyteller and performer – as a guest speaker. Mr Caleo visited schools throughout the Bland Shire sharing with students and staff his skills and extensive knowledge of comic art and graphic storytelling.

Mr Caleo, who is from Melbourne and has his own publishing company Cardigan Comics, presented 18 sessions over five days to some 700 students, Kinder to Year 9. He was totally engaging – impressing everyone with his passion and excitement about comics. His style was both energetic and humorous with the students absolutely enthralled with his animated and fast paced approach. While Mr Caleo incorporated a graphic art/comic workshop into some of his sessions for older students, the main focus of his presentation was ‘kamishiba’, a form of Japanese street theatre and storytelling which the children found fascinating. From all accounts, another very successful author visit and judged by many as one of the best.

It should be noted that with the cost of hosting an annual author visit – something the library has been doing for the past twenty years – on the rise, the library was grateful to receive a Cowal Partnering Grant to assist with funding this year’s visit.



CWA Talk at Library

Bland Shire Library recently hosted a meeting of the Country Women’s Association, Kikoira Branch. Senior Library Officer Cathy Lange was a guest speaker at the meeting. Mrs Lange spoke about the many services and programs provided by Bland Shire Library and the challenges currently facing NSW public libraries. The meeting finished with an afternoon tea held for members and their guest.



Meetings / Training

- Bland Shire Library staff will attend an “All Day Staff Training” session, organised by Riverina Regional Library, to be held on Friday 2 November in Wagga Wagga. The training, which is held annually for all RRL branch library staff, provides an opportunity for staff to update their knowledge and skills.
- NSW Public Libraries Association South West Zone meeting to be held 15 November 2018 at the RRL Admin Centre in Wagga.

Library Statistics September 2018

- 265 Information Requests
- 259 Customer Service Requests – this figure includes 48 technology assists
- 377 Computer Usage
- 88 requests for WiFi only (ie. mobile device users)
- 28 adults attended regular programs in the library
- 162 children and parents / carers attended regular children’s programs in the library (*does not include Author Visit*)
- 247 Visitor Information Requests – this figure relates to normal library opening hours only and includes 31 phone requests
- 14 Programs were held in the library during September

NB. The above statistics are collected manually and may not be exact. However, the above figures are deemed a fair and reasonable indicator.

- 1473 people through the door
- 1933 library items issued
- 54 library items reserved
- 11 new members

NB. The above statistics are collected electronically and are accurate.

9.9 Bland HACC Services Update



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

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

Author: Community Care Coordinator

Bland Home and Community Care Service continues to receive a large number of enquiries regarding available services within the area. As Council provides such a variety of services to both Aged and those with a disability, many enquiries are received regarding available services with staff providing as much information as possible.

The CHSP services provided by Bland Shire Council are funded under the same agreements as Meal on Wheels and Community Transport, however many people within the community believe they are Council funded, which is not the case.

Due to the recent funding changes, there is no allowance for the provision of information – all funding is output relate. However; this poses an issue for staff and there is increased demand in this area with no funding to support the time the staff require to provide the service.

NDIS services are still rolling out in our area with some people just putting their plans into action. With the number of enquiries and services requested, staff need to be flexible in their approach and often think outside the box to meet the needs of some participants. Council, as providers of NDIS services, are providing services and information that we may not have thought of previously but our approach is working with positive feedback being received. We will continue to offer services when we can and feel the NDIS area will grow more and more in the coming months and years.

Our social groups had a busy month in September with a trip to Temora and to WWHS MPU for the Feel the Beat show put on by West Wyalong Public School. It is great that the Social services we offer give clients the opportunity to visit areas and see things they would not otherwise be able to. It is also nice to see the friendships made and how the groups interact, for many of the clients it is the only outings they have from week to week.



Our Tech Talk group is going well with the clients amazed at what they are learning. Part of this program is to empower the group, increase their knowledge and it is also nice to see the members of the group helping each other. Mobile phones have been the main thing people want to learn about with some learning about tablets and laptops. This group will continue to run while needed and we welcome new members, it is not something that you need to attend every week or have been attending since the start.

9.10 Development Services Activity Report – September 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 September 2018:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2019/0008	Lillas Lane, West Wyalong	Industrial storage shed
DA2019/0009	268 – 270 Neeld Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for an “A” frame advertising sign
DA2019/0010	176 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for the display of goods
DA2019/0012	1 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	Storage shed
DA2019/0013	26 Bellarwi Road, West Wyalong	Storage shed
DA2019/0014	143-147 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for two (2) “A” frame advertising signs
DA2019/0015	5 Charles Place, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling
DA2019/0016	98-106 Main Street, West Wyalong	Change of use to a supermarket

The following DA applications were approved during September 2018:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2019/0003	170 Railway Road, West Wyalong	Alterations and additions to a dwelling	20/9/2018
DA2019/0005	32 Russell Street, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling including garage	7/9/2018
DA2019/0006	47 Park Street, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling	21/8/2018
DA2019/0010	176 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for the display of goods	12/9/2018
DA2019/0014	143-147 Main Street, West Wyalong	Use of footpath for two (2) “A” frame advertising signs	26/9/2018

Heritage Conservation Activities

The Heritage Advisor attended West Wyalong Show to provide information to members of the community about the Community Cinema. The display in the Industrial Pavilion was well attended with over 20 people expressing interest in volunteering at the new cinema once completed. The Heritage Advisor will also provide an update on the project at a Community Meeting to be held during his next visit.

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during September 2018.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities September 2018

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

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	4	0
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	2	1
Dumped at Pound	11	1
Surrendered	3	0
Total Animals in Pound	20	2

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	0
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	12	0
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	13	0
Animals in Pound at end of Month	7	2

9.11 Assets & 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

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1. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 10.9.2018

- Graders
 - Williams Crossing Road – Wet Grading/Kirpy
 - Tallimba –Ariah Park Road
 - Bodels Lane intersection Buttenshaws Lane – Wet Grading
 - Girral Road – Wet Grading
 - Jansen Lane Area – Dry Grading
 - Bradburys Lane – Wet Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit to McDermotts Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - MR 57 North – Pipe culvert repairs

2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 17.9.2018

- Graders
 - Williams Crossing Road – Kirpy
 - McDermotts Lane - Resheeting
 - Girral Road – Wet Grading
 - O'Briens Lane – Wet Grading
 - Youngs Lane area - Dry Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - McDermotts Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Pipes for MR57 North/Williams Crossing
 - Patch Gravelling – Sutcliffes Lane

3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 24.9.2018

- Graders
 - Williams Crossing Road – Wet Grading/Kirpy
 - McDermotts Lane - Resheeting
 - Girral Road – Wet Grading
 - Youngs Lane/Browns Lane area - Dry Grading
 - O'Briens Lane – Wet Grading
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit to McDermotts Lane
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Ridleys Lane – Stumps Removal – Patch gravelling.

4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 1.10.2018

- Graders
 - Williams Crossing Road – Kirpy
 - McDermotts Lane/Adlers Lane - Resheeting
 - Yiddah Road – Wet Grading
 - O'Briens Lane – Wet Grading
 - Langes Lane/Pfeiffers Lane Area – Dry grading
- Gravel Carting
 - McDermotts Lane/Adlers Lane – gravel carting
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Ridleys Lane – Stumps Removal – Patch gravelling.

5. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- Weed Display and Information – West Wyalong Show and Ungarie Show
- Tree Planting with Weethalle School Students as part of National Tree Day.
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - Galvinised Burr – Hillston Road, 37.
 - West Wyalong Cemetery sprayed.
 - West Wyalong Town Lanes sprayed.
 - Ungarie Town Lanes and Drains sprayed.
 - African Boxthorn – Barmedman Common , Barmedman Old Golf course.
 - Wild Radish – 57 North, 231, Kikoira Road, Greaves Lane, Gunn Road.
 - Tree sucker control – Trembaths Lane, Sullivans Lane, Winters Lane, Bellarwi Road, Ditchfields Lane, Younga Plains Road, Wargin Road, Hillston Road, 371, Bena Road, Boramble Road, Kikoira Road, Greens Lane, Quandialla Road, Euroka Road, Kolkilbertoo Road.