



Bland Shire Council
Business Paper
Ordinary Council Meeting
19 March 2019



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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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

19 March 2019

commencing at 6:30PM

1.0 INTRODUCTION

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

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

Let us honour those who protect this great land,

may you draw strength from your God or Faith

so that we may, here today, on behalf of our community, - build a vibrant future together.

("Pause for Reflection").

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr Bruce Baker

Cr Rodney Crowe

Cr Penny English

Cr Kerry Keatley

Cr Tony Lord

Cr Liz McGlynn

Cr Brian Monaghan

Cr Murray Thomas

Cr Jan Wyse

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith

Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh

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

Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 19 February 2019

- **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

- **Corrections**

- **Business Arising**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

Councillor/Officer	Item	Nature of Interest

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Mr Craig Fawcett, Evolution Cowal Gold Mine

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

8.0 DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

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

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

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & COMMITTEE REPORTS



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

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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Australia Day Awards Committee of the Whole <i>(Whole Council)</i>		
Australian Rural Roads Group Inc <i>(Mayor Monaghan, Cr McGlynn - alternate, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>		
Bland Rural Fire District Zone Liaison Committee <i>(Cr Keatley)</i>		
Bland – Temora RFS Zone Bushfire Management Committee <i>(Cr Baker)</i>		
Community Reference Group <i>(Whole Council)</i>	12 th February 2019 2 nd April 2019	✓
Country Mayors Association of NSW <i>(Mayor Monaghan)</i>	8 th March 2019	✓
Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC) <i>(Mayor Monaghan, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	6 th March 2019	
Goldenfields Water County Council Board <i>(Cr McGlynn)</i>	20 th February 2019 28 th February 2019 2 nd May 2019	✓
Internal Audit Committee		
Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Crowe)</i>		
Local Traffic Advisory Committee		
Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network Board <i>(Cr Monaghan)</i>		

Newell Highway Taskforce <i>(Cr Lord)</i>	12 th February 2019	✓
NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC) <i>(Cr McGlynn, Cr Thomas - alternate)</i>	7 th & 8 th February 2019	✓
NSW Public Libraries Association <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>		
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) <i>(Mayor Monaghan)</i>		
Riverina Regional Library Advisory Committee <i>(Cr Wyse)</i>	27 th March 2019 30 th October 2019	
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 12 FEBRUARY
2019 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

Present:

Jill Funnell, Sarah Gillett, Julie Sharpe, Amanda Davies, Marie Seckold, Jo Price, Trevor Lanyon, Val Burgess, Leanne Davies, Belinda Heffer, Craig Fawcett, Frances Ross, Pat Cleary, Annabelle Cleary, Marina Uys, Bernadette Pettit, Greg Trethowan, Cr Brian Monaghan (Mayor), Cr Liz McGlynn (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jan Wyse, Cr Murray Thomas, Cr Tony Lord, Cr Rodney Crowe, Cr Kerry Keatley, Adele Casey (Acting General Manager), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer), Rebecca McDonell (Community Development Officer).

WELCOME

Mayor Brian Monaghan welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6.31pm.

APOLOGIES

Cr Penny English, Cr Bruce Baker, Ray Smith (General Manager), Charles Kingston.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Digital Town Clock and Temperature Gauge

Mayor Brian Monaghan advised that Council is seeking costings for consideration in the draft 2019-2020 budget.

2. Weethalle Country Music Muster

Craig Sutton advised that Council has allocated funding of \$60,000 through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program for a multi-purpose shed at Weethalle Showground. Construction is on track to be completed prior to the inaugural Muster on 2-5 May. The meeting was also advised that Council has assisted the Weethalle Show Society in submitting a successful FRRR Tackling Tough Times together grant of \$15,500 to assist with the costs of holding the inaugural event.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Country Hope Community Public Art Proposal

Jo Price addressed the meeting on behalf of Country Hope West Wyalong regarding a proposal to install a large metal sign spelling out the word "Hope" in the Lions Park-McCann Park precinct.

Ms Price said she hopes the sign will inspire and help people draw strength while also attracting visitors and boosting local business.

She advised that CJM Welding and Fabrication has offered to build the structure for free while Evolution Mining has also pledged support for the concept.

Ms Price told the meeting that the fundamental idea of the project is to raise money for local charities by people purchasing a lock and donating money to their chosen charity. Purchasers write what they hope for on the lock and then lock it onto the structure.

Mayor Monaghan congratulated Ms Price on her presentation and advised her to liaise with Council's community services staff to determine what support is required/requested from Council.

4. 3D Art Murals

Rebecca McDonell advised that Council has received grant funding to paint 3D murals in West Wyalong and Mirrool.

Ms McDonnell told the meeting that the Mirrool community has requested a rural scene while an interactive artwork focusing on rain had been chosen for West Wyalong.

An artist has been engaged to create the artworks and the work is expected to take place within three months.

5. 125th Anniversary of Wyalong and West Wyalong

Rebecca McDonnell and Craig Sutton provided an overview of plans for the 125th anniversary of Wyalong and West Wyalong celebrations on 22-24 March.

Sarah Gillett provided an update on the Ridding for Disabled West Wyalong Ole Time Bush Dance on Friday 22 March.

Julie Sharpe provided an update on the planning for the Western Wheelers Crooked Mile Show and Shine on Sunday 24 March.

Greg Trethowan provided a progress report on plans for the West Wyalong Rodeo on Saturday 23 March.

The effort and dedication of Council staff member Marina Uys in the organisation of the 125th anniversary celebrations – particularly in regard to the Golden Days Fair at Coinda Park – was also acknowledged.

6. General Business

Councillor Murray Thomas suggested improving public access and amenities to Lake Cowal.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Reference Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at the Bland Shire Council Chambers at 6.30pm.

CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.07 pm.



Country Mayors Association of NEW SOUTH WALES

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MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2019 THEATRETTE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY

The meeting opened at 8.30 a.m.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Armidale Regional Council, Cr Simon Murray, Mayor
Bathurst Regional Council, Cr Graeme Hanger, Mayor
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Kristy McBain, Mayor
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Dominic King, Mayor
Bland Shire Council, Mr Ray Smith, General Manager
Blayney Shire Council, Cr Scott Ferguson, Mayor
Blayney Shire Council, Ms Tiffany Irlam, Chief Financial Officer
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Marion Prowne, Deputy Mayor
Broken Hill City Council, Mr Jay Nankivell, Acting General Manager
Cabonne Shire Council, Cr Kevin Beatty, Mayor
Cabonne Shire Council, Ms Heather Nicholls, Acting General Manager
Carrathool Shire Council, Cr Peter Laird, Mayor
Carrathool Shire Council, Mr, Rick Warren General Manager
Cessnock City Council, Cr Bob Pynsent, Mayor
Coffs Harbour City Council, Cr Denise Knight, Mayor
Coffs Harbour City Council, Mr Stephen McGrath, General Manager
Coolamon Shire Council, Cr John Seymour, Mayor
Coolamon Shire Council, Mr Tony Donoghue, General Manager
Coonamble Shire Council, Cr Allan Karanouh, Mayor
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Cr Abb McAlister, Mayor
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council, Mr Phillip McMurray, Acting General Manager
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Bill West, Mayor
Cowra Shire Council, Cr Ruth Fagan
Cowra Shire Council, Mr Paul Devery, General Manager
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Ben Shields. Mayor
Dubbo Regional Council, Cr Greg Mohr
Dubbo Regional Council, Mr Michael McMahan, CEO

Dungog Shire Council, Cr Tracy Norman, Mayor
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor
Federation Council, Cr Shaun Whitechurch, Deputy Mayor
Federation Council, Mr Adrian Butler, General Manager
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager
Gilgandra Shire Council, Cr Doug Batten, Mayor
Gilgandra Shire Council, Mr David Neeves, General Manager
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Carol Sparkes, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Bob Kirk, Mayor
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Mr Warrick Bennett, General Manager
Griffith City Council, Cr John Dal Broi, Mayor
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Growth, General Manager
Gwydir Shire Council, Cr John Coulton, Mayor
Gwydir Shire Council, Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager
Hilltops Council, Cr Brian Ingram, Mayor
Inverell Shire Council, Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Liz Campbell, Mayor
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Craig Milburn, General Manager
Kiama Municipal Council, Cr Mark Honey, Mayor
Kyogle Council, Cr Danielle Mulholland, Mayor
Kyogle Council, Mr Graham Kennett, General Manager
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Paul Maytom, Mayor
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager
Lithgow City Council, Cr Ray Thompson, Mayor
Lithgow City Council, Mr Graeme Faulkner, General Manager
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cr Andrew Hope, Mayor
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mr Ron Van Katwick, General Manager
Lockhart Shire Council, Cr Roger Schirmer, Mayor
Lockhart Shire Council, Mr Peter Veneris, General Manager
Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Katrina Humphries, Mayor
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Lester Rogers, General Manager
Murrumbidgee Council, Cr Ruth McRae, Mayor
Murrumbidgee Council, Mr John Scarce, General Manager
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Catherine Redding, Mayor
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Stewart Todd, General Manager
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Craig Davies, Mayor
Oberon Shire Council, Cr Kathy Sajowitz, Mayor
Oberon Shire Council, Mr Garry Wallace, General Manager
Orange City Council, Cr Reg Kidd, Mayor
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Barbara Newton, Deputy Mayor
Port Stephens Council, Cr Ryan Palmer, Mayor
Port Stephens Council, Cr Sarah Smith, Deputy Mayor
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council, Mr Tim Overall, Mayor
Shoalhaven City Council, Cr Amanda Findley, Mayor
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor
Snowy Valleys Council, Cr James Hayes, Mayor
Temora Shire Council, Cr Rick Firman, Mayor
Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Stafford, Mayor

Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Mr John Bell, General Manager
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Michael Pearce, Mayor
Wagga Wagga City Council, Cr Greg Conkey, Mayor
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Cr Denis Todd, Mayor
Warrumbungle Shire Council, Mr Roger Bailey, General Manager
Wentworth Shire Council, Cr Melissa Hendrics, Mayor
Yass Valley Council, Cr Rowena Abbey, Mayor
Yass Valley Council, Ms Sharon Hutch, General Manager
LGNSW, Cr Linda Scott, President

APOLOGIES:

As submitted

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Mr Richard Colbran, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Rural Doctors Network

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 November 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record (Singleton Council Council / Blayney Shire Council).

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

NIL

4. RICHARD COLBRAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

The issues around the health workforce are serious and important. The State is struggling with sustaining a workforce in rural NSW. We cannot run away from the fact that communities need to be engaged and in this councils have a role to play. Eighty percent of funds are allocated to crisis issues and we ask councils to engage the network in their local issues. Drought has increased the workload of rural doctors and these doctors need support. "Rural Health Together" has been launched to assist health workers. There are scholarships and grant opportunities of \$3.5 million available but doctors don't have the time to participate. There is a need to encourage young doctors to go to the bush and any work experience in country towns needs to be a great experience.

5. Membership

RESOLVED that Port Stephens Council and Wentworth Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association (Shoalhaven City Council / Singleton Council)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward

- (a) Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government and Minister for Heritage requesting that Country Mayors be part of the review of the EPA's Waste to Energy Policy
- (b) Mr Ken Gillespie, Regional Infrastructure Coordinator thanking him for his service and friendship and wishing him well in his future endeavours
- (c) Mr David Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Super, advising that the Boards decision to continue with additional contributions for the Defined Benefit Plan is unacceptable to our member councils
- (d) The Hon Gladys Berejiklian, Premier, advising that the Country Mayors Association supports the "Southern Lights" project and supporting funding for the project
- (e) Mr Michael Daley MP, NSW Leader of the Opposition advising that the Country Mayors Association supports the "Southern Lights" project and supports funding for the project
- (e) Mr David Salisbury, Executive Manager Engineering, Essential Energy, thanking for his presentation to the 2 November meeting
- (f) Mr Alex Young, Director, Community and Behavioural Change, MSW Environment Protection Authority thanking him for his presentation to the 2 November meeting
- (g) Mr Simon Draper, Secretary Department of Industry, thanking him for his presentation to the 2 November meeting
- (h) To all Regional and Rural Councils, requesting councils to give consideration to financially supporting the Waste to Energy feasibility study

Inward

- (a) Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier, advising avenues available for the Southern Lights proposal
- (b) Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Heritage regarding the Waste to Energy policy review
- (c) Cr Linda Scott, President, LGNSW, regarding the Defined Benefits Scheme contributions and the appointment of a skills based board
- (d) Dr Liz Develin, Deputy secretary, Energy, water and Portfolio Strategy, NSW Department of Planning and Environment, regarding funding contributions from solar farms
- (e) Simon Draper, Secretary, Department of Industry, responding to questions asked at the 2 November meeting
- (f) Councils advising that they are unable to contribute to the Waste to Energy feasibility study
- (g) Bathurst Regional council advising that they are prepared to contribute \$5,000 to the Waste to Energy feasibility study
- (h) Glen Innes Severn Council advising that they are prepared to contribute \$15,000 to the Waste to Energy feasibility study
- (i) Cr Susai Benjamin, Blacktown city Council wanting a dialogue of interested rural Mayors to discuss the employment opportunities in rural areas of NSW as a few Country Mayors have expressed frustration by local businesses in being able to get workers
- (j) Murray River Council advising that they are prepared to contribute \$15,000 to the Waste to Energy feasibility study

NOTED

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted (Forbes Shire Council / Lockhart Shire Council)

8. Closing of Target Stores in Country Towns

Target are closing stores in a number of towns in country NSW. Those councils affected are to meet at the conclusion of today's meetings to organize a united opposition.

9. Sustainable Renewable Energy Projects

RESOLVED that a motion urging both the Federal and State Governments to support sustainable renewable energy projects and asking the State Government to amend legislation to allow Local Government the opportunity to develop renewable energy projects be referred to the next meeting for discussion. (Lockhart Shire Council / Cowra Shire Council)

10. DEFINED BENEFITS SCHEME

RESOLVED That the Country Mayors Association have further consultation with Local Government Super regarding the Defined Benefits Scheme contributions and the matter be referred to the next meeting together with reports from Goulburn Mulwaree Council and LGNSW (Goulburn Mulwaree Council / Hilltops Council)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25am.

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

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL
held at TEMORA OFFICE on 20 February 2019**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am

PRESENT

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G Haley (Interim General Manager), Mr G Veneris (Production and Services Manager), Ian Graham (Corporate Services Manager), Mr A Drenovski (Interim Engineering Manager), Mrs A Coleman (Executive Assistant).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE/APOLOGIES

19/001 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Armstrong and Callow that leave of absence be granted to Cr K Morris and Cr G Sinclair.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

5. MATTERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO OPEN COUNCIL

5.1. MATTERS SUBMITTED BY PRODUCTION AND SERVICES MANAGER

5.1.1. BOOROWA WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE UPDATE

19/002 BOARD RESOLUTION

RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McCann and Callow that:

- 1. The Board note the updated information within the report**
- 2. The Board authorise the General Manager or his delegate to formally respond to Hilltops Council in support of the Boorowa Pipeline Project, noting the conditions and staff recommendations discussed within this report.**
- 3. The Board authorise the General Manager or his delegate to commence discussions with the relevant Authority for the request to increase Jugiong WTP licence entitlement**

4. It is desired by the Board that the scheme be owned and operated by Goldenfields Water County Council, provided ownership is in the best interest of Goldenfields Water County Council.

5. The preferred route option for the Scheme is 3c.

10.55am - Cr G Sinclair arrived at the meeting.

Report prepared by Manager Production & Services

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

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3. Authorise the General Manager or his delegate to commence discussions with the relevant Authority for the request to increase Jugiong WTP licence entitlement

ALIGNMENT WITH BUSINESS ACTIVITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- 02 Maximising Regional Water Supply
- 03 Strategic Water Management
- 04 Best Practice Pricing
- 05 Proactive Customer Relations
- 09 Financially Sustainable

BACKGROUND

The Board, at the February 2018 meeting resolved the following;

1. Proceed with the development of a business case for the Boorowa Water Supply Scheme and associated grant submission.
2. Include the options for both bulk supply and reticulation as part of the business case.

Staff provided an update to the Board at the August 2018 Council meeting, where it resolved to allocate a provision of funding support to complete the feasibility stage of the project for \$125,000. An additional estimate of \$20,000 was earmarked for the completion of the Business Case Phase.

The \$125,000 of funding was estimated to be 25% of the total costs for the feasibility stage, as 50% of costs were to be funded by the state and 25% of the costs funded by Hilltops Council.

Staff have now received a letter from Hilltops Council on 13th February 2018 requesting non-financial support for an additional federal funding application.

REPORT

Staff can confirm that Hilltops Councils submission for funding under the Safe & Secure funding program was successful for \$265,000 which was an estimated 50% of the total costs for the feasibility stage of the project.

This feasibility and business case development process will continue throughout 2019 and an external consultant is likely to be appointed at the Hilltops February Council meeting.

Goldenfields Water's Manager Production & Services will act as a project committee member and GWCC representative throughout the feasibility process.

In addition to the states Safe & Secure funding program, Hilltops Council are sourcing additional Federal Government funds through the Commonwealth Government's National Water Infrastructure Development fund (WIDF), to help cover the costs of the future water supply scheme. The criteria for compliance under the WIDF differs from the Safe & Secure program, as the project must be deemed shovel ready. Therefore Hilltops have issued a letter of support for their preferred option to have a connection for Boorowa from Goldenfields Water's Jugiong water supply scheme. Three pipeline options are being considered as part of the Safe & Secure funded feasibility study; however a preferred location and alignment now needs to be selected to develop an initial business case to meet the timeframes of the WIDF. It is thought that there may be options to make modifications to this at a later stage during the design process.

Current estimates that have been discussed for the Boorowa project have ranged from \$35m to \$70m, depending on the alternative options selected for a water source. The WIDF can provide up to 50% of the total project costs if successful.

Hilltops have been actively seeking support from state and federal ministers for the project and have been advised that application dates for a submission will be accepted no later than 1st April 2019. The submission for the WIDF needs to be completed and submitted by the State Government on behalf of Hilltops Council and therefore a deadline of the 22nd February 2019 has been given to complete a Draft Submission for the States review.

Feedback from the Ministers and Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities have advised Hilltops staff that the following needs to be finalised prior to their submission being considered:

- A definitive pipeline route,
- pipeline length,
- preliminary cost estimate,
- certainty of the project proceeding,
- indicative project delivery timeline following funding approval,
- What role does Goldenfields Water have in regards to the proposed project
- What funding contributions would be provided by both Hilltops and Goldenfields Water
- How will the scheme be operated and owned once completed, and
- What impact does it have on existing water licence and entitlements

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Please note the above points are only the items required for consideration by Goldenfields Water at this stage. Additional requirements such as demonstrating the economic need for the project will be undertaken by Hilltops without input from Goldenfields Water staff.

It is GWCC officer's opinion that without an appropriate business case available for review, that the discussion of ownership remain with the status quo and be limited to the existing offtake locations under current consideration. At this stage, Goldenfields Staff are recommending option/route 3C that has been attached to this report as it allows access off the existing Galong offtake and would be a worst case scenario in establishing cost estimates for the construction of the pipeline.

Ownership options should be discussed in future years, once an appropriate business case can be provided which would detail the best value for money option to the water supply schemes customers, as well as highlight any potential risks to Goldenfields Water County Council.

Current demand from the existing Galong offtake has been estimated at an average of 85ML per annum with a maximum predicted for this year at around 107ML. The additional increase in demand has been estimated by Public Works through their previous investigative studies as 2400kl/ day as a peak daily demand based on 2017 assessments.

However, metered data for actual usage provided by Hilltops has estimated the average daily demand volume in 2017 as 450kl/day or around 0.5ML/day, with a peak demand of 1700kl or 1.7ML/day. This is predicted to increase to a peak daily demand in 2047 to 2000kl/day without any increase in industrial and commercial operations. GWCC officers are recommending to use Hilltops Councils 28 June 2018 Delivery Program – Operational Plan figures of 670 residential assessments and 70 non-residential assessments. Each assessment is assumed to have 250kl/per annum usage which equates to 185ML/per annum. Officers have allowed for an assumption that the existing non-residential assessments are low volume and 250kl/per annum has also be assumed.

A nominal increase for the connection of Boorowa at 400ML has been allocated for a future infrastructure demand target. This allows for proposed industrial and commercial growth in future. Actual required increase for current demand is estimated at 185ML per/annum, based upon Hilltops Council reported number of assessments.

Jugiong Water Treatment Plant is licenced to extract 5590ML per year, with current production long term average of 4000ML per annum. With the inclusion of Boorowa, the average would increase by around 400ML per annum. It is GWCC's officer's recommendation to commence discussions with Department of Industry and Water regarding its licenced entitlement and seek an increase to match the demand requested by Hilltops Council.

Goldenfields water must identify all costs for connections which includes the requirements to implement section 64 charges. Based upon the increase of existing demand requirements of 500kl/day (185ML/annum) this equates to around 740 equivalent tenements at cost of \$5,279,160 in headworks charges. It is recommended that these costs be requested for inclusion to any funding application submitted by Hilltops Council to ensure the future augmentation needs of the Jugiong WTP can be recovered.

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In order for Goldenfields Water to supply the required demand it has been identified internally through the engineering division that an estimated \$18.5m worth of works will be required to facilitate the project. The below breakdown provides the existing bottlenecks and restriction that need to be undertaken before supply can be provided. Please note that no augmentation works at the Jugiong WTP has been identified yet, as this work was being investigated as part of the Safe & Secure funded works.

Item	Budget Estimate
Survey Investigation Design for pipe replacements	\$750,000
5 km of 500mm DICL	\$5,000,000
4km of 450mm DICL	\$3,450,000
0.8km of 500 DICL	\$800,000
Upgrade Existing Galong Offtake	\$150,000
2 Concrete Reservoirs	\$8,300,000
Total	\$18,450,000

These projects have been identified within the \$70m cost estimated submitted by Hilltops Council. In regards to the questions raised from state and federal ministers for council contributions, it is GWCC's officer's recommendation to advise that the Rosehill upgrade project be identified as its contribution to the Boorowa Water Supply Scheme at an estimate of \$10,000,000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Based upon the recommendations from GWCC Officers, the connection for Boorowa would equate to \$5,279,160 in section 64 charges, based upon existing average daily demand figures.

The additional access charge income is estimated at \$97,857 per annum with a usage income of \$299,700 per annum. This is based upon 740 ET's and an average demand of 185ML per annum.

ATTACHMENTS: Goldenfields Water Supply Options A, B & C

TABLED ITEMS: Hilltops Council Letter of Request

6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

7. CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business requiring the attention of Council the meeting was declared closed at 11.10am.

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NEWELL HIGHWAY TASK FORCE MEETING

Minutes of the Newell Highway Task Force (NHTF) Meeting held in West Wyalong on Tuesday 12 February 2019

The NHTF meeting commenced at 10:00am

1. Welcome, Attendees, Apologies

The Chair Cr Ken Keith OAM welcomed everyone to the Newell Highway Task Force Committee meeting in West Wyalong.

Cr Tony Lord welcomed everyone to the Bland Shire and West Wyalong and mentioned that the Newell Highway is extremely important for the communities in and along the Newell Highway Corridor and is the third largest freight route in Australia. The RMS had completed works on the West Wyalong Heavy Vehicle Route which had made a big improvement and the RMS should be thanked for the work they had undertaken. Cr Lord was also delighted by the recent announcements by Minister Pavey regarding the at least 30 new overtaking lanes and the Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack Newell Highway Corridor Study announcement. Recent activities in the Bland Shire and West Wyalong include:

- The approval of the West Wyalong IGA Supermarket
- The Development Application for a Metro Service Station and the building of Mobil and iOR Fuels outlets in West Wyalong
- The approval of a NRMA Electric Vehicle Fast Charger
- There have also been ownership changes for the New Holland and Case IH dealerships in West Wyalong.

Attendees:

Attendees Name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM	Mayor Parkes Shire Council
Jeff Stien	Bland Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord	Bland Shire Council
John Scarce	General Manager Murrumbidgee Council
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance / NatRoad
Merran Socha	Berrigan Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Steven Karaitiana	Forbes Shire Council
John Zannes	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Narrandera Shire Council
Julian Geddes	Narrandera Shire Council
Oliver Holm	General Manager, South East Infrastructure Investment Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
Sarah Nattey	Director, South East Infrastructure Investment Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
Malinda Parkinson	Director Price Waterhouse Coopers

Attendees Name	Organisation
Darren Raeck	Narrabri Shire Council
Will Marsh	Bland Shire Council
Kerry Murphy	Dubbo Regional Council
Alistair Lunn	RMS Western Regional Director

Apologies:

Name	Organisation
Philip Donato MP	Member for Orange
Ian Dinham	Moree Plains Shire Council
Katrina Humphries	Mayor Moree Plains Shire Council
Lila Fisher	Moree Plains Shire Council
The Hon Michael McCormack MP	Deputy Prime Minister Federal Government
The Hon Sussan Ley MP	Federal Member for Farrer
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor Murrumbidgee Council
Mick Savage	Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia
Matthew Lewis	Dubbo Regional Council
The Hon Robert Brown MLC	Member of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party
Ray Smith	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Phyllis Miller OAM	Mayor Forbes Shire Council
Peter Dale	Narrandera Shire Council
George Cowan	General Manager Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor Narrandera Shire Council
James Simmons	NRMA
Jim Betts	CEO Infrastructure NSW
Michael Daley MP	Leader of the Opposition
Kevin Anderson MP	Member for Tamworth
The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC	Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW
The Hon Andrew Gee MP	Federal Member for Calare
Warren Clark	CEO NatRoads
Cr Alan Ward	Parkes Shire Council
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Dubbo Regional Council
Luke McDermott	Narrabri Shire Council
Shahab Khaled	Weddin Shire Council
Alan Magill	NatRoads
The Hon Scott Morrison MP	Prime Minister of Australia

Resolution

That the apologies be confirmed

Moved: Cr Doug Batten

Seconded: Cr Craig Davies

All in favour

Carried

2. Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting held in Parkes on Tuesday 13 November 2018

Resolution

That the Minutes of the NHTF Committee meeting held in Parkes on Tuesday 13 November 2018 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Tony Lord

Seconded: Julian Geddes

All in favour

Carried

3. Matters arising and actions arising from the previous NHTF Meeting that was held in Parkes on Tuesday 13 November 2019.

- The letter to the State and Federal Government Minister and Members regarding the importance of the Newell Highway, increased funding, Snowy Hydro 2.0 and Federal Government Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) was sent out to the following recipients and a copy of the letter is attached:
 - The Hon Scott Morrison MP
 - The Hon Michael McCormack MP
 - The Hon Bill Shorten MP
 - The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
 - The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP
 - The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
 - Mr Michael Daley Leader of the NSW Labor Party
 - The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC
 - Mr Ryan Park MP
 - Ms Jodi Mckay MP
 - The Hon. Peter Primrose MLC
 - The Hon. Mick Veitch MLC
- The letter to the State and Federal Government Ministers to encourage the Ministers to investigate and build a freight bypass for Dubbo and the NHTF is waiting to receive information before completing this matter.
- The letter to Minister Pavey in relation to the acquisition of land next to the Inland Rail Corridor for a heavy vehicle route in Narrabri and the NHTF is waiting to receive information before completing this matter.

4. Correspondence

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

Resolution

That the correspondence distributed by the Secretary be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Denis Todd

Seconded: Cr Doug Batten

All in favour

Carried

5. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Update

Alistair Lunn provided the RMS update and mentioned that Minister Pavey had announced that BMD and AECOM have been selected to help the NSW Government deliver the Newell Highway Program Alliance. The Newell Highway Program Alliance will deliver at least thirty additional overtaking lanes and provide around 25 minutes of travel time savings. BMD and AECOM will be responsible for the joint development, design and construction. The overtaking lanes will incorporate two metre shoulders and wide centre line treatments with work to commence within six to eight weeks at Dusty's Creek north of Gilgandra. BMD and Aecom will establish an office in Dubbo and will work with Councils and the Communities along the Newell Highway. One of the new overtaking lanes will link with the already established overtaking lane at Tap Hill. Copies of the media releases are attached.

Cr Batten asked Alistair if this will affect the Road Maintenance Council Contracts (RMCC) which Alistair responded with, a no it will not, and BMD and Aecom will engage with local companies and employment networks and develop local participation plans and programs of works.

John Morris said that the RMS should be complimented on this initiative as it will improve the safety along the Newell Highway and reduce the build up of vehicles behind the trucks and caravans that use the Newell Highway.

Resolution

That the NHTF write to Minister Pavey to commend the New South Government on delivering the Newell Highway Program Alliance and for taking the time to visit and travel along the Newell Highway in making the announcement.

Moved: John Morris

Seconded: John Zannes

All in favour

Carried

Other RMS works include:

- The Parkes Bypass plans will be released in the near future and there have been discussions between the State and Federal Governments regarding the funds for the bypass. The NHTF should lobby the State and Federal Governments for the funding of the Parkes Bypass.
- The numbers for a flood free Dubbo bypass would not meet the required cost benefit analysis. Traffic studies show that 10% of the vehicle mix does not stop in Dubbo as Dubbo is the destination.

There was a discussion about the number of truck movements using the Tomingley and Eumungerie Roads and the heavy vehicles find that they use 22 litres of less fuel and is 25 minutes faster on this route than the Newell Highway through Dubbo. Cr Davies mentioned that a preliminary study had been prepared and found that 300 trucks a day are travelling through Tomingley. Cr Keith commented that the additional 30 overtaking lanes will improve the efficiency and travel times along the Newell Highway and there were also increases in truck movements through Trundle and Tottenham.

Cr Morris mentioned that A Doubles are using the back roads to avoid the congestion.

Cr Todd said this was also the case with A Doubles passing through Wee Waa.

Cr Lord highlighted that there had been a substantial increase in truck movements on the West Wyalong to Condobolin Road.

Resolution

That the NHTF write to Minister Pavey to raise the awareness of the increased truck movements on the Tomingley and Eumungerie and West Wyalong to Condobolin Roads.

Moved: John Morris

Seconded: Cr Tony Lord

All in favour

Carried

- John Zannes asked the question about the impact of the Inland Rail rail crossings and the Newell Highway especially between Forbes and Parkes. Alistair said that the RMS are working with the ARTC and have suggested that the Inland Rail at Parkes be moved to the west of the Newell Highway. Bridges will be replaced to allow double stacking.
- The design for the Victoria Street and Mitchell Highway intersection on the Newell Highway in Dubbo is close to be finalised.
- The improvement work on the LH Ford Bridge in Dubbo will allow access for B-Doubles when completed.
- The Narrabri to Moree heavy duty pavement upgrades is in the detailed design stage.
- The planning and concept improvements through Coonabarabran have been completed and will shortly be presented to Council.
- The Saving Lives on Country Roads Campaign will inject funding towards to the Newell Highway.
- The RMS is undertaking normal rehabilitation work on the Newell Highway.
- The Tocumwal decoupling area design is being finalised.

6. General Business

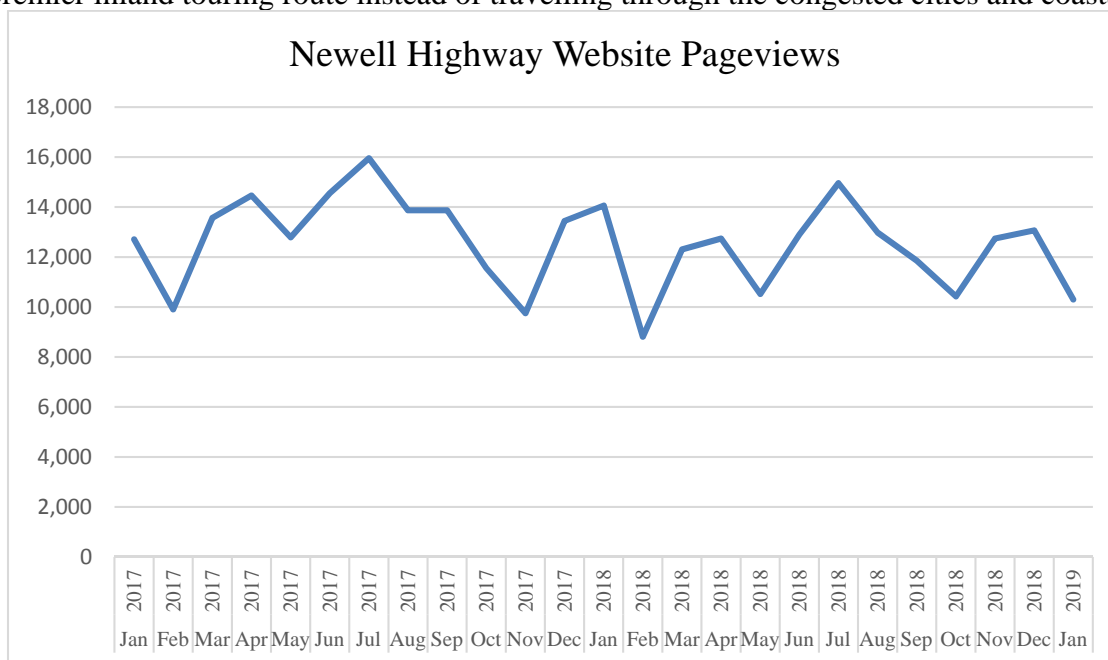
- Cr Todd mentioned that the Warrumbungle Shire Council Traffic Committee has been discussing the Side Traffic Activated Rural Speeds Program (STARS) <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/newsmedia/2017/north-east-victoria-pilots-new-road-safety-approach>. Alistair mentioned that the RMS are looking into STARS Program with trials being undertaken in the Cabonne LGA.
- Cr Todd also mentioned that the Warrumbungle Shire Council Traffic Committee has been discussing road safety concerns at the entry/exit of, the Warrumbungle Quarry, south of Coonabarabran on the Newell Highway near the point to point Safety camera structure. Cr Todd will follow this matter up with the RMS.
- John Zannes expressed his gratitude for the work that the Secretary is undertaking for the NHTF and for Bland Shire Council in supporting the Secretary in undertaking this role.

7. Newell Highway Promotions Committee Update

The Chair of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee (NHPC) provided an update on the activities of the NHPC and mentioned that the new Newell Highway brochure is progressing with the aim to have it printed by the end of February.

The Chair of the NHPC thanked all of the Councils and organisations for providing financial assistance in the production of the brochure which is marketed at the majority of the Visitor Information Centres on the Eastern Seaboard, Caravan and Camping Shows, direct mail outs and through the NHPC Website: <http://www.newellhighway.org.au/route39/>. The NHPC were disappointed that some of the larger centres and organisations contribution to the new brochure was minimal.

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



The January Newell Highway website analytics were distributed at the meeting and a copy is attached with the minutes.

8. Federal Government Newell Highway Corridor Strategy

Dr Oliver Holm, Sarah Nattey from the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities and Malinda Parkinson from PwC Australia provided the following update with the regards to the Federal Government Newell Highway Corridor Strategy (NHCS).

The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) has engaged PwC in consultation with Aurecon to develop the NHCS. Dr Holm provided an overview of the NHCS objectives, noting the intention of the NHCS is to build on the strategy released by the NSW Government in 2015, taking into consideration the Australian Government's commitment to Inland Rail, the current focus on assistance for drought-affected areas and the announcement in October 2018 of the Roads of Strategic Importance funding.

Ms Nattey outlined the governance structure for the NHCS, including the appointment of Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire Council) and Tony Lord (Bland Shire Council) on the Steering Committee, which will be chaired by Dr Holm. This Committee will meet three times in the next few weeks, one of which will be in Parkes, to ensure the NHCS is developed against the original objectives.

Ms Parkinson noted the NHCS will be developed over two key phases and will be underpinned by engagement with key stakeholders. The first phase includes a Situational Analysis aimed at identifying key performance gaps along the corridor and consultation with stakeholders. Three stakeholder workshops will be held at locations along the corridor (one each in Narrabri, Parkes and Narrandera) to gain a better understanding of stakeholder priorities and to inform the development of the Strategy. The Situational Analysis and consolidated stakeholder feedback will be completed by the end of March. The final Strategy (phase two) will highlight future investment opportunities and is expected to be completed by early May.

The Newell Highway Taskforce has requested that DIRDC and PwC provide a status update on the NHCS at its meeting on Thursday 30 May 2019 in Sydney. DIRDC and PwC have agreed to attend and provide an update. A copy of the PwC presentation is attached with these minutes.

Following the presentation, Darren Raeck highlighted that the heavy vehicle bypass of Narrabri along the Inland Rail Corridor was of strategic importance and for improving the efficiency of freight movements along the Newell Highway.

Dr Holm said the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy would include the corridor connections and John Zannes mentioned there had been discussions connecting the Hume and Newell Highways through Forbes.

Whilst in West Wyalong we took the opportunity to show Dr Holm, Sarah and Malinda some of the flooded sections of the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Forbes and in the following photo from left to right are Malinda Parkinson, Sarah Nattey and Dr Oliver Holm:



9. Next NHTF meeting date

The next Newell Highway Task Force Committee meeting will be held at the NSW Parliament House in Sydney on Thursday 30 May 2019.

10. The meeting finished at 12:00 pm



Jeff Stien
Secretary
Newell Highway Task Force
PO Box 21
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

17 December 2018

Dear

RE: THE NEWELL HIGHWAY, THE SNOWY HYDRO LEGACY FUND AND THE ROADS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE INITIATIVE

At a recent Newell Highway Task Force Committee (NHTFC) meeting it was resolved that the NHTFC write to you and to bring to your attention the importance of the Newell Highway to the New South Wales and Australia economy and to invite you to attend the NHTFC meeting that will be held in West Wyalong on Tuesday 12 February 2019 commencing at 10:00am.

The Newell Highway is the longest highway in NSW, stretching over 1,060 kilometres from the Victorian border at Tocumwal to the Queensland border at Goondiwindi, and is a National Highway.

The Newell Highway is New South Wales and Australia's third largest freight corridor and premier inland touring route. The NHTFC is aware that the NSW and Commonwealth Governments have invested funds for improvement works Newell Highway including the recently announced Program Alliance that will construct an additional 30 – 38 overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway.

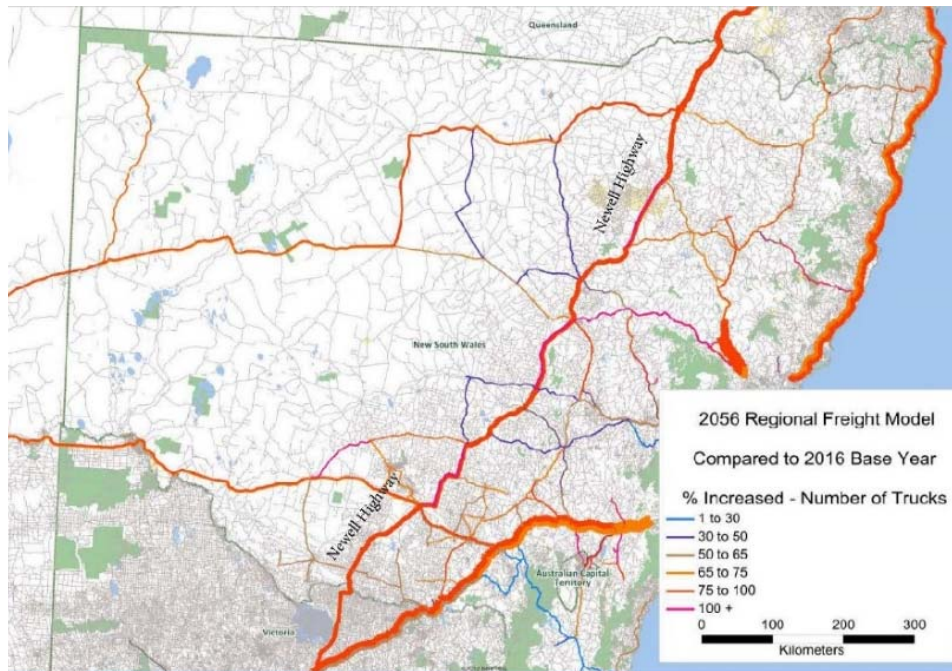
The Newell Highway requires repairs, upgrading and improving and should be one of the first priorities for investment for the Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund and a priority in the Federal Governments Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative.

The repairs, upgrading and improvements to the Newell Highway will improve economic development in regional New South Wales and Australia.

The repairs, upgrades and improvements to the Newell Highway will improve the freight productivity in New South Wales and Australia and will have the ability to reduce road fatalities and road trauma.

The improvements and upgrades will make regional travel faster, safer and easier between regional and metropolitan centres and regional freight networks to global gateways to increase exports.

The repairs, upgrades and improvements to the Newell Highway will enhance the work that is already underway to build an inland port in Parkes as a Special Activation Precinct that will leverage investment in the inland rail. The following Transport for NSW schematic shows the increase in the number of trucks in 2056 compared to the base year of 2016 and demonstrates that the Newell Highway is New South Wales third largest freight corridor:



The priority areas for the repairs, upgrades and improvements include:

- a lack of overtaking lanes, which increases travel times and the risk of crashes
- restricted access for High Productivity Freight Vehicles due to road design constraints
- recurring road and rail closures in flood-prone areas and the resilience of the repaired road pavement and the damage inflicted on the roads used to bypass the flood prone areas
- the Lachlan River and Bland Creek catchments
- a shortfall of facilities to manage driver fatigue for heavy vehicle operators
- rail level crossings without boom gates that increase the safety risk for road and rail users and the effect that the inland rail crossings will have on the freight productivity
- narrow bridges, road shoulders and clear zones that increase the risk of vehicle crashes.
- lack of mobile phone coverage along the Newell Highway Corridor
- lack of funding for repairs and maintenance and improvements
- heavy vehicle town bypasses
- pavement improvements
- regional roads that feed into the Newell Highway corridor etc

In relation to the flooding of the Newell Highway we have attached a copy the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) Newell Highway Flood Report and information presented to the Deputy Prime Minister in April 2018. The NIEIR Newell Highway Flood Report found that the conservative total impact in terms of lost total gross regional product (GRP), in terms of the flow-on impact for lost increases and household consumption expenditure on the economy for the six-week closure of the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Forbes, is modelled at minimum \$_{CVM}138 million, up to \$_{CVM}153 million and the loss of two million hours of work with the contribution of some loss of employment, but most likely under-employment, of a conservative 5,194 workers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information on (02) 6979 0244 or email at: jstien@blandshire.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Stien

Jeff Stien
Secretary Newell Highway Task Force



Melinda Pavey

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight

Troy Grant

Member for Dubbo

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 31 January 2019

ROAD PROJECTS BRING FOUR HUNDRED NEW JOBS TO DUBBO

Dubbo is set to receive a boost of more than 400 direct and indirect jobs thanks to the Liberals and Nationals delivering a number of projects to reduce congestion and travel time for motorists in and around Dubbo.

The Liberals and Nationals in government are delivering more than \$190 million building much-needed infrastructure in Dubbo, increasing safety, improving journey reliability and supporting economic growth into the future.

“Six major projects will be delivered by the Nationals ensuring Dubbo has the infrastructure to continue to grow as a major regional centre. We are focused on not only building roads, but also building the skills of our regional communities,” Mrs Pavey said.

KEY POINTS

- The six projects include
 - Up to 13 overtaking lanes between Parkes and Narrabri on the Newell Highway
 - Upgrade of the Newell Highway at West Dubbo
 - Upgrade of Newell Highway intersection with Mitchell Highway
 - Mitchell Highway (Cobra Street) intersection with Fitzroy Street
 - LH Ford Bridge
 - New Dubbo Bridge
- The Newell Highway Program Alliance is a strategic partnership between industry NSW Government to deliver at least 30 new overtaking lanes

Member for Dubbo Troy Grant was delighted with the news that the Newell Highway Program Alliance would be based in Dubbo.

“The Newell Highway is the road and freight back bone of inland NSW. This project is the perfect example of the Nationals delivering real value for money, whilst slashing travel time and creating local jobs,” Mr Grant said.

Nationals Candidate for Dubbo Dugald Saunders said by delivering more local job opportunities the Nationals were giving locals the chance to work closer to home.

“More jobs in Dubbo means that locals will be able to spend more time at home with family and friends, rather than travelling great distances to work,” Mr Saunders said.

Dubbo locals are encourage to sign up for the 'Building a better Dubbo' eNewsletter at rms.work/dubbo to keep up to date with traffic detours and planned delays as well the opportunity to provide feedback and to receive invitations to community consultation events.

Alexandra Byrne | 0429 321 364 | Minister Pavey

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Austin Evans MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY



MEDIA RELEASE

29 January 2019

LIBERALS AND NATIONALS SLASHING TRAVEL TIMES ON THE NEWELL

Travel times on the Newell Highway will be slashed thanks to the Liberals and Nationals delivery of more than 45 kilometres of new overtaking lanes.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said that only the Liberals and Nationals in government are delivering improvements to everyday lives out in regional NSW.

“The Newell Highway is the road and freight backbone of inland NSW stretching from the Victorian border to Queensland, that connects regional communities,” Mrs Pavey said.

“This upgrade provides more than 25 minutes in travel time savings that will deliver more jobs and lower freight costs.”

KEY POINTS:

- BMD and Aecom have been selected to help the NSW Government deliver more overtaking lanes
- The Newell Highway Program Alliance will deliver at least thirty additional overtaking lanes
- This will provide around 25 minutes of travel times savings
- BMD and Aecom will be responsible for the joint development, design and construction.

Member for Murray, Austin Evans said that up to five overtaking lanes between Tocumwal and Narrandera will each be 1.5 kilometres in length.

“More than 2,560 motorists use this section of the Newell Highway each day, so it’s essential these improvements are made to provide safer overtaking opportunities,” Mr Evans said.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin welcomed the Newell Highway Program Alliance that will deliver at least 30 additional overtaking lanes in an estimated four years, rather than the eight years it would take Government to solely fund and deliver this work.

“This is a big win for local communities. This partnership will deliver more overtaking lanes, in half the time for the same price.”

Liberal candidate for Albury Justin Clancy says it is a big win for all road users.



NATIONALS for Regional NSW

Austin Evans MP

MEMBER FOR MURRAY



“Local businesses, trucking companies and those travelling to and from town will reap the benefits of these new overtaking lanes,” Mr Clancy said.

Since 2011, the NSW Liberals and Nationals have invested a historic \$523 million on the Newell Highway and \$31.9 billion on regional roads.

For more information about the project visit

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/western-nsw/newell-highway/index.html>.

Alexandra Byrne | 0429 321 364 | Minister Pavey

Murray Electorate Office Anne Lyons | 02 6962 6644 | Austin Evans



Media Release

Steph Cooke MP

Member for Cootamundra

Wednesday, 30 January 2019

ADDITIONAL OVERTAKING LANES MAKE OVERTAKING ON NEWELL HIGHWAY SAFER

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke joined Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey today to announce extra overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway.

Ms Cooke and Mrs Pavey made the announcement on the highway near West Wyalong to announce 14 overtaking lanes between Narrandera and Parkes.

Ms Cooke said the NSW Government was working hard to accelerate the delivery of more than 45 kilometres of new overtaking lanes on the Newell and make driving safer.

"More than 3000 motorists use this section of the Newell Highway each day, so it's essential these improvements are made to provide safer overtaking opportunities," Ms Cooke said.

"Nobody enjoys being stuck behind a truck or a slow-moving heavy vehicle and this can lead to frustration, or worse. These overtaking lanes will provide more opportunities to overtake which are safe.

"The Newell Highway is an important link across the Cootamundra electorate and it's fantastic to see these safety improvements being delivered.

"What's more, the additional lanes along the Newell will deliver an estimated 25 minutes of travel time savings," Ms Cooke added.

Mrs Pavey said that only the NSW Government is capable of delivering improvements to daily lives out in regional NSW.

"The NSW Government have been fighting hard for more jobs, better roads, safer, more efficient travel and lower freight costs for regional communities. This project delivers on this," Mrs Pavey said.

Minister Pavey said working with industry the Liberals and Nationals will deliver at least 30 additional overtaking lanes on the Newell in an estimated four years, rather than the eight years it would take Government to solely fund and deliver this work.

Since 2011, the NSW Liberals and Nationals have invested a historic \$523 million on the Newell Highway and \$31.9 billion on regional roads.

For more information about the project visit <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/western-nsw/newell-highway/index.html>.

MEDIA: Graham Springett | Madeleine Clarke: 6924 2533



L to R: Cr Rick Firman OAM, Cr Ken Smith, Cr Murray Thomas, Cr Liz McGlynn, Ray Smith, Steph Cooke, Minister Pavey, Lindsay Tanner, Pamela Henderson, Alistair Lunn

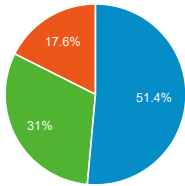
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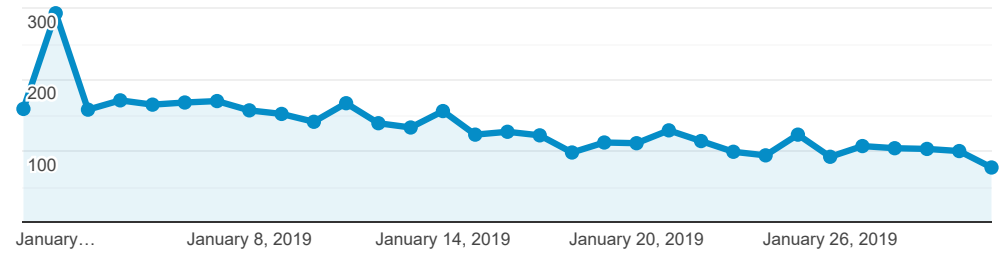
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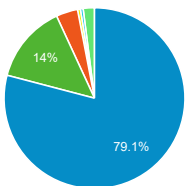
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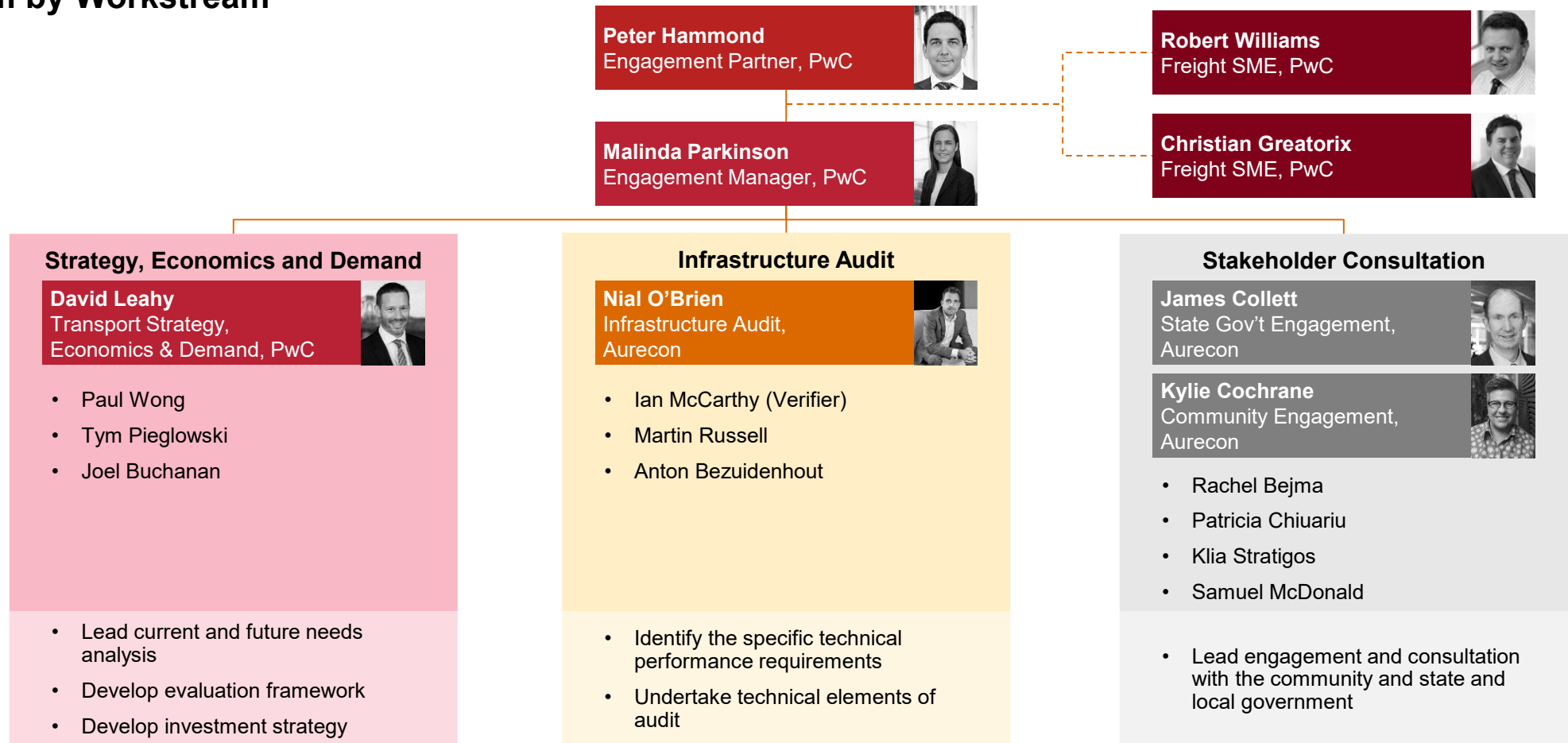
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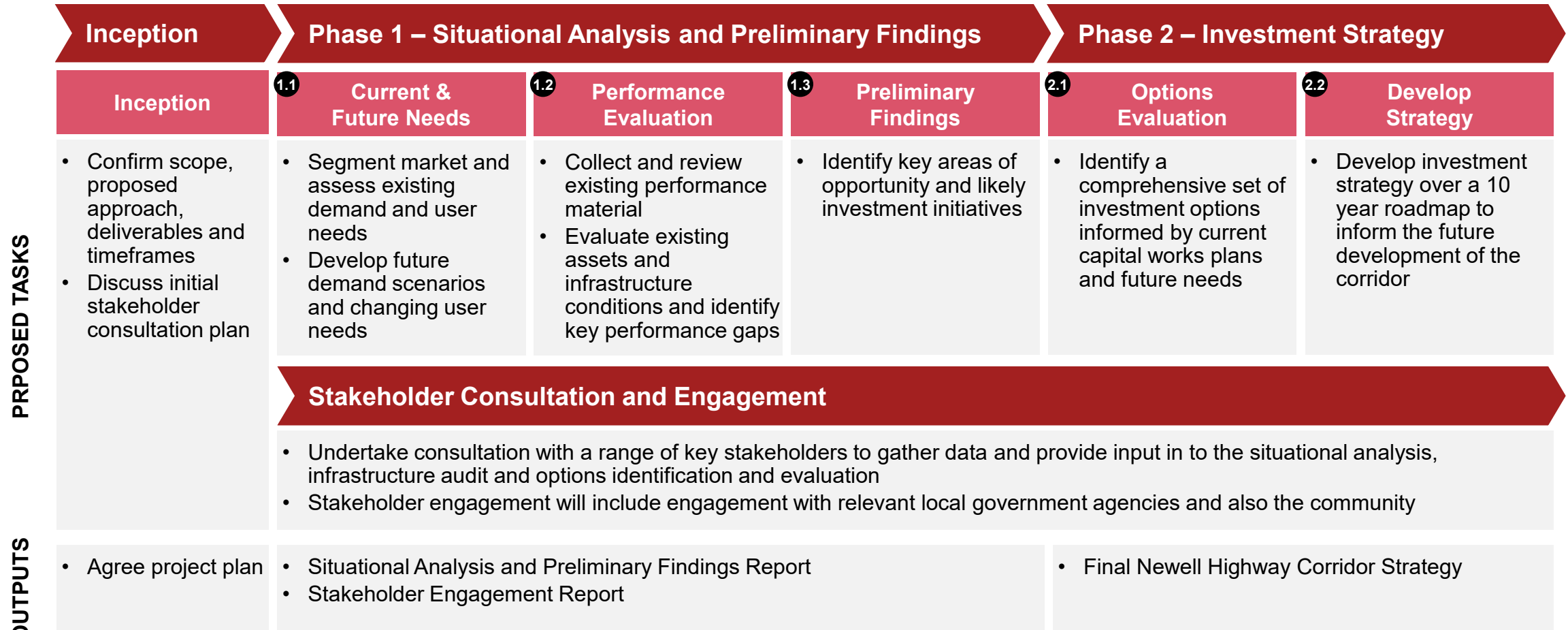
Newell Highway Taskforce Meeting
Material

A combined PwC and Aurecon team has been engaged to develop the Newell Highway Corridor Strategy

Project Team by Workstream



Our approach consists of two key phases and includes stakeholder and community consultation



We have a dedicated stakeholder and community engagement team who will facilitate workshops at key locations along the corridor

Our Stakeholder Engagement Team

- Aurecon will lead the stakeholder and community engagement
- The Aurecon team brings extensive experience in delivering successful community engagement and communication programs for road and infrastructure projects

Stakeholder and Community Workshops

- Workshops with key stakeholders and community representatives will be held at three key locations along the corridor
- We are currently working with the DIRDC to identify suitable locations and determinate workshop arrangements

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NSW ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCIL'S NSW INCORPORATED HELD AT CLUB YORK, 99 YORK ST, SYDNEY, COMMENCING AT 2PM 7TH FEBRUARY 2019

Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock Council
Cr James Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council

In Attendance: Greg Lamont (Executive Officer) as the minute taker and Steve Loane (Forbes Shire Council) as an observer.

Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed Executive Committee members to the meeting and congratulated Cr Dagg on being elected to the Executive Committee and declared the meeting open at 2.25 pm. The Chair indicated that given the apologies of Cr's Brady and Moore, (the two Deputy Chairs) that Cr Michael Banasik attend the meeting as a former Executive Committee member as part of the Executive Committee.

1. Apologies

Cr Lilliane Brady OAM & Cr Sue Moore

ECM 1/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Nolan) that the apologies be received and noted

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Nil

3. Executive Officer's Report

(a) Correspondence

ECM 2/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik that

- (1) the information be noted;
- (2) Executive Officer to follow up the letter sent to the Minister for Planning regarding the status of the EIA reforms and seeking a meeting with Nick Kaldas in order to have input into his planning process governance review ;
- (3) Executive Officer to respond to the DPE letter dated 2nd December 2018 to indicate that:
 - (a) The Association accepts there appears to have been a misunderstanding with regard to the invitation for Mr David Kitto, DPE's Executive Director Resource Assessments & Business Systems, to attend our meeting on 9th November 2018 at Crookwell and his availability;
 - (b) The questions and discussions that took place with other DPE (less senior staff), covered a broad range of issues beyond the assessment of wind farms which eventuated because of his absence given Mr Kittos' extensive range of experience and the level of interest of delegates in the current government planning processes;

(b) **Finance Report**

ECM 3/2019 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Dagg) that the Financial Report for 1st Oct 2018 to 31st December 2018 be received and noted.

(c) **Regional Independent Assessment Panel (RIAP) & Resources for Regions**

ECM 4/2018 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Dagg) that the information on RIAP be noted.

(d) **Life Membership – John Martin (Singleton Council)**

ECM 5/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that John Martin be granted life membership of the Association and he be entitled to the benefits afforded him in accordance with Clause 4.5 of the constitution – Life Membership.

(e) **Meetings with Ministers & Senior Government Staff**

ECM 6/2019 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Dagg) that the information be noted.

(f) **Membership Campaign**

ECM 7/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Hasler) that the information be noted.

(g) **Website Enhancements**

ECM 8/2019 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Banasik) that the information be noted.

(h) **Submissions to DPE**

ECM 9/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted.

(i) **Submission to Federal Inquiry on the Impact of Mining on Regional Economies**

ECM 10/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted

(j) **VPA Joint Working Party**

ECM 11/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted

(k) **Progress Report on Decisions of Association**

ECM 12/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Dagg) that the information be noted.

(l) **Progress Report on Strategic Plan 2018 – 2020 Actions**

ECM 13/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted.

(m) **Delegates Report**

ECM 14/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Hasler) that the information be noted.

(n) **Coal Seam Gas Review**

ECM 15/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Banasik) that the policy be adopted, subject to any changes delegates may include at the Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 8th February 2019..

(o) **Skills Matrix**

ECM 16/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted

(p) **Environmental Consultants Panel**

ECM 17/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Nolan) that the information be noted

(q) **PhD Research Project**

ECM 18/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Dagg) that the information be noted and delegates to have a further discussion after the presentation by Dr Juan Castilla – Rho, at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Association on 8th February 2019, the final decision to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Association in May 2019.

(r) **Executive Officer Annual Performance & Contract Review**

The Executive Officer left the room at 4.30pm and returned to the meeting at 4.49pm

ECM 19/2019 Resolved (Cr Dagg/Cr Nolan) that:

- (1) The Association continues with the current incumbent providing the Executive Officer Services as per the current contract terms and duration, with the inclusion of a CPI component;
- (2) The CPI adjustment to be effective annually from November 2018 as per Schedule A of the contract;
- (3) The contract to be altered to reflect the changed entity trading names of the current incumbent and the Association;
- (4) The Chair be authorised to sign the amended contract on behalf of the Association

4. General Business -Nil

5. Next Meeting – Forbes (May 9/10th, date confirmed), Sydney (8/9th August) and Mid Coast - Gloucester (7/8th November, date to be confirmed).

6. Close – the meeting closed at 5.10pm.

The minutes (pages 1-3) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary General Meeting held on the 8th February 2019 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 7th February 2019.

.....Cr Peter Shinton, Chairperson

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(NSW) ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT CLUB YORK, LEVEL 2 /99 YORK ST, BASS
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Present

Cr Peter Shinton	Warrumbungle Shire Council (Chair)
Cr Owen Hasler	Gunnedah Shire Council
Andrew Johns	Gunnedah Shire Council
Cr Sarah Ludeman	Singleton Council
Cr Dan Thompson	Singleton Council
Jason Linnane	Singleton Council
Cr Melanie Dagg	Cessnock City Council
Cr James Nolan	Broken Hill City Council
Cr Michael Banasik	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Noel Lowry	Wollondilly Shire Council
David Henry	Wollondilly Shire Council
Cr Mark Hall	Lachlan Shire Council
Lisa Schiff	Lachlan Shire Council
Greg Tory	Lachlan Shire Council
Ron Zwicker	Wollongong City Council
Cr Dom Figliomeni	Wollongong City Council
Cr Scott Ferguson*	Blayney Shire Council
Rebecca Ryan*	Blayney Shire Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Forbes Shire Council
Steve Loane	Forbes Shire Council
Cr Joanne McRae*	Orange City Council
Cr Des Kennedy	Mid Western Regional Council
Brad Cam	Mid Western Regional Council
Cr Liz McGlynn	Bland Shire Council
Cr Ian Davison	Cabonne Shire Council
Heather Nicholls	Cabonne Shire Council
Cr Jarrod Marsden	Cobar Shire Council
Cr Karlene Irving	Warren Shire Council
Glenn Wilcox	Warren Shire Council
Cr Katheryn Smith	Mid Coast Council

(*Late arrivals - arrived shortly after commencement of the meeting, flight issues).

Minute Taker

Mr Greg Lamont	Executive Officer
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Speakers

Adam Searle	MLC, Labor
Mick Veitch	MLC, Labor
David Mooney	DPE
Stephen Barry	DPE
Dr Juan Castilla – Rho	University of Wollongong

Apologies

Councillor Robert Khan, Wollondilly Shire Council; Councillor Robert Hooke, Gunnedah Shire Council; Councillors Reg Kidd & Kevin Duffy, Orange City Council; Councillor Cath Blakey, Wollongong City Council; Councillor Melisa Hederics & Ken Ross, Wentworth Shire Council; Paul de Szell, Mid Coast Council; Michael McMahon, Cr Ben Shields, Dubbo Regional Council; Cr Sue Moore, Singleton Council; Cr Heather Druce & Glenn Wilcox, Warren Shire Council; Cr Manuel Martinez, Walgett Shire Council; Cr Jay Suvaal & Cr Bob Pynsent, Cessnock City Council; Cr Lilliane Brady OAM and Peter Vlatko, Cobar Shire Council and Cr Alan Ward, Parkes Shire Council.

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1. Welcome

The Chair, Councillor Peter Shinton welcomed members, observers and speakers to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 9.06am

2. Apologies

OM 1/2019 Resolved (Cr Miller/Cr Thompson) that the apologies for delegates listed be received and noted.

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

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

OM 2/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr Loane) that the disclosures of interest be received and noted.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting – 9th November 2018

OM 3/2019 Resolved (Cr Thompson/S. Loane) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 9th November 2018 be received and noted.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting - 9th November 2018
Nil.

6. Adoption of Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 8th November 2018

OM 4/2019 Resolved (Cr Thompson/Cr McRae) that consideration of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 7th February 2019 be deferred until after the Executive Officer provides a background report on the items & recommendations.

The Executive Officer went through the items in his report that related to matters on the Agenda for this meeting prior to adoption of the minutes. The Executive Officer left the room at 9.45am and returned at 9.50am when Item (r) Executive Officer contract review was considered

OM 5/2019 Resolved (Cr Nolan/Cr Dagg) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 7th February 2019 be received and noted.

7. Business Arising from Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – 7th February 2019 Nil

8. Executive Officers Report –Was dealt with as part of Item 6.

9. Delegates Reports - Nil.

10. Coal Seam Gas Policy (Amended)

Suspension of Standing Orders for Speakers and Morning Tea

OM 6/2019 Resolved (Cr Miller/Irving) that standing orders be suspended at 10.00am to allow the speakers to address delegates and thereafter for morning tea.

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The speakers and comments made of interest to delegates were:

- Adam Searle, MLC, Opposition Party Leader of Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Energy & Climate Change on Labor's position with Resources for Regions. He was accompanied by Mick Veitch, MLC, Shadow Minister for Lands and Rural Affairs, main points made by the Labor speakers were as follows:
 - Labor is not anti – mining (neither is the Association);
 - A Daley Labor Government will:
 - end asset sales as the source of investment in mining communities and revert to a Royalties for Regions program to put a set percentage of royalties back into the regions they came from, to upgrade infrastructure,
 - develop a new Resources for Regions (R4R) model linked to a set proportion of mining royalties,
 - to provide a more reliable and predictable stream of revenue,
 - the mining communities to have a greater say in the distribution of funds,
 - remove the need for Councils to co –fund the 50%,
 - provide funding at the same level of funding that the government promised they would spend but haven't as yet whilst in government eg recent two rounds of R4R only allocated approximately half of the available \$100m;
 - That funds will be distributed to Councils in a planned, evidence based and orderly way rather than a “ad hoc pork barrelling of marginal regional seats” basis;
 - Labor will review the Local Land Services structure and services.
- David Mooney, DPE Planner from the Resources and Policy Section, on Large Scale Solar Energy Guidelines for State Significant Developments (SSD's)* - distributed hard copies of the Guidelines for delegates and made these comments:-
 - The capacity of present electricity transmission infrastructure is limiting solar and windfarm development and the government is working to improve the network to address this,
 - The need for Councils to have “up to date Community Contribution Plans place” puts Councils in a weaker position when it comes to negotiations with proponents on renewable developments (as many Councils don't have such plans and they need to) if they receive a lump sum contribution for the development,
 - Waste management is an issue with developments and post mining voids may be an answer and Councils will need to consult with EPA on this issue,
 - A copy of the map of Solar Developments in NSW and Guidelines are included in the presentation.
- Stephen Barry, Director Resources and Policy, provided an update on Planning Policy matters such as:-
 - VPA Update explaining delay with Agenda due to DPE legal being involved - suggested that MERC makes a submission to include VPA's as part of renewable energy planning approvals,

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- seeking feedback on the Social Impact Assessment Guidelines on DPE web site where government is seeking to expand this policy to include SSD's,
 - all of the Corbyn review recommendations have been accepted by DPE, who are now working on them,
 - the Kaldas report recommendations have been accepted by the government and DPE are considering them;
- Dr Juan Castilla – Rho, University of Wollongong, Research Fellow Participatory Modelling provided several options for delegates to consider for the potential PhD Research Participatory Modelling project* - his address was a follow up from his presentation to delegates at Crookwell in November 2019. Juan now proposes three options for the Association to consider at its May meeting, they are:
 - Research Agreement (4 years) MERC & UoW - \$35K pa each (cash and in kind), 1 Pilot case study (to be selected – mining, CSG, water resource, wind, etc.) and 1 PhD student, supervised by Dr Castilla and Prof Perez;
 - OEH Environmental Research Grant (4 years) MERC & UoW - \$50K - \$300K – to be split 50:50 depending on grant quantum, 2 case studies and 2 PhD students, same supervision;
 - ARC Linkage Project (2-5 years) MERC & UoW - \$50K - \$300K (35/50% success rate), 3 Pilot studies, 3 PhD students, same supervision, plus Prof Moira Zellner, University of Illinois of Chicago, world leader in participatory steering of complex systems;
 - Outputs – Participatory modelling workshops, management flight simulator, journal papers, presentation at International conferences, news and media;
 - Outcomes – Piloting of participatory modelling social licence pathways, facilitate assessment of mining and energy proposals, potential to include in Guidelines, best practice and ultimately regulation;

(*Copies/details of presentations will be forwarded to delegates from these speakers that provided them – David Mooney and Dr Castilla - Rho)

Resumption of Standing Orders

OM 7/2019 Resolved (Cr Moore/Cr Lowry) that standing orders be resumed at 11.05am.

Adoption of the Amended Coal Seam Gas Policy

OM 7/2019 Resolved (Cr Irving/Cr McRae) that the amended Coal Seam Gas Policy be altered prior to submission to the May meeting, for adoption by delegates, with the following changes:

- Page 3, Position Statement 6 – replace the word 'gas' with 'energy' supplies to read inter alia...that there is a security of energy supplies.....;
- Page 3, Position Statement 9 – replace the word 'catchments' with 'reserves' and add the words 'to include ground water sources which are used for drinking purposes' to read inter aliathat CSG activities should also be excluded from the states drinking water reserves to include ground water sources which are used for drinking purposes.

(Note: The policy with the amendments and the above changes included, will be presented to the May meeting for adoption.)

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General Business

(a) Life Membership- Col Mitchell. Col was a last minute withdrawal for receiving his life membership and will endeavour to attend the August 2019 Meeting in Sydney, if health permits.

(b) Life Membership - Chris Connor and Cr Lilliane Brady OAM

OM 8/2019 Resolved (Cr Hasler/Cr McGlynn) that

- (i) Chris Connor, former Wollongong City Council and Mudgee Shire Council delegate and Deputy Chair of the Association, be nominated for life membership in view of his contribution to the growth and strategic direction of the Association;
- (ii) Cr Lilliane Brady OAM, Mayor Cobar Shire Council, the longest serving female Mayor in NSW, a long term delegate to the Association and Deputy Chair of the Association, in view of her dedicated and strong mining advocacy for Local Government and the Association, be nominated for life membership.

(Note: MERC protocol stipulates that nominations be accepted from delegates at an Ordinary General meeting and be referred to the Executive Committee for endorsement, thereafter they be presented with a badge, a certificate/plaque and a benefit statement therein at a future General meeting of the Association if it can be arranged)

(c) PhD Fellowship Proposal - University of Wollongong (UoW) & MERC

The adopted minutes of the Executive Committee meeting indicate “that the information be noted and delegates to have a further discussion after the presentation by Dr Juan Castilla – Rho, at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Association on 8th February 2019, the final decision to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Association in May 2019”. (Min Nos ECM18/2019 & OM 5/2019)

Note 1: Strategic Direction 3 Policy: This project is in MERC’s Strategic Plan for the engagement of a PhD student to undertake a research project in alignment with a suitably interested University and MERC. It needs to be determined one way or the other in May by delegates.

Note 2: Working Party: Clr Dan Thompson (Singleton Council), Clr Joanne McRae (Orange City Council) and Rebecca Ryan (Blayney Shire Council) have indicated their interest in being on the working party for the setting up of the project with the Executive Officer and Dr Juan Castilla – Rho from UoW and will also assist with the identification of potential grant sources to fund MERC’s contribution and the selection of projects and the extent of them.

OM 9/2018 Resolved (B. Cam /Cr Miller) that the Executive Officer be delegated to investigate funding opportunities on behalf of the Association and submit a report to delegates on options to fully fund the Associations contribution in order to assist with the decision to be made on the proposal at the May 2019 meeting.

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(d) VPA Requirements for State Significant Developments Energy Proposals

OM 10/2019 Resolved (S. Loane/Cr McGlynn) that the Association request the DPE to adopt the VPA planning requirements used for mining developments for the State Significant Development's Energy proposals.

11. Next Meeting – Forbes 9/10th May 2019

OM 10/2019 Resolved (Cr McRae/Cr Banasik) that the next meeting of the Association be held on 9/10th May 2019 at Forbes, in keeping with the current meeting cycle.

12. Close – the meeting closed at 12.50pm

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th February 2019 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary meeting held on 9th November 2018.

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Cr Peter Shinton Chairperson

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 New Model Code of Meeting Practice for NSW Councils



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

DP10.1 Ensure Councillors are provided with appropriate support and resources to carry out their civic duty

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillors will be aware of the introduction, by the NSW OLG, of a new Code of Meeting Practice for all NSW Councils effective from 14th June 2019.

Below is an extract from the OLG Circular 18-45 issued on 18th December 2018.

- Councils are required to adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code prescribed by the Regulation. A council's adopted meeting code must not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.
- A council's adopted meeting code may also incorporate the non-mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code and any other supplementary provisions adopted by the council.
- Councils and committees of councils of which all the members are councillors must conduct their meetings in accordance with the code of meeting practice adopted by the council.
- Until a council adopts a new code of meeting practice, its existing code of meeting practice will remain in force up until six months from the date on which the new Model Meeting Code was prescribed, (14 December 2018 – 14 June 2019). If a council fails to adopt a new code of meeting practice within this period, under transitional provisions contained in the Regulation and the LGA, any provision of the council's adopted meeting code that is inconsistent with a mandatory provision of the Model Meeting Code prescribed under the Regulation will automatically cease to have any effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the mandatory provision of the Model Meeting Code.
- Irrespective of whether councils have adopted a code of meeting practice based on the Model Meeting Code, all councils (but not joint organisations) will be required to webcast meetings of the council and committees of which all members are councillors from 14 December 2019. The webcasting requirement may be met simply by posting an audio or video recording of the meeting on the council's website.
- Before adopting a new code of meeting practice, under section 361 of the LGA, councils are still required to exhibit a draft of the code of meeting practice for at least 28 days and provide members of the community at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft code. This requirement does not apply to joint organisations.

Given the timing requirements in the last dot point a draft Code of Meeting Practice for Bland Shire Council will need to meet the following schedule:

- 5.2.19 – Initial consideration of a new draft Code of Meeting Practice (Workshop)(Completed)
- 5.3.19 – Further consideration of a new draft Code of Meeting Practice (Workshop)(Completed)
- 19.3.19 – Adoption of a new draft Code of Meeting Practice (Council Meeting)
- 22.3.19 – Public exhibition of the new Draft Code of Meeting Practice
- 30.4.19 – Expiration of the 42day period for the receipt of submissions
- 7.5.19 – Consideration of any submissions received to that date (Workshop)
- 21.5.19 – Formal adoption of a new Code of Meeting Practice (Council Meeting)

A copy of the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice is included for Councillors consideration as a separate attachment to this agenda.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report however, at some stage council will need to consider the cost associated with the webcasting and/or audio streaming of council meetings. This will be the subject of a further report when quotations for various systems have been obtained.

Summary

Council must adopt the new Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the 'mandatory' provisions. But it is then up to individual councils as to whether or not they adopt the 'non mandatory' provisions and any other supplementary provisions.

The 'non mandatory' provisions are highlighted in red print in the attached document and the blue font indicates provisions for Joint Organisations. The provisions added by Council are shown in green font.

Councillors will also recall discussion surrounding the Questions and Statements section of the current meeting practice and based on advice from the NSW OLG and re-reading the Draft Code, with particular reference to Clauses 3.14; 9.1 and 9.14, there will be no Questions and Statements section once the new Code has been adopted.

Recommendation:

That Council adopts the draft Model Code of Meeting Practice and the document be placed on public exhibition for the required 42-day period.

9.2 Riverina Joint Organisations – Adoption of Revenue Policy



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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

A further document that requires the approval of the member councils of the Riverina Joint Organisation is the Revenue Policy, a copy of which is included as an attachment to this report.

The Revenue Policy Statement, under the Act, is to be treated the same way as a council's Revenue Policy and must be placed on public exhibition.

However, for this to occur, the Policy must be adopted by each of the JO member councils.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Summary

The Joint Organisation Revenue Policy is very different to a local council's as it does not have any fees and charges linked to it other than membership fees and therefore is a very short and concise document.

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council endorses the content of the Revenue Policy Statement for 2018/19 of the Riverina Joint Organisation.

Revenue Policy for 2018/2019

Introduction

This document constitutes the Riverina Joint Organisation's Revenue Policy for the year 2018-2019 and is prepared in accordance with Section 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("the Act") and Clause 3971 of the *Local Government (General) Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Regulation 2018* ("the Regulation").

Content of Revenue Policy for 2018-2019

This Revenue Policy includes the following statements for the 2018-2019 financial year:

- A Budget of Income and Expenditure for the Riverina Joint Organisation;
- A schedule of the Membership Contributions to be levied on Member Councils;
- Types of fees to be charged by the Riverina Joint Organisation and the amounts of any such fee;
- Any amounts of external borrowings, the sources from where these are to be borrowed and the means by which these are to be secured; and
- Any other such matters as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

The statements in the Revenue Policy with respect to membership and non-voting membership fees include, as required, the following particulars:

- The flat fee amount of the membership and non-voting membership fee;
- Any expectations agreed by the membership regarding the fees.

The statements in the Revenue Policy with respect to other income for the year include:-

- Provision for an Office of Local Government Establishment Grant of \$300,000;
- Provision for Administration and Financial Management Fees levied in respect of grants received during the year for various programs and activities;
- Provision for income anticipated under Memorandums of Understanding other stakeholder organisations and from interest received on financial investments.

Borrowings

The Riverina Joint Organisation does not propose any borrowings for the 2018-2019 financial year.

In the event of any future borrowings, the Revenue Policy statement will include the amount of any proposed borrowing, the sources from which they are proposed to be borrowed and the means by which they are proposed to be secured and repaid.

Factors influencing Riverina Joint Organisation Revenue Policy

The following factors influence the Riverina Joint Organisation's Revenue Policy.

Cost of Recovery

The Riverina Joint Organisation will apply the principles of full cost recovery to determine the total cost of services.

The User-Pays Principle

The User-Pays Principle involves pricing the provision of goods, projects, services and facilities that require the user or the consumer to pay the actual cost of the service provided.

Corporate overheads

The Riverina Joint Organisation's corporate overheads are for governance, employment, administration and compliance, as required to deliver on its Strategic and Business Plans.

Competitive neutrality

Competitive neutrality is one of the principles of National Competition Policy applied throughout Australia at all levels of Government, including Local Government. Competitive neutrality is based on the concept of a "level playing field" for competitors in a market, be they public or private sector competitors. All Government business organisations should operate without net competitive advantages over businesses as a result of their public ownership.

Where the Riverina Joint Organisation competes in the market place with other private businesses, it will do so on the basis that it does not utilise its public position to gain an unfair advantage over private businesses that may be in competition with the Joint Organisation or any of its Member Councils.

Goods and Services Tax

The Federal Government's Goods and Services Tax (GST) must be applied to non-exempt fees and charges. The current rate of the GST is 10% and is included in the price paid by the recipient of the service. The GST indicators (GST exempt or not) in the fees and charges levied by the Joint Organisation are subject to change at any time from changes that occur in the GST Act and/or regulations.

Membership Fees

Every Member Council is required to contribute a monetary payment or equivalent contribution, based on the methodology resolved by the Members, together with any project and/or service delivery fee as follows:

- A flat fee for membership, which has been set at \$0 per Member Council. The Members agree that as the JO's operations only officially commenced in October that for the 2018/19 Financial Year, a Membership Fee will not be levied.

Member Councils will be consulted about proposed membership contributions and other fees from time to time by:

- the Joint Organisation providing a Draft Budget and Membership Contribution Schedule, inviting feedback and/or submissions from the Member Councils,
- the Joint Organisation providing a written proposal based on an activity determined in its business planning and implementation processes.

The level of membership contributions will be determined annually based on the functions and activities proposed to be undertaken by the Joint Organisation. Proposed increases in annual Member Councils' contributions will have regard to determinations made by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal ("IPART") relating to maximum permissible increases in council rates and charges.

Fees for Service

Section 608 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides that the Riverina Joint Organisation may charge and recover an approved fee for any service it provides, other than a service provided, or proposed to be provided on an annual basis for which it is authorised or required to make an annual charge under Section 496 or 501 of the Act.

Section 609 of the Act provides that when determining the approved fee, the Riverina Joint Organisation must take into account the following factors:

- the cost of the Council providing the service;
- the price suggested for that service by any relevant industry body or in any schedule of charges published, from time to time, by the Office of Local Government;
- the importance of the service to the community; and
- any factors specified in the regulations under the Act.

Credit Card Surcharge

The Riverina Joint Organisation may impose a Credit Card Surcharge on all payments made via credit card in accordance with Reform of Credit Card Schemes in Australia and Final Reforms and *Regulation Impact Statement August 2002*.

Private works

Riverina Joint Organisation may carry out any kind of work that may lawfully be carried out. Private work will be carried out on the basis of a charge representing full recovery of the work carried out plus a margin for profit. The profit margin is dependent on and subject to market forces applying at the time.

9.3 Stronger Country Communities Program - Round 1 Progress Report - March 2019



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

This report deals with the progress of the successful applications under the Stronger Country Communities Program Round 1 as at 5th March 2019.

The successful projects and corresponding grant monies are as follows:

- Refurbishment of the Waterslide at Holland Park Pool - \$137,550 - **Completed**
- Heating of Holland Park Pool - \$147,596 - **Completed**
- West Wyalong Community Cinema - \$451,572
 - A selective tendering process has been implemented following the closure of the EOI's
 - The development application has been lodged with all of the necessary architectural plans completed and is currently under assessment by council staff.
 - The seats and carpet have been ordered.
- Ungarie Tennis Court Complex Upgrade - \$264,520
 - This project is now 90% complete with just the line marking to be completed which is occurring in the week commencing 4.3.19.

Financial Implications

Invoices for funds under Milestone 2 have been submitted to the NSW Government with payment expected within the next 21 days. All of the projects are running to budget at this stage.

Summary

Each of the above projects were inspected by two officers of the Department of Premier and Cabinet on Friday 1st February 2019 with all four projects receiving the tick of approval.

Recommendation:

That the information regarding the progress of the projects under Round 1 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund is received and noted.

9.4 Stronger Country Communities Program - Round 2 Progress Report - March 2019



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

This report deals with the progress of the successful applications under the Stronger Country Communities Program Round 2 as at 5th March 2019.

The successful projects and corresponding grant monies are as follows:

- Barmedman Pool upgrade \$171,890
 - Project Manager Mr. Mylvaganam Nirupan
 - Meeting being arranged with the pool committee to confirm the scope of works

- Cooinda Park Rejuvenation – Stage 1 \$187,800
 - Project Manager Mr. Will Marsh.
 - Site plan being prepared and quotes obtained for the various works

- West Wyalong Rugby Club and Rodeo power and sports lighting \$839,009
 - Project Manager Will Marsh
 - Surveying of the proposed easement to commence shortly
 - Plans for the electrical works have been prepared by local contractor

- Kikiora Hall amenities block and kitchen upgrade \$139,298
 - Project Manager Mr. Mylvaganam Nirupan
 - Initial discussions have been held with the Hall Committee

Financial Implications

The allocation to Bland Shire Council for Round 2 is \$1,237,997.00.

Invoices for the payment of funds under Milestone 1 have been submitted to the NSW Government and Council has been advised that such funds should be received by 15 March 2019.

Summary

The Deed of Agreement has now been executed by both parties.

Recommendation:

That the information regarding the progress of the projects under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund is received and noted.

9.5 Drought Communities Program – Progress Report for March 2019



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

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

Author: General Manager

Introduction

The formal Agreement between Council and the Federal Government has now been executed and work has already commenced on the majority of the projects.

Financial Implications

The current list of projects indicates expenditure across the Shire as follows:

- Community - \$62,000.00
 - Wyalong / West Wyalong - \$399,125.00
 - Barmedman - \$106,600.00
 - Ungarie - \$131,000.00
 - Weethalle - \$105,000.00
 - Mirrool - \$70,000.00
 - Tallimba / Yalgogorin - \$127,000.00
- Total - \$1,000,000.00**

In view of the fact that none of the identified projects exceed \$150,000.00 in total there will be no requirement for the calling of tenders. However, to ensure transparency, revised quotations are being obtained and second quotations being sought where necessary.

Summary

One requirement that must be met is that all contractors engaged by Council must be included on Council's Contractor Data base and where this is not the case council staff are arranging for the necessary inductions and completion of the appropriate paperwork.

Development Applications are being prepared for those projects requiring such approval and in respect to some of the specific projects I can advise as follows:

McAllister Oval Scoreboard – Order has been placed;
Toilet upgrades in Barnardo Park and McCann park – Work to start in the next 2-3 weeks
Water Tanks for South Yalgogorin Hall – Tanks have been installed
Modular Pump Track – Order has been placed

I will continue to provide monthly reports to Council to keep Councillors and the community up to date with the progress of each individual project.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager provide monthly reports to Council on the progress of each of the individual projects approved under the 2019 Drought Communities Funding Program.

9.6 Country Hope West Wyalong ‘HOPE’ sign proposal



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

DP 3.1.6 Facilitate and support groups that build skills and social inclusion including workshops/presentations

Author: Community Development Officer

Introduction

Representatives from Country Hope West Wyalong addressed the February meeting of the Community Reference Group to put forward a proposal to install a large metal structure spelling out the word “Hope” in the Lions Park precinct.

Spokesperson Jo Price told the meeting she hopes the sign will inspire and help people draw strength in tough times while also attracting visitors and boosting local business.

The fundamental idea of the project is to raise money for local charities through people purchasing a lock and donating money to their chosen charity. Purchasers write what they hope for on the lock and then lock it onto the structure. It is hoped the structure will further become an iconic large scale public artwork and a beacon of hope for both local residents and tourists alike with further plans to install coloured lighting on the structure to illuminate it at night and to highlight specific causes (e.g. Pink for breast cancer awareness).

CJM Welding and Fabrication has offered to build the structure for free while Evolution Mining has also pledged support for the concept.

The proposed site for the installation is the small section of Lions Park on the corner of the Mid-Western Highway and Reg Rattey Drive. This will, however, be subject to Council approval.

The Committee is seeking assistance from Council with the following items –

- The determination of a suitable location for the structure and assistance with installation and approvals
- In-kind assistance with installation of the structure
- Provision of lighting around the structure – Country Hope have noted that they have liaised with a local tradesperson and are waiting to receive a quote
- Seating near the installation to give people a space to sit and reflect

Financial Implications

Financial implications for this initiative are yet to be determined and will be provided for consideration at a future Council meeting.

Summary

This proposal has the capacity to instil hope within local residents and greatly enhance community spirit - particularly during tough times as we are currently experiencing - whilst also providing a significant boost to local businesses and assist in fundraising for greatly valued local charities. The structure will also stand as a significant public art work that is expected to increase local tourism and provide fantastic exposure for the Bland Shire, accurately depicting our community as being a leader in altruism.

Recommendation:

- 1. That council offer in principle support for the project and assist Country Hope to identify a suitable location and site plan and seek preliminary approvals.**
- 2. That Council further consider requests for financial and in-kind assistance at a future meeting once a site has been confirmed, a site plan developed and quotes and costings are received.**

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements – February 2019



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 FEBRUARY, 2019.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 28th FEBRUARY, 2019

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$ 4,875,923.13
BCard	\$ 20,990.00
	\$ 4,896,913.13
Invested Funds	
Fixed Deposits	\$ 26,700,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$ 3,697,938.07
	\$ 30,397,938.07
Net Balance	\$ 35,294,851.20
Percentage of investment to Net Balance	86.13%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 28.02.19
SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING MARCH 19TH, 2019

BALANCE as at 01.02.19	\$ 1,267,663.39
Add Receipts	
<u>Receipts over \$150,000</u>	
01/02/19 RMS – Flood Damage January 2019	\$ 484,315.00
07/02/19 RMS – Block Grant January 2019	\$ 263,000.00
18/02/19 OLG – Financial Assistance Grant General Purpose 3 rd Qtr	\$ 569,017.00
18/02/19 OLG – Financial Assistance Grant Local Roads 3 rd Qtr	\$ 368,872.00
27/02/19 RMS – Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program	\$ 298,013.00
27/02/19 RMS – Flood Damage February 2019	\$ 724,097.00
27/02/19 RMS – Block Grant 18/19	\$ 279,000.00
28/02/19 Dept of Industry – Drought Communities Program	\$ 500,000.00
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	\$ 2,625,264.10
<i>Total Receipts for February 2019</i>	\$ 6,111,578.10
Less Payments	
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>	
06/02/19 GP Evans & Englert – Balance Purchase 19 Lady Mary Drive	-\$ 330,038.49
28/02/19 Cleary Civil & Earth – Flood Damage Roadworks – Naradhan Rd	-\$
242,330.00	
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>	-\$ 2,867,626.73
<i>Total Payments for February 2019</i>	-\$ 3,439,995.22
CASH BALANCE	<u>\$ 3,939,246.27</u>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank	\$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period February 01, 2019 to February 28, 2019.

I CERTIFY,

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

Fund	Voucher No.s	Total
Cheques	025579 - 025610	\$ 166,479.78
Auto-pay Creditors	E016495– E016816	\$ 2,773,480.99
Auto-pay Payroll	03/02/19 – 24/02/19	\$ 469,528.47
February Bank Charges & Commission etc		\$ 1,302.24
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease	\$ 29,203.74
		\$3,439,995.22

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

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

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

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 19th March 2019, has been checked and is fully supported by vouchers and invoices. These vouchers have been duly certified as to receipt of goods, the rendition of services, to prices and computations, and to costings.

.....
General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling \$3,439,995.22 was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 19th March 2019 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)	\$ 9,881,516.16
Rates received as at 28/02/2019	\$ 7,000,815.52
% of rates received to date	70.85%

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 February, 2019
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 February to 28 February 2019, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,439,995.22.

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 31st January 2019. 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-October-2018	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	180 days	2.65%	15-April-2019
30-April-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	333 days	2.67%	29-March-2019
15-February-2019	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	367 days	2.70%	17-February-2020
12-June-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	272 days	2.75%	11-March-2019
08-November-2018	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	550 days	2.80%	11-May-2020
11-December-2018	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	274 days	2.65%	11-September-2019
08-September-2018	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	2.55%	08-September-2019
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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-January-2019	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	180 days	2.75%	16-July-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	3MBSW 1.2%	29 November 2021
02-November-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	364 days	2.65%	01-November-2019
11-October-2018	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	270 days	2.75%	08-July-2019
28-February-2019	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	334 days	2.65%	28-January-2020
10-October-2018	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	180 days	2.70%	08-April-2019
13-November-2018	CUA (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	336 days	2.77%	15-October-2019
28-June-2018	CBA (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	300 days	2.78%	24-April-2019
25-January-2019	Bankwest (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	180	2.65%	24-July-2019
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,821.84	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	3,647,116.23	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	<u>30,397,938.07</u>			

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

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

Director Corporate Community & Development Services

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.8 Climate Change Risk Assessment



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

DP 5.1 Facilitate the delivery of accessible services and infrastructure.

Author: Director Assets and Engineering Services

Introduction

In June 2011, Echelon Australia working for Statewide Mutual (Bland Shire Council Insurers), produced a Climate Change Risk Assessment – Adaption Report for Bland Shire Council (attached). Bland Shire Council and Statewide staff have been using this as a working document in forward planning and works development.

There exists some funding programs from both NSW and Commonwealth Governments for combating issues raised by climate change. However, LG NSW has advised that councils will only be considered for grants if “Climate change risk assessments, meeting Australian standards (AS/NZS 4360 or ISO 31000) has been conducted in the five years prior to the commencement of RCC (ie completed or updated after November 2013) and this document is adopted by Bland Shire Council.

Bland Shire Council officers, in conjunction with Statewide, have reviewed this document in light of recent data regarding climate change in this area. The result was that it was agreed that the report is still basically sound and that there are no real fundamental changes needed due to more modern information.

Therefore, it is believed the current document can be used as the 2019 updated report for Climate Change Risk Assessment Adaption Report

Financial Implications

None.

Recommendation:

That Bland Shire Council adopt the attached Climate Change Risk Assessment Adaption Report as the updated 2019 report.

Climate Change Risk Assessment Adaptation Report

Bland Shire Council



June 2011



Prepared for

Bland Shire Council

Facilitated and Developed by

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The climate change risk management assessments contained within this report have been developed solely on the site-specific information supplied by Bland Shire Council and have been prima facie accepted by the authors of this report and have not been independently verified for accuracy. Echelon Australia accepts no responsibility for any loss that arises out of the Bland Shire Council having failed to bring all relevant facts to our attention or having provided inaccurate information.

Assumptions & Limitations

It is understood that there is a level of uncertainty regarding climate change projections, including those for New South Wales. Echelon acknowledges that climate change data may change and has committed to the CSIRO scenarios available at the time of the assessment.

The focus of the Climate Change Adaptation Risk Assessment is one of planned adaptation – not mitigation. Planned adaptation is the result of deliberate policy decisions, based on an awareness that conditions have or will change and that action is required to return to, maintain, or achieve a desired state.



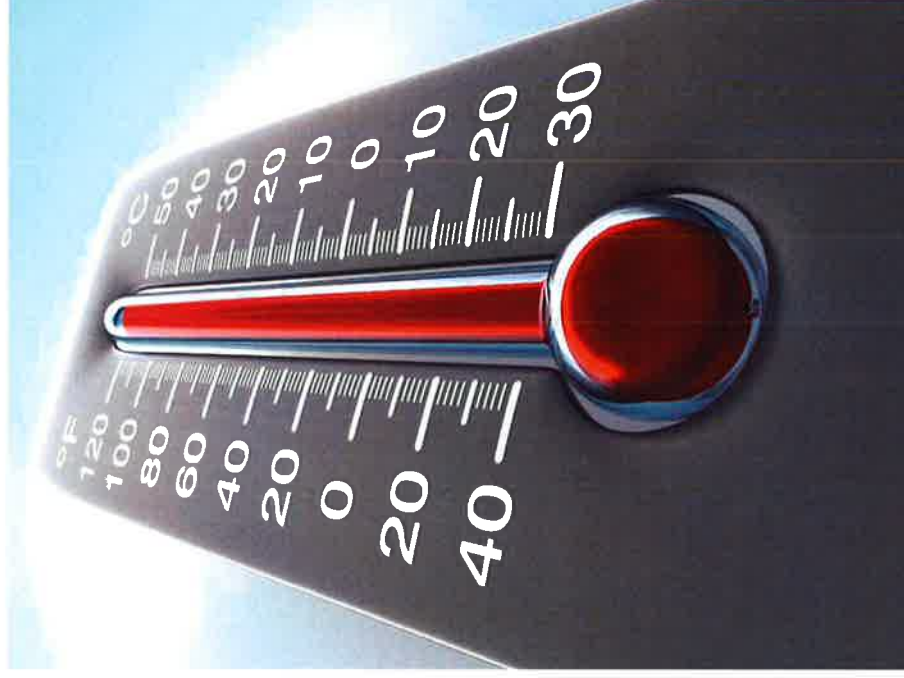
Adaptation planning for low and medium impacts is outside the scope of this Project, however Councils are encouraged to continuously monitor, review and manage climate change impacts at all levels and scenarios.

Use of this Report

This report has been prepared for the Bland Shire Council for the purpose of climate change risk management and adaptation planning.

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Executive Summary

In 2006, 2007 and 2008, Board Members of the Statewide Mutual Liability Scheme (Statewide) visited London Underwriters to expand on the risk management activities undertaken by Member Councils. During the 2008 visit, Statewide was asked to elaborate on these activities and Council's management of climate change. It was agreed that Local Government has an important 'climate change' role to play given its responsibility for a wide range of issues, such as planning and development, promotion of renewable energy, land use, transport planning, asset and infrastructure management, vegetation clearance and stormwater management to name but a few.

Most underwriters acknowledged that although the task of adapting to climate change will be complex, expensive and will require long term commitment from all Councils, it needs planning, direction and a sound framework to ensure that the potential insurable losses are within expectations.

At the June 2009 meeting of the Board of Statewide Mutual, the Board commissioned a Climate Change Adaptation Project to address the potential climate change impacts confronting member Councils. For the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011, 26 Councils were selected to participate in the Project

Echelon Australia Pty Ltd (Echelon) has responded to the Board's requirement by developing an adaptation planning process that uses CSIRO climate change data and adopts an approach that is consistent with national guidelines established by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change and the AS/NZS4 360 risk assessment process.

To be truly representative of Council's risk management activities and the broad range of their risk exposures, Echelon also felt it was important to ensure that Council's operational stakeholders were identified and engaged. A series of meetings was held that targeted this group including, but not limited to, the following members:

- Council Executives
- Council Environmental, Planning, Engineering, Maintenance, Operational, Financial and Risk Management Officers
- Council's existing Environmental Management and Risk Management Committee.

The underlying basis of this project is risk management. It relies heavily on gathering information to produce qualitative risk assessments. The objectives of the project are to:

- Undertake a risk assessment process that aligns with the AS/NZS 4360 and ISO 31000
- Develop strategies that focus on adaptation to potential climate change impacts
- Provide Statewide with comprehensive Climate Change risk assessment and adaptation planning data
- Identify strategies that can be used for Councils' strategic and integrated planning.



The risk assessments were based on the CSRIO climate change scenarios. In New South Wales climate change has been considered in relation to:

- Temperature
- Hot Days
- Average Rainfall
- Fire Weather
- Rain Intensity

This report contains a description of all identified climate change impacts, including the risk level (extreme, high, medium, low). Extreme and High level climate change impacts and adaptation plans are compiled in the body of this report. All risks are listed in Appendix 3.

Adaptation planning for low and medium impacts is outside the scope of this Project, however Councils are encouraged to continuously monitor, review and manage climate change impacts at all levels and scenarios.

The following information provides an analysis of all impacts identified by Council.

Analysis of All Impacts

Figure 1 - Ranking - All Impacts

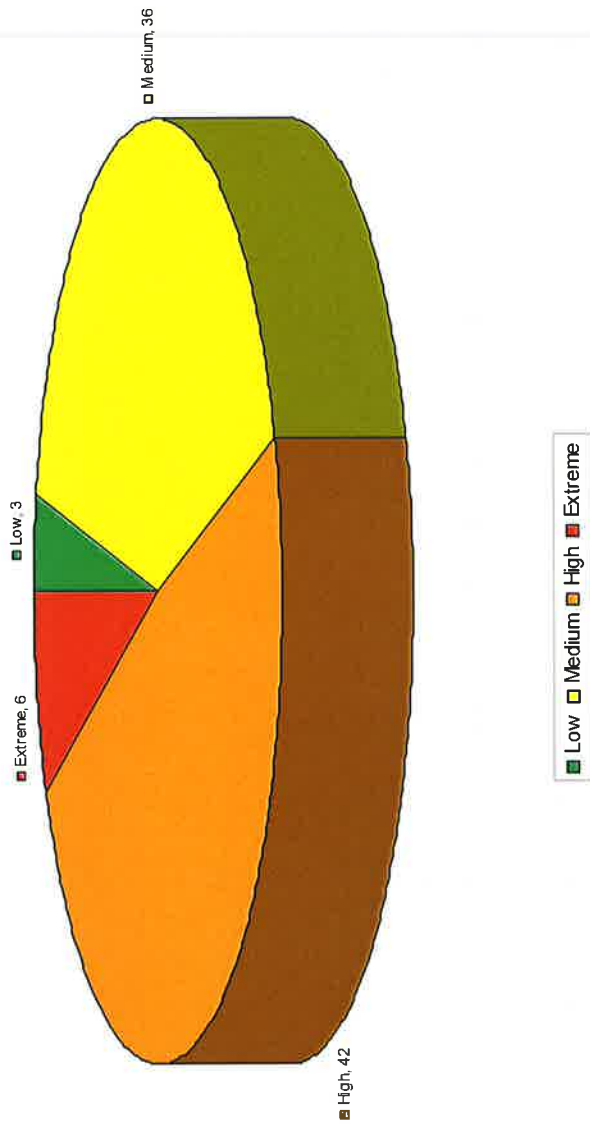


Table 1 - Impact Rankings by Scenario											Table 1 Ranking All Impacts Total	
	Temperature	Hot Days	Rain	Wind	Fire Weather	Sea Level	Rain Intensity					
Low	0	1	1	0	0	0	1					3
Medium	11	5	1	0	8	0	11					36
High	7	10	7	0	3	0	15					42
Extreme	0	5	1	0	0	0	0					6
	18	21	10	0	11	0	27	0	0	0	0	87

87 impacts were identified (Table 1 & Figure 1) with 48 ranking in the Extreme and High range. These 48 impacts are the subject of adaptation plan consideration in the report.

Figure 2 - Impact Ranking by Scenario

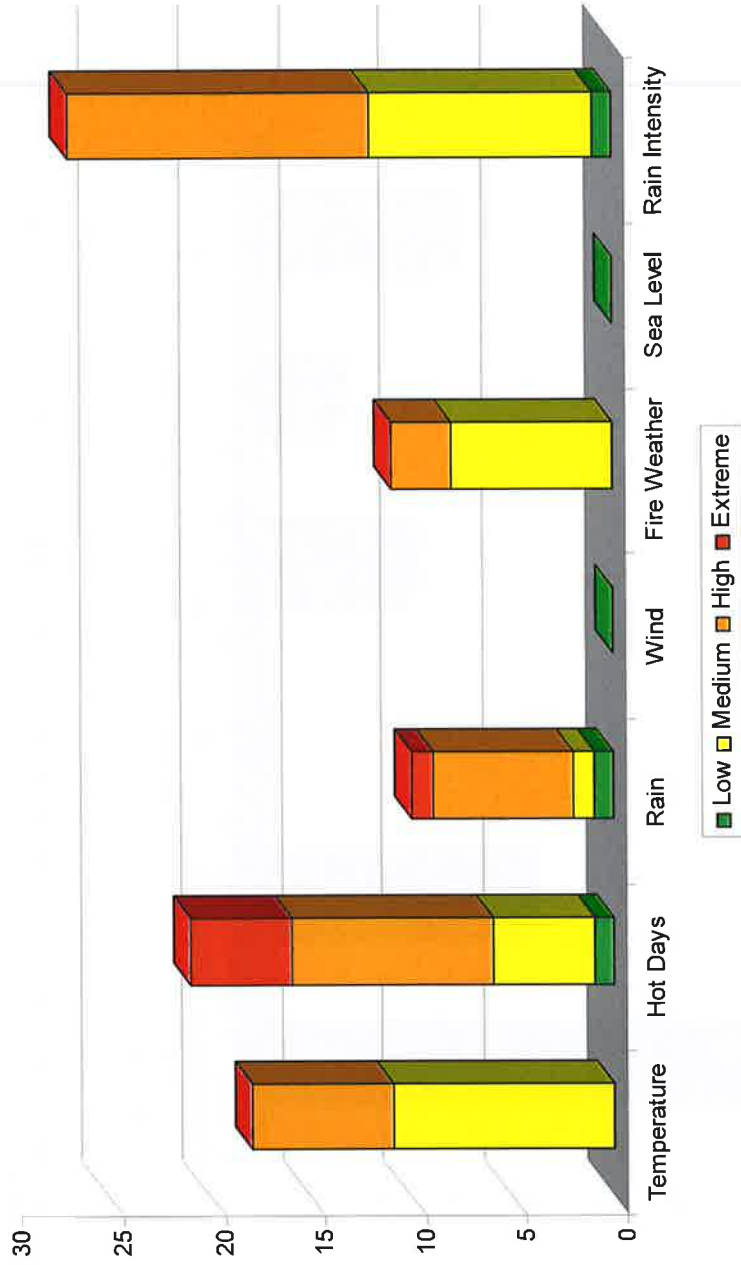


Figure 2 and Table 1 provide a scenario view of rankings. Medium & High impacts account for 68% of the total. While Medium impacts are not included in adaptation planning, they form a significant proportion of the total impacts (31%). It is recommended that Council include all impacts in future reviews and re-evaluations of its climate change program.

It is of note that the Rain Intensity scenario (27 impacts) accounts for 23 % of the total .

Figure 3 - Impact by Functional Area

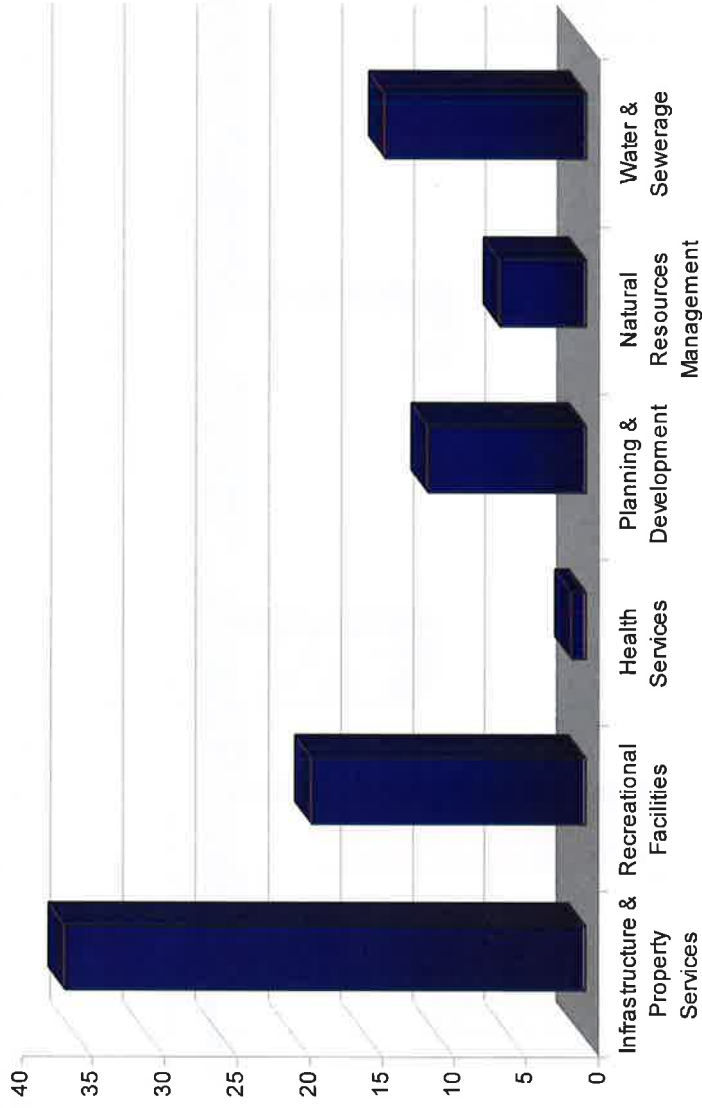


Figure 3 provides an overview of all impacts by Functional area. The greatest number of impacts are attributed to Infrastructure & Property Services; representing 31% of the total with 36 potential impacts.

Figure 4 - Impact by Success Criteria

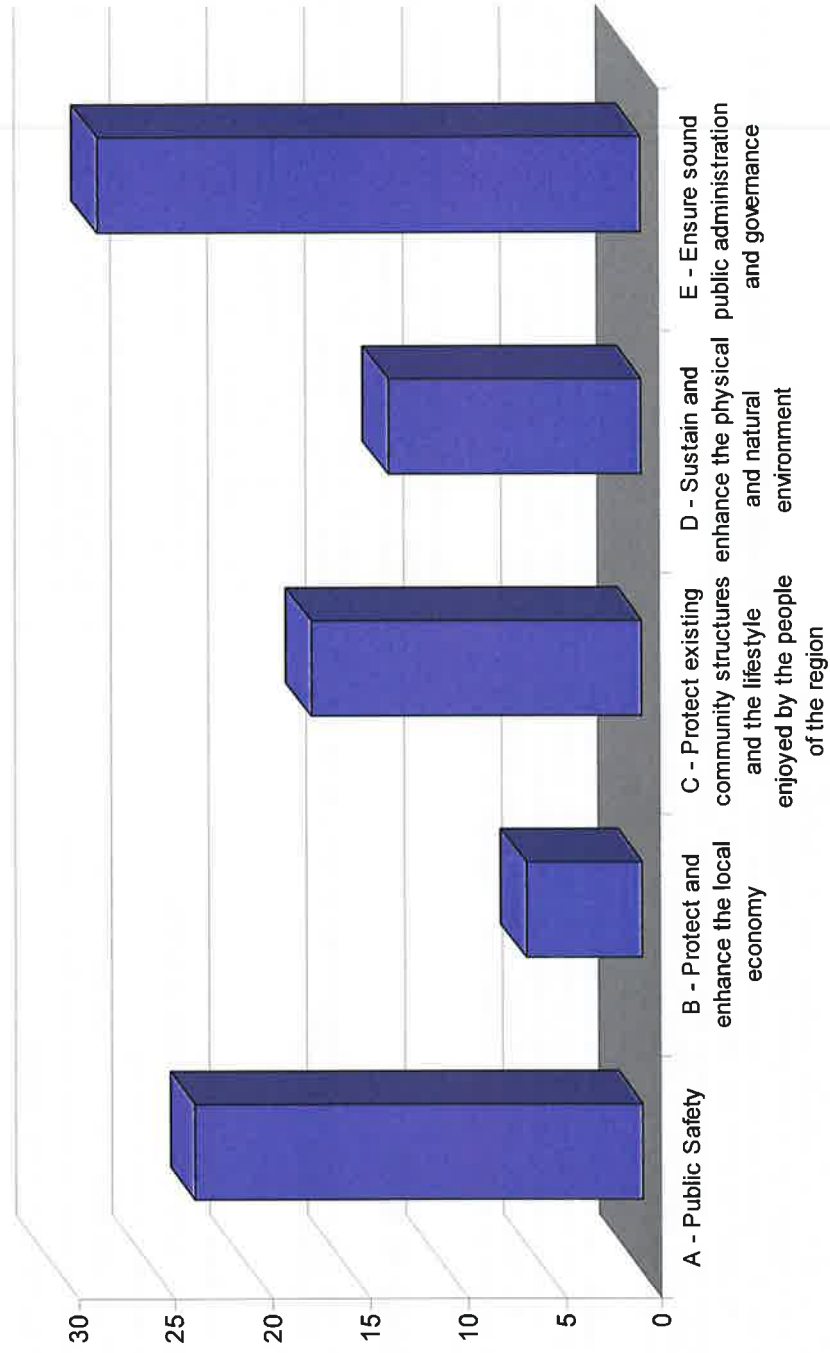


Figure 4 provides an overview of all impacts by Success Criteria. The greatest number of impacts are in the criteria of Ensure sound public administration and good governance, representing 24% of the total impacts

Climate Change Background

Climate change can be described as any significant, long-term change in weather patterns and is the result of an increase in the earth's average temperature. This temperature increase is believed to be caused by increased greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere. In 2007 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its fourth Assessment Report on the state of knowledge on Climate Change. It concluded that global warming is now unequivocal and that most observed increases in temperatures since the 1950s are very likely due to increased concentrations of greenhouse gases, as a result of human activities (IPCC, 2007). Although there remains some scepticism, the debate has moved beyond the causes of climate change and evaluating the credibility of its science.

Consequently, the debate has largely shifted to methods of reducing our human influence and adapting to the inevitable effects of climate change. The causes of climate change (be it human activity or other phenomena) make little difference with regard to adapting to the impacts that we cannot avoid. Whether we are prepared for the exponential impacts of climate change in the future, depends on today's effective risk management.

Climate Change in NSW

The CSIRO has provided data in the form of climate change scenarios for the year 2030, relative to 1990 (CSIRO, 2006). By 2030, we can expect to see NSW experience the following:

- Become warmer, with more hot days and fewer cold nights
- Have an increased peak summer energy demand for cooling
- Reduced energy demand in winter for heating
- An increase in annual heat-related deaths in those aged over 65
- Potential increase in the spread of vector/water/food borne diseases
- Water resources are likely to be further stressed
- More frequent droughts
- Greater risk of fire

- Increase in flash flooding with a greater number of rain intensity events

Climate Change and the Impacts for Local Government

The nature of Local Government, its services and functions, means it will feel the impacts of climate change considerably. Many impacts of climate change present risks that require treatment at a 'local' level which is why Councils will be heavily involved in the nation's adaptation process. Echelon have identified a number of risks that climate change presents for Local Government. These include:

- Uncertainty over development and building approvals. The potential effects of climate change have been used in the Courts to prevent building in areas at risk of sea level rise.
- Increased public liability exposure as a result of risks exacerbated by climate change impacts. For example, development or building to standards that are subsequently rendered inappropriate due to impacts such as high wind levels, flooding or increased risk of bushfire.
- Public safety issues caused by extreme weather events and temperatures. For example an increase in accidents caused by bushfires/floods and an increased risk of heat stress and disease from vectors.
- Higher insurance costs as a result of increased claims.
- Responsibility for erosion, contamination, landslides, etc due to extreme weather events.
- Failure to preserve 'community' natural assets affected by climate change e.g. water resource availability.

Project Background

Statewide is aware that the short to medium effects of climate change may directly impact on the functionality of the Scheme. Potential increased claims in the area of property damage (physical damage to Council owned buildings, infrastructure and assets), professional indemnity (management of the development and building approvals, issuing of certificates, verbal advice) and corporate governance (failure to implement legislation, financial responsibility, strategic planning) have the potential to create adverse pressure. Statewide decided to assist Member Councils prepare adaptation plans and use this data to advise the London Underwriters on the extent that Councils are preparing for climate change.

Bland Shire Council was one of the Councils selected to participate in the Climate Change Adaptation Plan Project during the Financial Year ending 30 June 2011.

As well as the significance to Statewide, Local Government is also concerned with how to effectively identify climate change risks and adapt appropriately. Echelon has responded by designing and facilitating a Project that assists Member Councils to address these concerns. Echelon's Climate Change Adaptation Planning Process uses CSIRO climate change data as assessment criteria and adopts an approach that is consistent with national guidelines established by the Australian government and other leading authorities.

The following guides and standards were used to establish the assessment framework and project methodology:

- *Climate Change Impacts & Risk Management A Guide for Business*, Australian Green house Office 2006
- *Government and Climate Change Adaptation Actions for Local Government* Australian Government Department of Climate Change 2009
- *Australian and New Zealand Standard for Risk Management AS/NZS 4360:2004*.
- *International Standard ISO31000, Risk Management – Principles and Guidelines*

- NSW Catchment Reports, CSIRO 2007

- *A framework for stakeholder engagement on climate adaptation*, Climate Adaptation CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship Working Paper No.3, 2009

Project Objectives

- Undertake a risk assessment process that aligns with AS/NZS 4360 and ISO 31000
- Develop strategies that focus on adaptation to potential climate change impacts
- Provide Statewide with comprehensive Climate Change risk assessment and adaptation planning data
- Identify strategies that can be used for Councils' strategic and integrated planning.

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Project Methodology

The Climate Change Adaptation Risk Assessment process is broken down into a number of sessions, facilitated by an Echelon Risk Consultant. The role of the facilitator is to guide attendees through the risk assessment and adaptation planning stages.

The Australian Standard for Risk Management, AS/NZS 4360:2004 (the Standard) was selected as the framework for assessing climate change impacts. This Standard meets or aligns with one that is typically mainstreamed within Council and has the flexibility to deal with new climate change information with efficiency.

Assessment criteria were based on likelihood and consequence descriptors provided by the Australian Greenhouse Office, which are located in Appendix 1 and 2. To evaluate the impacts, these criteria were combined with functional areas and 'Success Criteria' (or Council's objectives).

Figure 5 below represents the Standard's approach to the Climate Change Adaptation Risk Assessment process.

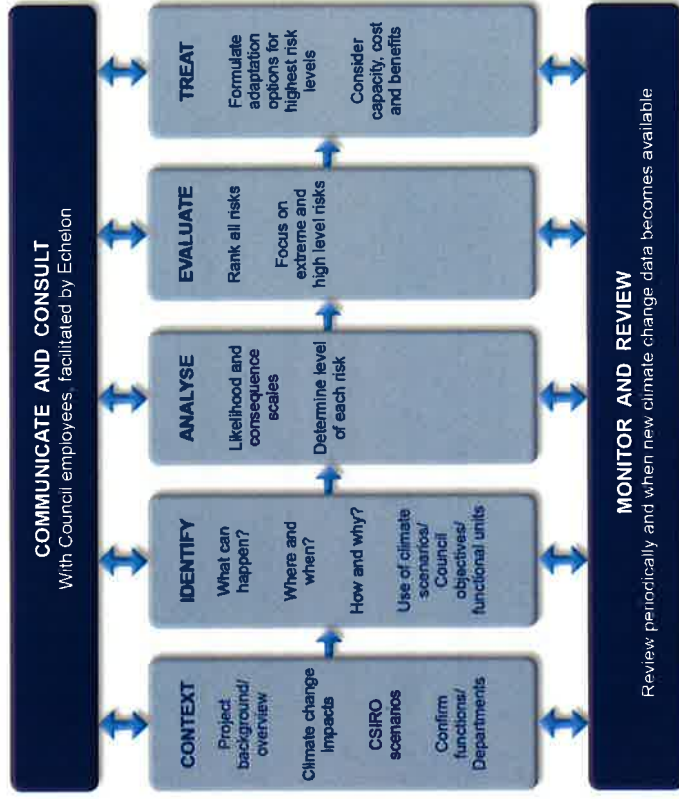


Figure 5. AS/NZS 4360 applied to climate change risk assessments

CSIRO Climate Change Scenarios

A key feature of the Risk Assessment process is the use of CSIRO climate change scenarios to identify risks. The following scenarios have been chosen. They represent the CSIRO scenarios available at the time of the assessments that are the closest to Bland Shire Council's geographical location.

- T** Temperature: There is a risk that the average annual temperature may increase by 0.2°C- 1.8°C by 2030.
- HD** Hot Days above 35°C (Currently 26 per annum): There is a risk that there will be an additional 1-16 hot days per annum by 2030.

R Rainfall (Currently 481mm): There is a risk that the average annual rainfall will reduce by 13% by 2030.

FW Fire Weather (Currently 50 days per annum): There is a risk that the number of days annually when the Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) is extreme or catastrophic will increase by 3-7 days by 2030.

RI Rain Intensity: There is a risk that intense rain periods (i.e. the number of 1 in 40 year one day events) will increase by 25% by 2030.

Functional Areas of Council

Potential Climate Change impacts were considered in relation to the following Council Functional Areas:

- I** Infrastructure and Property Services
- R** Recreational Facilities
- H** Health Services
- P** Planning and Development
- N** Natural Resources and Management
- W** Water and Sewage

Note: 'Functional Areas' are a summary of Council operations, as defined in the *Climate Change Adaptation Actions for Local Government*, Department of Climate Change 2009.

Success Criteria

The success criteria were defined as:

- A** Maintain public safety
- B** Protect and enhance the local economy
- C** Protect existing community structures and the lifestyle enjoyed by the people of the region
- D** Sustain and enhance the physical and natural environment
- E** Ensure sound public administration

Note: 'Success Criteria' are a summary of Council's long term objectives, as defined in *Climate Change Impacts & Risk Management A Guide for Business*, Australian Greenhouse Office 2006.

Recommendations

Echelon recommends that Council proceed with adoption of adaptation plans and ongoing review. It is recommended that the following key features be part of Council's ongoing climate change adaptation program:

1. Review of adaptation plans within review dates or earlier as necessary.
2. Review of all risk assessments including low and medium risks on a regular basis.
3. Consideration of new climate change risks when reviewing risk assessments, or as and when they arise.
4. Consideration of changes in relevant climate change data, operating environment, legislation, economy, demographics, and other relevant factors when reviewing adaptation plans and risk assessments.
5. Categorising of adaptation plans into e.g. short (< 1year), medium, (1-3 years) and long term (>3 years).
6. Inclusion of climate change risk management and adaptation plans into strategic and other management planning processes.

Climate Change Impacts Data

The following information outlines the impacts, ratings, current controls and adaptation plans for extreme and high risks, for all scenarios.

Risk assessment results for all impacts are at Appendix 3.

Adaptation Plans Summary

Bland Shire Council identified 6 extreme climate change risks and 42 high climate change impacts. The risks and recommended adaptation plans are summarised in the tables below.

Scenario for Temperature (T)

There is a risk that the average annual temperature may increase between +0.2°C and 1.8°C by 2030.

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
TCR5	There is a risk that as a result of the projected scenario, there may be an expectation placed upon Council from Shire residents for the pool be opened for a longer season	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At present Council must have an appropriate lifeguard to pool user ratio. Should the season be brought forward this could present difficulties, therefore contractual arrangements are being re-examined and lifeguard services are potentially being put out to tender. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the pool services be successfully be put out to tender this risk would be transferred to the service provider.
TCW8	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irrigation is on a managed timetable for maximum efficiency. Council makes use of grey water for irrigation purposes. Council also makes use of storm water harvesting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing control would remain in place and look at reducing the area requiring irrigation. Council may also examine greater use of drought tolerant species. Council would also implement public education for grey water use
TDW9	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8
TEW10	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
TBW11	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TCW8
TAI12	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at roadsides	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council is heavily reliant upon member of the public to report such incidents, and also actively restricts/prevents new tree growth on road shoulders. Council has contacted the RTA in relation to a particularly high risk area where this may occur (Goldfields Way) to request that this risk be addressed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an audit to identify the trees that present the highest risk and then develop a standard whereby if a tree encroaches on to the road shoulder by a certain level it is either pruned or removed as appropriate
TDI13	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at roadsides	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TAI12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to TAI12

Scenario for Hot Days (HD)

There is a risk that there will be between an additional 1 and 16 hot days by 2030 (Currently 26 per annum).

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
HDC15	There is a risk that as a result of this increase in the number of hot days buildings and assets will perish/degrade at a quicker rate, thus requiring replacement or maintenance on a more frequent basis	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited current controls, including selection of materials & equipment that is the most durable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a Strategic Asset Management Plan, formal documentation of a maintenance and inspection regime and purchasing more suitable equipment and materials
HDCR8	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grey recycled water is used for irrigation purposes at present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be a need to alternate between grey water use and mains water usage for irrigation purposes. Should this not be possible Council may have to consider a reduction in irrigation at these areas.
HDDR9	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drought tolerant plant/tree species. Reduction in lawn areas, more efficient irrigation schedules, drip irrigation in flower beds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current control would remain
HDER10	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDER10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDER10
HDAI12	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPE, implementation of Hot Work Policy, compulsory shut down over Christmas eliminating some of the hottest days of the year. Council has also recently implemented Skin Cancer Screening for outdoor staff. Vehicles and plant are all air conditioned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current control would remain and would be reviewed in light of climatic conditions
HDAR13	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAI12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAI12

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
HDAW14	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAI12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAI12
HDAI15	There is a risk that as a result of the increase in the number of hot days there is likely to be more frequent incidents of bitumen bleeding on roads infrastructure.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate response to issues as they occur. Traffic management systems implemented upon occurrence and appropriate remedial action taken onsite as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison between Council and RTA (highway only) to develop asset management strategies and appropriate funding
HDBI17	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of hot days annually that power outages/interruptions to council buildings and services caused by a greater demand on electricity supply during periods of extreme temperatures (a/cond, communications, equip, IT, lighting etc) could occur with greater frequency	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No controls at present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively lobby energy providers to provide updated and improved infrastructure. Council may also consider requesting that local mining operators provide emergency assistance in the event of prolonged outages.
HDAH18	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of hot days annually that power outages/interruptions to council buildings and services caused by a greater demand on electricity supply during periods of extreme temperatures (a/cond, communications, equip, IT, lighting etc) could occur with greater frequency	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back up generators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current control would remain the same. Actively lobby energy providers to provide updated and improved infrastructure. Council may also consider requesting that local mining operators provide emergency assistance in the event of prolonged outages.
HDAW19	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of hot days annually that power outages/interruptions to council buildings and services caused by a greater demand on electricity supply during periods of extreme temperatures (a/cond, communications, equip, IT, lighting etc) could occur with greater frequency	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAH18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDAH18

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
HDCI20	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of hot days could be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with extreme heat events	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reschedule major works for alternative periods of the year. Alternative tasks are scheduled on days such as this to maintain productivity to an acceptable level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current control would remain. Outdoor staff would also be asked to take leave during this period of year or extend shut down period.
HDEI21	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of hot days could be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with extreme heat events	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDCI20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to HDCI20

Scenario for Rainfall (R)

There is a risk that the average annual rainfall will reduce by 13% by 2030 (Currently 481mm)

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
RCW2	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved reticulated water/effluent system and storage which allows the movement of water from various storage facilities to meet demands in specific areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of 15 year Water Management Plan, including the increase of existing storage capacity.
RDN3	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RCW2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RCW2
REP4	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks (Strategic Planning Requirement)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved reticulated water/effluent system and storage which allows the movement of water from various storage facilities to meet demands in specific areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of 15 year Water Management Plan, including the increase of existing storage capacity. Lobbying state and federal govt and non govt agencies for additional funding/grants
RBP5	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 13% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there could be adverse implications for agriculture and mining industries (Strategic Planning consideration)	Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At present Council has a representative on the Goldenfields Water County Council board who would lobby on behalf of Bland Shire LGA. This is a risk that is currently out with both the scope and control of Bland Shire Council who are customers of Goldenfields i.e. potable water service providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing control would remain.

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
RDN6	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there may be a loss of remnant vegetation and habitat	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current controls - none 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that existing remnant vegetation is not over cleared.
RAI7	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council carts water to areas roads where construction and maintenance is required, this is sourced from farmers. Council has a Roads Maintenance Hierarchy in place, educate new drivers within the Shire to drive according to conditions. Council also follows the Statewide Best Practice guidelines in relation to the maintenance of unsealed roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased fleet of graders to expand capacity to grade when conditions are more suitable if funding allows.
RCI8	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RAI7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RAI7
REI9	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RAI7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RAI7

Scenario for Fire Weather (FW)

There is a risk that the number of days annually when the Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) is extreme or catastrophic will increase by 3-7 days by 2030 (Currently 50 days per annum).

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
FWDN5	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning controls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning controls, Roadside Native Vegetation Management Guide
FWEP6	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days (Strategic Planning Consideration & Town Planning)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No formally documented controls in place at present. Risk is dealt with on an ad hoc basis. DISPLAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification of lines of responsibility (Council & Rural Fire Service). Greater liaison between Council and the RFS. DISPLAN
FWEP7	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic there may be increased direct costs of human capital and indirect costs (e.g. ongoing research, policy review and skill development) to keep abreast of evolving climate change impacts and legislative requirements (Strategic Planning Consideration)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce plan to ensure essential competencies are maintained. Managers will also identify training requirements that are essential to KPI's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification of lines of responsibility and relevant elements of planning legislation. Greater co-operation with RFS

Scenario for Rain Intensity (RI)

There is a risk that intense rain periods (i.e. the number of 1 in 40 year one day events) will increase by 25% by 2030.

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
RIA11	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance and inspection regime, use of signage, respond to reports from members of the public to incidents of roads damage. Program is reactive rather than pro-active at present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the effectiveness of drainage infrastructure, develop a Strategic Asset Management Plan. Institute a greater public awareness program to address safety concerns during intense rainfall events.
RIE15	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance and inspection regime, use of signage, respond to reports from members of the public to incidents of roads damage. Program is reactive rather than pro-active at present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Asset Management Plan, Council will also investigate the possibility of lobbying the RTA to change the current practice of replacing "like for like" roads infrastructure. Council should also give due consideration to ways to secure additional funding for the upkeep and maintenance of roads infrastructure.
RIDN9	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events the landscape would be subject to greater levels of gully and sheet erosion	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contour banks and table drains and retention basins. Relationships external agencies and landowners (CMA, Landcare & DECCW) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation and seeding worksites.

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
RIEN10	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events the landscape would be subject to greater levels of gully and sheet erosion	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contour banks and table drains and retention basins. Relationships between external agencies and landowners (CMA, Landcare & DECCW) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation and seeding worksites.
RIAW11	There is a risk that due to an increase in the frequency and intensity of 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events that the sewerage treatment works at Ungarie could be subject to storm water infiltration	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portaloos, very much reactive management after an event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate engineering solutions, i.e. relocation of well
RICW12	There is a risk that due to an increase in the frequency and intensity of 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events that the sewerage treatment works at Ungarie could be subject to storm water infiltration	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW11
RIAR17	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council recreational assets could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (flooding, subsidence)	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspection procedure for recreational facilities after rain event. Geotech surveys have been undertaken and Council has been advised not to undertake further building works in some areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current controls would remain. Further Geotech surveys would be undertaken in alternative locations or in areas where council was considering locating new infrastructure developments.
RIEP20	There is a risk that due to increased frequency and intensity of rainfall events, the storm water system could fail resulting in localised flooding	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No controls in place at present, reactive responses to such event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake flood plain risk studies and incorporate results into LEP. Introduce an easement to allow permanent access for maintenance and upkeep of main drain.

Impact ID	Impact Description	Impact Rating	Current Controls	Future Adaptation Plans
RIA121	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage is the only control at present showing depth of flooding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic removal/replacement of causeways, replacing them with culverts in order that water flows under roads in flood events and not over them.
RIC122	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIC122 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIC122
RIE123	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIC122 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIC122
RIAW24	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non return valves have been retrospectively fitted to older buildings. Design criteria for new subdivisions prevents this from occurring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate engineering solutions on a case by case basis.
RICW25	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24
RIDW26	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24
RIEW27	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to RIAW24

Appendices

Appendix 1: Likelihood Descriptors

Likelihood Rating	Recurrent Risks	Single Events
Almost Certain	Could occur several times per year	More likely than not - Probability greater than 50%
Likely	May arise about once a year	As likely as not - 50/50 chance
Possible	May arise once in ten years	Less likely than not but still appreciable - Probability less than 50% but still quite high
Unlikely	May arise once in ten to 25 years	Unlikely but not negligible - Probability low but noticeably greater than zero
Rare	Unlikely during the next 25 years	Negligible -Probability very small, close to zero

Appendix 2: Consequence Descriptors

Success Criteria	Consequence Rating				
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
A Maintain public safety	Appearance of a threat but no actual harm	Serious near misses or minor injuries	Small numbers of injuries	Isolated instances of serious injuries or loss of life	Large numbers of serious injuries or loss of lives
B Protect and enhance the local economy	Minor shortfall relative to current forecasts	Individually significant but isolated areas of reduction in economic performance relative to current forecasts	Significant general reduction in economic performance relative to current forecasts	Regional stagnation such that businesses are unable to thrive and employment does not keep pace with population growth	Regional decline leading to widespread business failure, loss of employment and hardship
C Protect existing community structures and the lifestyle enjoyed by the people of the region	There would be minor areas in which the region was unable to maintain its current services	Isolated but noticeable examples of decline in services	General appreciable decline in services	Severe and widespread decline in services and quality of life within the community	The region would be seen as very unattractive, moribund and unable to support its community
D Sustain and enhance the physical and natural environment	No environmental damage	Minor instances of environmental damage that could be reversed	Isolated but significant instances of environmental damage that might be reversed with intensive efforts	Severe loss of environmental amenity and a danger of continuing environmental damage	Major widespread loss of environmental amenity and progressive irrecoverable environmental damage
E Ensure sound public administration and governance	There would be minor instances of public administration being under more than usual stress but it could be managed	Isolated instances of public administration being under severe pressure	Public administration would be under severe pressure on several fronts	Public administration would struggle to remain effective and would be seen to be in danger of failing completely	Public administration would fall into decay and cease to be effective

Appendix 3: Risk Assessment Results

Scenario for Temperature (T): There is a risk that the average annual temperature may increase by 0.2°C- 1.8°C by 2030.

Temperature Risk Impact Matrix (T)

T		Infrastructure and Property Services						Water and Sewage
		I	R	H	P	N	W	
A	Maintain public safety	X	X		X			
B	Protect and enhance the local economy						X	
C	Protect existing community structures and the lifestyle enjoyed by the people of the region		X		X		X	
D	Sustain and enhance the physical and natural environment	X	X				X	
E	Ensure sound public administration and governance	X	X				X	

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
TAR	1	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at parks & reserves and children's services facilities.	Possible	Minor	Medium
TCR	2	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at parks & reserves and children's services facilities.	Possible	Minor	Medium
TDR	3	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at parks & reserves and children's services facilities.	Possible	Minor	Medium
TER	4	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at parks & reserves and children's services facilities.	Possible	Minor	Medium
TCR	5	There is a risk that as a result of the projected scenario, there may be an expectation placed upon Council from LGA residents for the pool be opened for a longer season	Likely	Moderate	High
TER	6	There is a risk that as a result of the projected scenario, there may be an expectation placed upon Council from LGA residents that the pool be opened for a longer season	Likely	Minor	Medium
TEI	7	There is a risk that due to the projected increase in ambient temperature cooling systems may be placed under greater demand and require more frequent maintenance and have a shorter service life	Almost Certain	Insignificant	Medium
TCW	8	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Moderate	High

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
TDW	9	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
TEW	10	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Minor	High
TBW	11	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
TAI	12	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at roadsides	Almost Certain	Minor	High
TDI	13	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at roadsides	Almost Certain	Minor	High
TAI1	4	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at some parks (village areas)	Possible	Minor	Medium
TDI	15	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in ambient temperature there could be increased incidents of tree limb drop at some parks (village areas)	Possible	Minor	Medium
TAI	16	Waste stockpiled as a result of Council operations and waste facilities may be more susceptible to ignition and thus potentially fire	Likely	Insignificant	Medium

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
TAP	17	There could be an increase in disease borne vectors within the Shire and a change in dominance in both vectors and disease (Strategic Planning Consideration)	Possible	Minor	Medium
TCP	18	There could be an increase in disease borne vectors within the Shire and a change in dominance in both vectors and disease (Strategic Planning Consideration)	Possible	Minor	Medium

Scenario for Hot Days (HD): There is a risk that there will be an additional 1-16 hot days per annum by 2030 (Currently 26 per annum).

Hot Days Risk Impact Matrix (HD)

HD	Infrastructure and Property Services	Recreational Facilities	Health Services	Planning and Development	Natural Resources Management	Water and Sewage
	I	R	H	P	N	W
A	X	X	X			X
B	X					
C	X	X				
D		X				
E	X					

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
HDAR	1	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at parks & reserves and children's services facilities.	Possible	Insignificant	Low
HDCR	2	There is a risk that as a result of this increase there may be insufficient shade structures at Council run events meaning that the event may be cancelled/ date changed	Possible	Minor	Medium
HDDR	3	There is a risk that as a result of this increase in the number of hot days shade structures will perish/degrade at a quicker rate, thus requiring replacement on a more frequent basis	Likely	Minor	Medium
HDEI	4	There is a risk that as a result of this increase in the number of hot days buildings and assets will perish/degrade at a quicker rate, thus requiring replacement on a more frequent basis	Likely	Moderate	High
HDCI	5	There is a risk that as a result of this increase in the number of hot days buildings and assets will perish/degrade at a quicker rate, thus requiring replacement or maintenance on a more frequent basis	Likely	Moderate	High
HDER	6	There is a risk that as a result of the projected scenario, there may be an expectation placed upon Council from LGA residents for the pool be opened for longer duration during the day	Likely	Insignificant	Medium
HDEI	7	There is a risk that due to the projected increase in hot days cooling systems may be placed under greater demand and require more frequent maintenance and have a shorter service life	Likely	Insignificant	Medium
HDCR	8	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Moderate	High

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
HDDR	9	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Minor	High
HDER	10	There is a risk that due to the increased ambient temperature there will be a higher demand for water for irrigation purposes at parks, reserves and public gardens	Almost Certain	Minor	High
HDAI	11	Waste stockpiled as a result of Council operations and waste facilities may be more susceptible to ignition and thus potentially fire	Likely	Minor	Medium
HDAI	12	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Almost Certain	Major	Extreme
HDAR	13	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Almost Certain	Major	Extreme
HDAW	14	There is a risk that outdoor working staff may be exposed to heat stroke/dehydration skin cancer risk as a result of the increase in the number of hot days.	Almost Certain	Major	Extreme
HDAI	15	There is a risk that as a result of the increase in the number of hot days there is likely to be more frequent incidents of bitumen bleeding on roads infrastructure.	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
HDEI	16	There is a risk that as a result of the increase in the number of hot days there is likely to be more frequent incidents of bitumen bleeding on roads infrastructure.	Almost Certain	Moderate	High

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
HDAH	18	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of hot days annually that power outages/interruptions to council buildings and services caused by a greater demand on electricity supply during periods of extreme temperatures (a/cond, communications, equip, IT, lighting etc) could occur with greater frequency	Almost Certain	Catastrophic	Extreme
HDAW	19	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of hot days annually that power outages/interruptions to council buildings and services caused by a greater demand on electricity supply during periods of extreme temperatures (a/cond, communications, equip, IT, lighting etc) could occur with greater frequency	Almost Certain	Major	Extreme
HDCI	20	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of hot days could be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with extreme heat events	Almost Certain	Minor	High
HDEI	21	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of hot days could be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with extreme heat events	Almost Certain	Minor	High

Scenario for Rainfall (R) : There is a risk that the average annual rainfall will reduce by 13% by 2030 (Currently 481 mm per annum)

Rainfall Risk Impact Matrix (R)

R		Infrastructure and Property Services	Recreational Facilities	Health Services	Planning and Development	Natural Resources Management	Water and Sewage
	I		R	H	P	N	W
A	Maintain public safety	X					
B	Protect and enhance the local economy		X		X		
C	Protect existing community structures and the lifestyle enjoyed by the people of the region	X					X
D	Sustain and enhance the physical and natural environment					X	
E	Ensure sound public administration and governance	X			X		

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
RBR	1	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks	Possible	Minor	Medium
RCW	2	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks	Possible	Moderate	High
RDN	3	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks	Possible	Moderate	High
REP	4	There is a risk that due to declining rainfall levels there will be a reduction in water storage levels which in turn would have adverse implications in relation to Councils ability to irrigate sporting fields and parks (Strategic Planning Requirement)	Possible	Moderate	High
RBP	5	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 13% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there could be adverse implications for agriculture and mining industries (Strategic Planning consideration)	Likely	Catastrophic	Extreme
RDN	6	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there may be a loss of remnant vegetation and habitat	Likely	Moderate	High
RAI	7	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
RCI	8	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	Almost Certain	Moderate	High

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
REI	9	There is a risk that with an average annual reduction in rainfall of 7% as well as a shift in seasonal dominance and annual rainfall patterns there will be less opportunity to maintain unsealed roads.	Almost Certain	Moderate	High

Scenario for Fire Weather (FW): There is a risk that the number of days annually when the Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) is extreme or catastrophic will increase by 3-7 days by 2030 (Currently 50 days per annum).

Fire Weather Impact Matrix (SL)

FW	Infrastructure and Property Services	Recreational Facilities	Health Services	Planning and Development	Natural Resources Management	Water and Sewage
	I	R	H	P	N	W
A	X			X		
B				X		
C				X		
D					X	
E	X	X		X	X	X

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
FWAI	1	There is a risk that the number of days annually when the FFDI is very high or extreme Council may face increased contractual obligations to manage fire trails and monitor fuel loads to mitigate against possible public safety hazards.	Likely	Minor	Medium
FWAP	2	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days (Strategic Planning Consideration & Town Planning)	Possible	Minor	Medium
FWBP	3	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days (Strategic Planning Consideration & Town Planning)	Possible	Minor	Medium
FWCP	4	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days	Possible	Minor	Medium
FWDN	5	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days	Possible	Moderate	High
FWEP	6	There is a risk that there may be increased frequency and intensity fire events within the Bland Shire LGA as a result of a higher number of FFDI days (Strategic Planning Consideration & Town Planning)	Possible	Moderate	High
FWEP	7	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic there may be increased direct costs of human capital and indirect costs (e.g. ongoing research, policy review and skill development) to keep abreast of evolving climate change impacts and legislative requirements (Strategic Planning Consideration)	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
FWEI	8	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is Extreme or Catastrophic there may be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with a greater number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic	Likely	Minor	Medium

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
FWER	9	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is Extreme or Catastrophic there may be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with a greater number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic	Likely	Minor	Medium
FWEN	10	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is Extreme or Catastrophic there may be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with a greater number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic	Likely	Minor	Medium
FWEW	11	There is a risk that due to an increase in the number of days where the FFDI is Extreme or Catastrophic there may be a loss of productivity or increased downtime of Council staff associated with a greater number of days where the FFDI is either Extreme or Catastrophic	Likely	Minor	Medium

Scenario for Rain Intensity (RI): There is a risk that intense rain periods (i.e. the number of 1 in 40 year one day events) will increase by 25% by 2030.

Rain Intensity Impact Matrix (RI)

RI		Infrastructure and Property Services	Recreational Facilities	Health Services	Planning and Development	Natural Resources Management	Water and Sewage
		I	R	H	P	N	W
A	Maintain public safety	X	X				X
B	Protect and enhance the local economy	X					
C	Protect existing community structures and the lifestyle enjoyed by the people of the region	X	X				X
D	Sustain and enhance the physical and natural environment	X				X	X
E	Ensure sound public administration and governance	X	X		X	X	X

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
RIAI	1	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIBI	2	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RICI	3	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIDI	4	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIEI	5	There is a risk that should the projected scenario for intense rainfall be realised that Council road infrastructure will be subject to more frequent and intense damage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIAI	6	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events, Councils drainage infrastructure could be subject to greater levels of sedimentation/blockage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIDI	7	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events, Councils drainage infrastructure could be subject to greater levels of sedimentation/blockage	Possible	Insignificant	Low
RIEI	8	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events, Councils drainage infrastructure could be subject to greater levels of sedimentation/blockage	Possible	Insignificant	Low

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
RIDN	9	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events the landscape would be subject to greater levels of gully and sheet erosion	Likely	Moderate	High
RIEN	10	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events the landscape would be subject to greater levels of gully and sheet erosion	Likely	Moderate	High
RIAW	11	There is a risk that due to an increase in the frequency and intensity of 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events that the sewerage treatment works at Ungarie could be subject to storm water infiltration	Likely	Moderate	High
RICW	12	There is a risk that due to an increase in the frequency and intensity of 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events that the sewerage treatment works at Ungarie could be subject to storm water infiltration	Likely	Major	High
RIEP	13	There is a risk that due to an increase in the frequency and intensity of 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events that the sewerage treatment works at Ungarie could be subject to storm water infiltration (Strategic Planning consideration)	Likely	Minor	Medium
RIAI	14	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council buildings could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (leaking, water intrusion, potential collapse)	Likely	Minor	Medium
RICI	15	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council buildings could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (leaking, water intrusion, potential collapse)	Likely	Minor	Medium
RIEI	16	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council buildings could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (leaking, water intrusion, potential collapse)	Likely	Minor	Medium

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
RIAR	17	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council recreational assets could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (flooding, subsidence)	Likely	Major	High
RICR	18	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council recreational assets could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (flooding, subsidence)	Likely	Minor	Medium
RIER	19	There is a risk that as a result of an increase in intense rainfall events Council recreational assets could be subject to more frequent and intense damage (flooding, subsidence)	Likely	Minor	Medium
RIEP	20	There is a risk that due to increased frequency and intensity of rainfall events, the storm water system could fail resulting in localised flooding	Likely	Moderate	High
RIAI	21	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
RICI	22	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
RIEI	23	There is a risk that due to an increase in intense 1 in 40 year one day rainfall events, causeways within the shire will be flooded with greater frequency	Almost Certain	Moderate	High
RIAW	24	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	Almost Certain	Minor	High

Risk Code	Risk Number	Risk Description	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk
RICW	25	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	Almost Certain	Minor	High
RIDW	26	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	Almost Certain	Minor	High
RIEW	27	There is a risk that due to rainfall events of high intensity increasing in frequency, there could potentially be intrusion of rain water into sewer systems causing sewerage overflow	Almost Certain	Minor	High

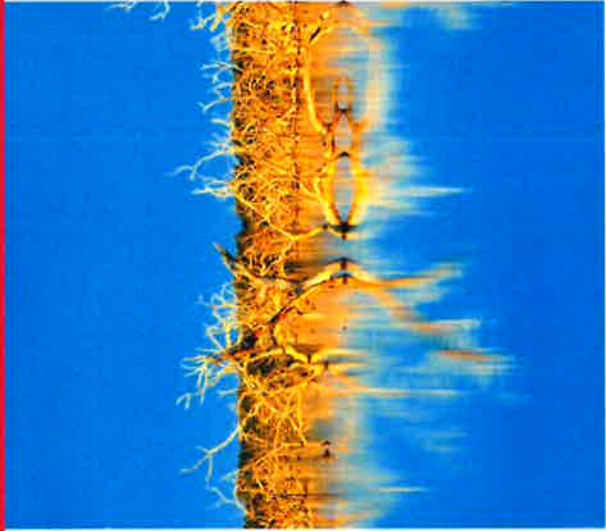
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9.9 Draft Provision of Pipes for Vehicular Crossings Policy



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

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

Author: Director Asset & Engineering Services

Introduction

The purpose of the Provision of Pipes for Vehicular Crossings Policy is to outline the conditions of application for a vehicular crossing and terms of provision of table drain pipes.

Financial Implications

The costs associated with implementing this policy are provided for in the Engineering Services operational budget.

Summary

The policy has been reviewed taking into consideration the increase in requests for the provision of pipes for additional property access and increased widths.

Recommendation:

That the Council adopt the draft Provision of Pipes for Vehicular Crossings Policy as presented.

PROVISION OF PIPES FOR VEHICULAR CROSSINGS

POLICY ADOPTED: **19 February 2019**

Policy Objective:

To outline the conditions of application for a vehicular crossing and terms of provision of table drain pipes by Bland Shire Council.

Background:

Roads Act 1993 as amended.

"Clause 6: (1) The owner of land adjoining a public road is entitled, as of right, to access (whether on foot, in a vehicle or otherwise) across the boundary between the land and the public road.

Clause 138: (1) A person must not (a) erect a structure or carry out work in, on or over a public road, or (b) dig up or disturb the surface of a public road, or ----- otherwise than with the consent of the appropriate road authority."

Therefore:

- A) Council is only obliged to approve of one access to a property, which is usually the primary access to the dwelling lived in by the property owners or other approved residents;
- B) The applicant wishing to have the access must apply to the Council (except State Roads) for the access;
- C) Bland Shire Council is entitled to charge a processing fee for the application;
- D) If approved, the applicant must abide by the conditions of approval;
- E) The applicant bears all costs regarding the construction;
- F) The applicant bears all maintenance costs to maintain access to Council requirements;
- G) Non-approved accesses are illegal and the owner can be fined and required to remove or re-construct them.

Bland Shire Council has been helping facilitate draining the table drains by providing pipes for primary accesses to applicants. This policy addresses the boundaries of this practice.

Policy Statement:

Bland Shire Council will supply two lengths (2.4 metres per length) of pipes **with a width of 375mm or 450mm**, free of cost, at the Council's depot, to aid the table drain flow under a new primary access vehicular crossing if Bland Shire Council believes that it is warranted to continue the drainage under the vehicular crossing. **The width of pipes issued may be subject to prior Council inspection to determine the most suitable for the proposed location.**

All other materials, including headwalls, will be at the expense of the property owner.

Note:

The supply of these pipes applies only to new primary access crossings **(which includes access to new lots created under subdivision)** and all future adjustments, maintenance and material supply for existing vehicular crossings, including pipes, is the owner's responsibility at their cost. In addition, construction, maintenance and material supply for new and existing approved non-primary vehicular crossings, including pipes, is the owner's responsibility at their cost.

Definitions:

Vehicular Crossing – Vehicular connection between any private lands, from the property boundary, to the formed public road, which is constructed at 90 degrees to the formed road, unless otherwise approved by Bland Shire Council.

Primary Access – An access that leads to a dwelling lived in by the property owners or other approved residents.

Authorisation:

Status	Committee	Yes	
	Manex	Yes	
Owner	Director Asset and Engineering Services		
EDRMS Doc. ID	525367		
Superseded Policy	Provision of Access Pipes for Property Access		
Date of Adoption/ Amendment	Revision Number	Minute Number	Review Date
16 May 1995	0	11/5/95	
July 2014	1 (reviewed – no changes)		July 2019
15 September 2015	2		December 2020
19 February 2019	3		December 2024
Related Council Policy / Procedure			

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

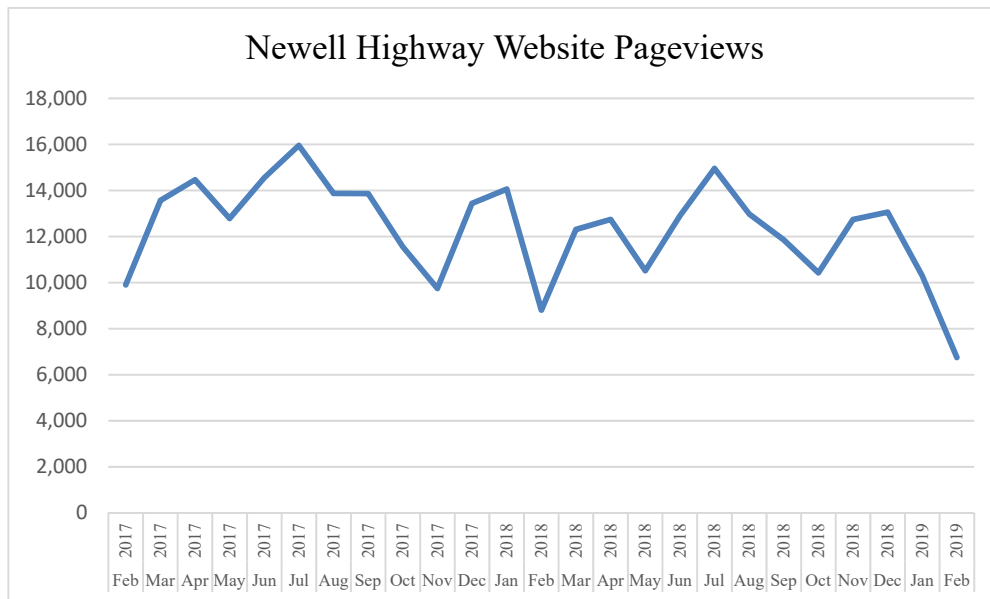
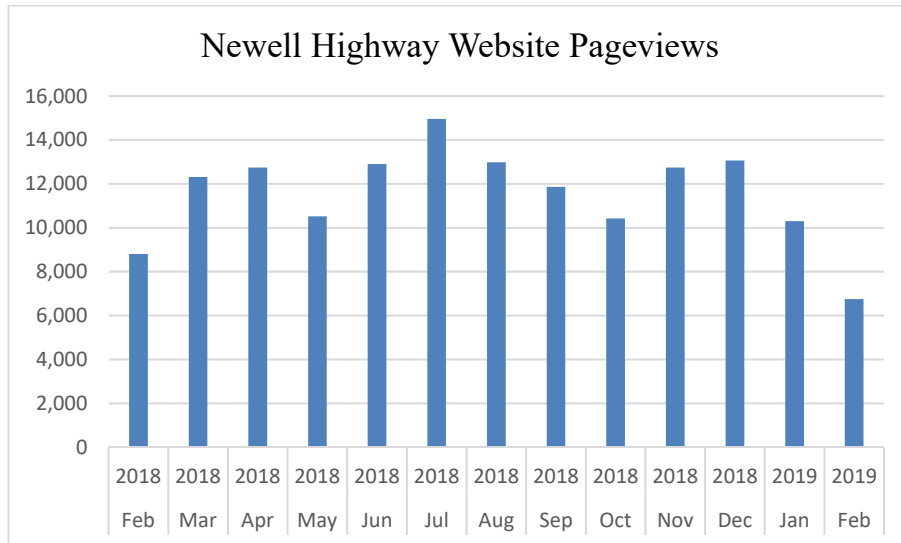
Recommendation:

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

- **9.10 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – February 2019**
- **9.11 - Community Services Report**
- **9.12 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.13 - Children’s Services Monthly Update**
- **9.14 - Development Services Activity Report – December 2018**
- **9.15 Assets & Engineering Services Report**

Newell Highway Website Analytics

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019
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Visits	3,440	4,983	4,691	4,526	4,910	5,677	5,084	4,601	4,039	4,691	5,120	4,164	2,748
Visitors	2,787	3,938	3,712	3,345	4,002	4,634	4,241	3,992	3,394	3,712	4,179	3,493	2,320
Desktop	39.2%	34.7%	33.1%	32.3%	33.2%	31.6%	33.4%	32.1%	31.5%	33.1%	32.1%	31.0%	31.1%
Mobile	41.0%	45.8%	45.8%	44.0%	44.3%	46.0%	45.5%	48.6%	47.8%	45.8%	51.1%	51.4%	49.1%
Tablet	19.7%	19.5%	21.1%	23.7%	22.5%	22.4%	21.1%	19.3%	20.7%	22.1%	16.7%	17.6%	19.8%



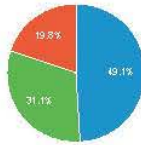
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Visits (Sessions)



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Visits

2,748

% of Total: 100.00% (2,748)



Visitors

2,320

% of Total: 100.00% (2,320)



Users by Country

Country	Users
Australia	2,213
United States	50
Brazil	13
New Zealand	8
China	7

Users by City/Town

Region	Users
New South Wales	839
Victoria	634
Queensland	633
South Australia	47
Australian Capital Territory	34
Tasmania	31
Connecticut	30
Western Australia	16

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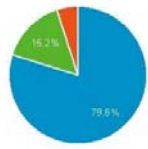
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Keyword	Sessions
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Northern Territory	6

Visits by Channel

■ organic ■ (none) ■ referral



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are there any rv sites between narrabri and dubbo	1
brisbane to melbourne drive newell highway	1
find distance to horsham from Narrabri	1
finley to capalaba	1
goondawindi to tweed heads	1
how far from goondiwindi to warrumbungles	1

Top Referrers

Source	Sessions
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amodernwayfarer.com	38
seo-on-auto.com	10
au.search.yahoo.com	8
ads-autoseo.com	7
dubbo.com.au	4
search.media.telstra.com.au	4

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Mineral Exploration in the Bland Shire

Sandfire Resources and St Barbara are continuing to undertake mineral exploration activities in the Bland Shire and the following photo is of the St Barbara drill rig:



Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities

Dr Oliver Holm, Sarah Nattey from the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities and Malinda Parkinson from PwC Australia visited West Wyalong for the Newell Highway Task Force Committee (NHTF) meeting and provided the following update with the regards to the Federal Government Newell Highway Corridor Strategy (NHCS).

The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) has engaged PwC in consultation with Aurecon to develop the NHCS. Dr Holm provided an overview of the NHCS objectives, noting the intention of the NHCS is to build on the strategy released by the NSW Government in 2015, taking into consideration the Australian Government's commitment to Inland Rail, the current focus on assistance for drought-affected areas and the announcement in October 2018 of the Roads of Strategic Importance funding.

Ms Nattey outlined the governance structure for the NHCS, including the appointment of Katrina Humphries (Moree Plains Shire Council) and Tony Lord (Bland Shire Council) on the Steering Committee, which will be chaired by Dr Holm. This Committee will meet three times in the next few weeks, one of which will be in Parkes, to ensure the NHCS is developed against the original objectives.

Ms Parkinson noted the NHCS will be developed over two key phases and will be underpinned by engagement with key stakeholders. The first phase includes a Situational Analysis aimed at identifying key performance gaps along the corridor and consultation with stakeholders. Three stakeholder workshops will be held at locations along the corridor (one each in Narrabri, Parkes and Narrandera) to gain a better understanding of stakeholder priorities and to inform the development of the Strategy. The Situational Analysis and consolidated stakeholder feedback will be completed by the end of March. The final Strategy (phase two) will highlight future investment opportunities and is expected to be completed by early May.

The Newell Highway Taskforce has requested that DIRDC and PwC provide a status update on the NHCS at its meeting on Thursday 30 May 2019 in Sydney. DIRDC and PwC have agreed to attend and provide an update.

Whilst in West Wyalong the NHTF took the opportunity to show Dr Holm, Sarah and Malinda some of the flooded sections of the Newell Highway between West Wyalong and Forbes and in the following photo from left to right are Malinda Parkinson, Sarah Nattey and Dr Oliver Holm:

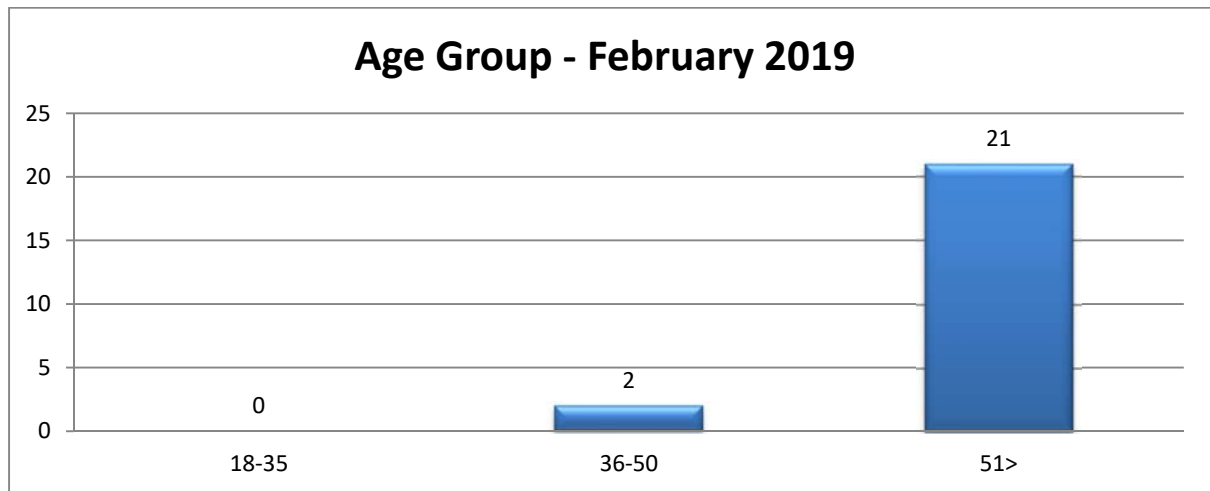


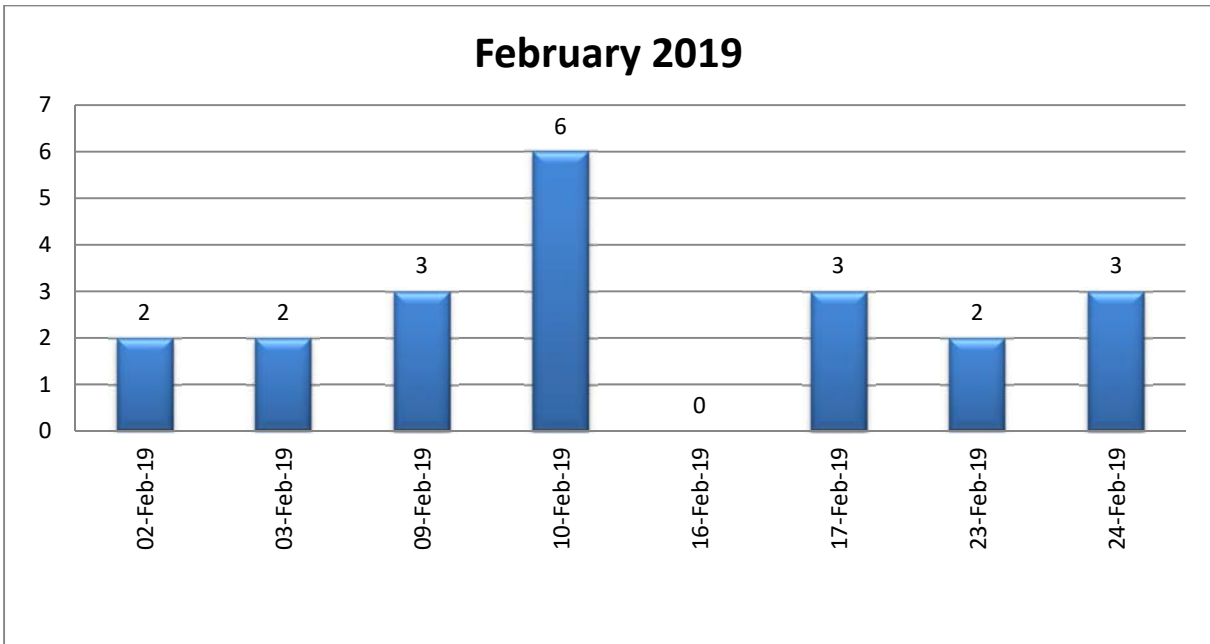
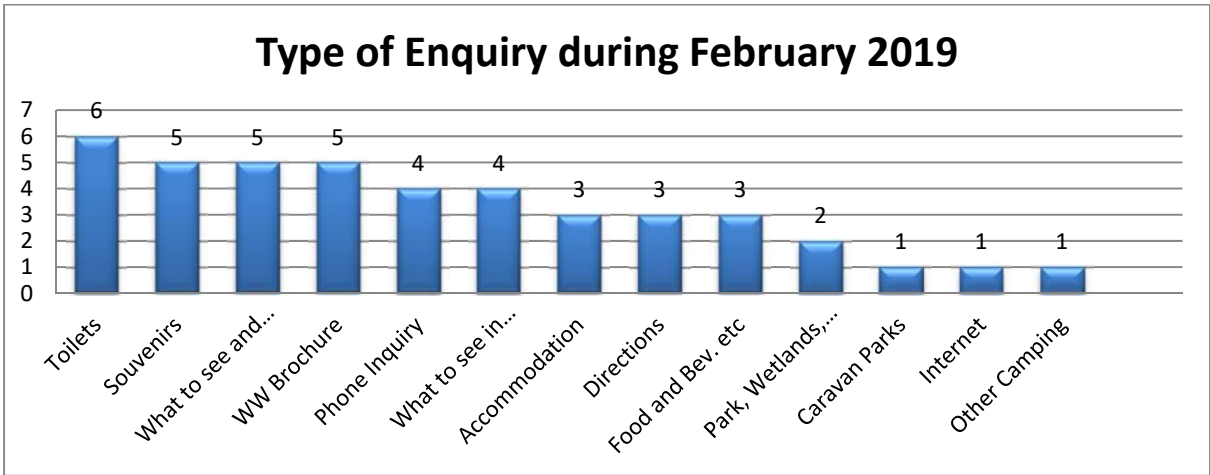
Mid Western Highway and Goldfields Way Corridor Strategies

Bland Shire Council met with members from the RMS, landholders and Weddin Shire Council regarding the Corridor Strategies for the Mid Western Highways and Goldfields Way. Copies of corridor presentations are attached and in the following photo from L to R: Graham Horner RMS, Jason Kellahan Duxton Broadacre Farms, James Maslin Caragabal West, Neal Irons RMS, Jaymes Rath Weddin Shire Council, Janette McDonnell and Tony Gatt RMS, Adele Casey and Will Marsh BSC



Visitor Information Centre Statistics





Statistics for VIC during weekdays (Monday to Saturday morning 12pm) February 2019

Visitors: 74 Phone call and email: 21

Bathurst to Hay Corridor Plan Bland Council

Mid Western Highway



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services



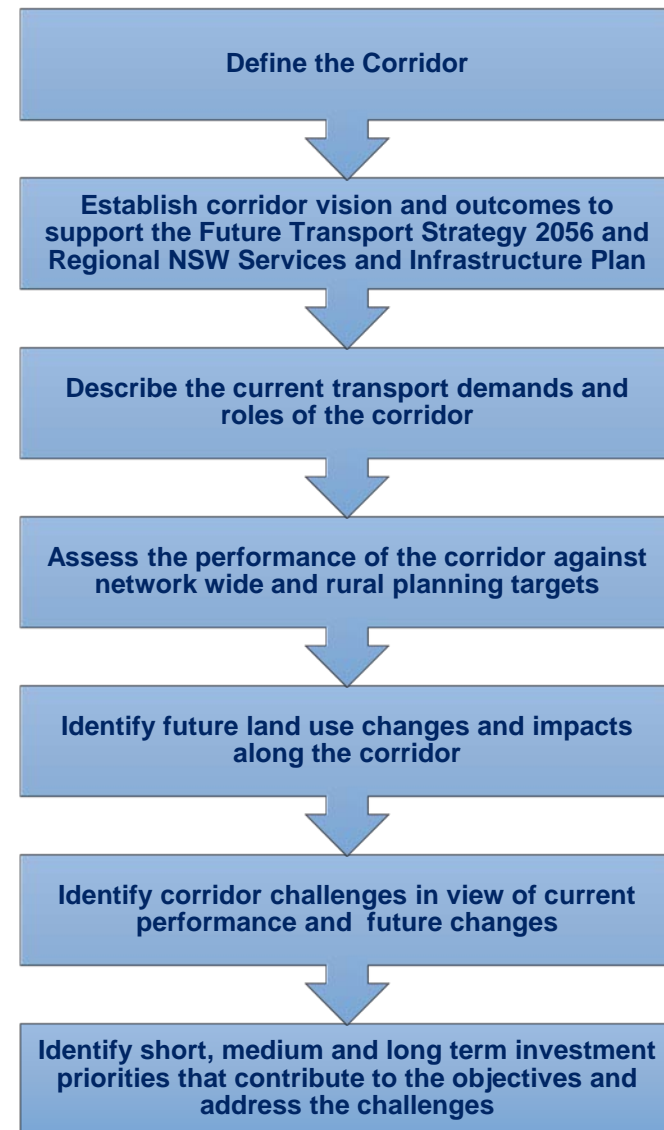
What is a Corridor Plan?

A method of managing our road network to **maximise benefits** for customers by:

- Developing **corridor outcomes** and long term **position/vision** for the road network and corridors.
- Identifying existing and anticipated performance.
- Current and future **challenges** in meeting these corridor specific objectives.
- **Key transport demands** likely to be placed on the corridor over the next 20 years.
- Determining short, medium and long term **priorities**.

•Corridor strategies make planning and investment decisions **transparent** to the **community, councils and other government agencies**.

•Corridor strategies **do not** offer **automatic funding streams** nor do they provide solutions to all challenges.



Vision statement

The vision for the Mid Western Highway from Bathurst to Hay over the next 20 years is:

Provide a **safe road network** for all road users by adopting the Safe System approach and contribute to the State priority to reduce road fatalities by 30 percent from 2011 levels by 2021.

Provide **efficient and reliable freight connections** between rural areas, local communities and major centres.

Facilitate **efficient and reliable travel** for through traffic and all road users within the network.

Improving connectivity from the regions

In addition to committed improvements and investigations identified for road and rail corridors in this Plan, a new visionary initiative is proposed for a strategic examination of options to increase freight connectivity across the Great Dividing Range from inland areas to Newcastle/Sydney/Wollongong.

This initiative will be wide-ranging and will consider:

- › Existing roads including Bells Line of Road, Great Western Highway, Golden Highway, Lachlan Valley Way, Castlereagh Highway, **Mid-Western** Highway
- › Operational rail lines including the Main Western Line, Dubbo to Newcastle line
- › Non-operational and proposed rail lines such as Cowra lines (Blayney to Demondrille), Gulgong to Maryvale.

HW6/A41 – Mid Western Highway

Overview

481km from Great Western Highway junction in Bathurst to William St in Hay

Passes through **seven LGAs** :

Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Cowra Shire Council, Weddin Shire Council, Bland Shire Shire Council, Carathool Shire Council, Hay Shire Council

Connects with the following state roads:

- Great Western Highway
- Mitchell Highway
- Milthorpe-Blayney Road
- Canowindra Road
- Lachlan Valley Way
- Olympic Highway
- Newell Highway
- Kidman Way
- Cobb Highway

Bland LGA population: 5960



Traffic

Section	Network Rank	Rural or Urban	Site	Vehicles Per Day	Heavy Vehicles (%)
1. Bathurst	3R	Urban	Stewart St, Bathurst	5651	17%
		Urban	700m west of Stewart St, Bathurst	4911	16%
2. Bathurst to Blayney	3R	Rural	Bathurst / Blayney LGA boundary	2948	23%
3. Blayney	3R	Urban	East Blayney – east of RLX	5769	14%
4. Blayney to Cowra	3R	Rural	Blayney / Cowra LGA boundary	2035	30%
5. Cowra	3R / 2R	Urban	Kendell St east Cowra	3554	17%
		Fringe urban	Shelley St west Cowra	6088	16%
6. Cowra to Grenfell	2R	Rural	Cowra / Weddin LGA boundary	765	21%
7. Grenfell	2R	Urban	Camp St Grenfell	1637	15%
8. Grenfell to Marsden	2R	Rural	West of Forbes Rd	363	29%
9. West Wyalong to Goolgowi	2R	Rural	Bland / Carrathool LGA boundary	384	27%
		Urban	West of Goolgowi	587	48%
10. Goolgowi to Hay	2R	Rural	Carrathool / Hay LGA boundary	535	51%
		Fringe urban	Eastern approach to Hay	776	45%
11. Hay	2R	Urban	60m east of HW21 in Hay	1642	28%



Performance - Safety

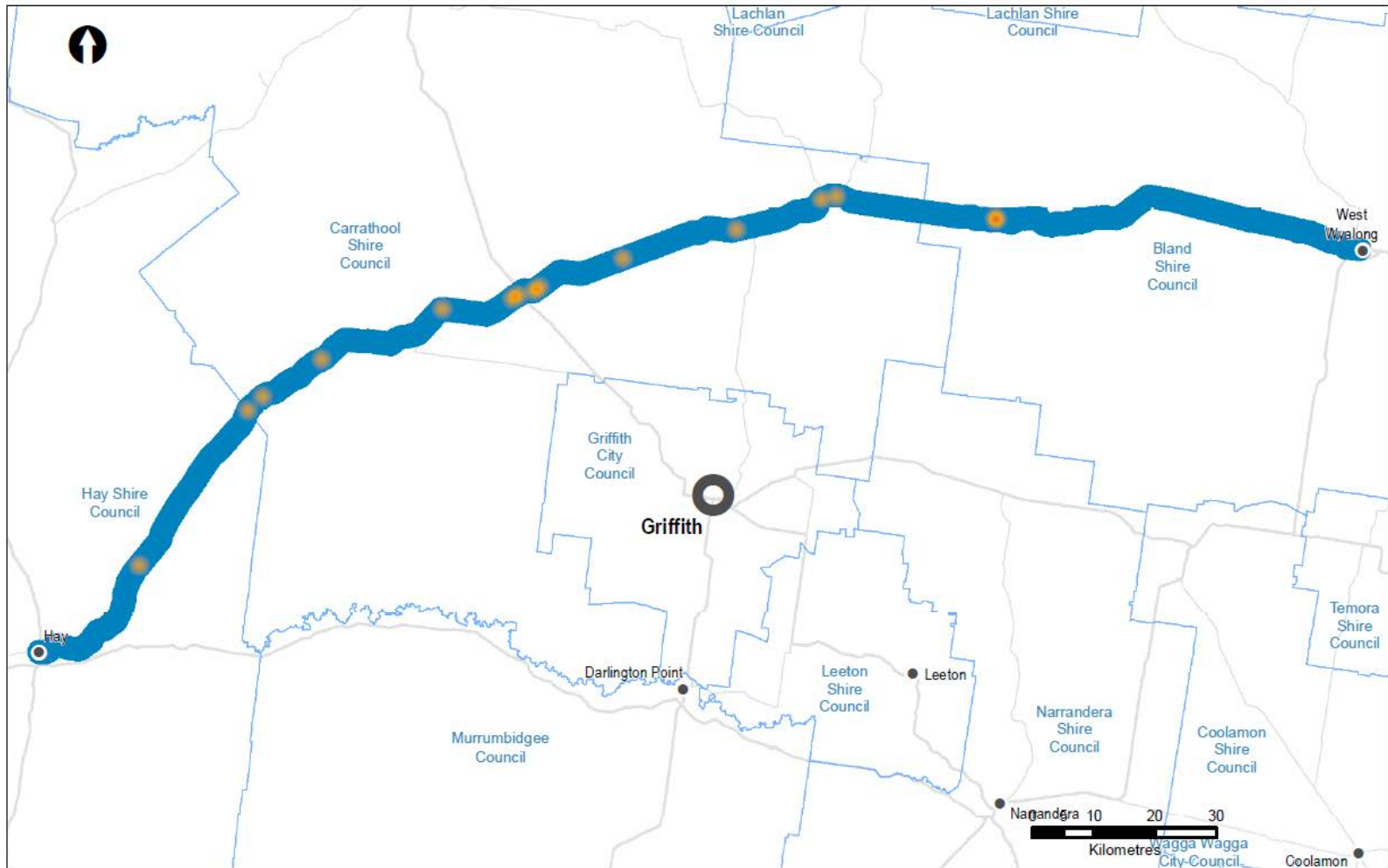
Summary for 2013 to 2017

Section Number	Description	Fatal	Injury			Non Injury*	Total
			Serious Inj	Moderate Inj	Minor/Other Inj		
1	Bathurst (3.7km)	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	Bathurst to Blayney (30.1km)	0	9	7	2	6	24
3	Blayney (3.6km)	0	1	8	1	2	12
4	Blayney to Cowra (64.6km)	5	12	13	4	16	50
5	Cowra (5.4km)	0	4	15	3	15	37
6	Cowra to Grenfell (50.9km)	0	2	4	3	6	15
7	Grenfell (2.4km)	0	0	0	0	2	2
8	Grenfell to Marsden (66.2km)	0	4	1	1	3	9
9	West Wyalong to Hay (253.3km)	1	14	9	7	19	50
10	Hay (1.2km)	0	0	0	0	0	0
		6	46	57	21	70	200

* Due to changes in the way tow-away only crashes are reported by the NSW Police Force, statistics from 15 Oct 2014 onwards would have less data reportable compared to previous periods.

Performance - Safety

FSI Crash Concentration 2013 to 2017 - Western



Regional City



Centre



Local Government Area



State Road



Regional Road

Crash concentration (2013 - 2017)



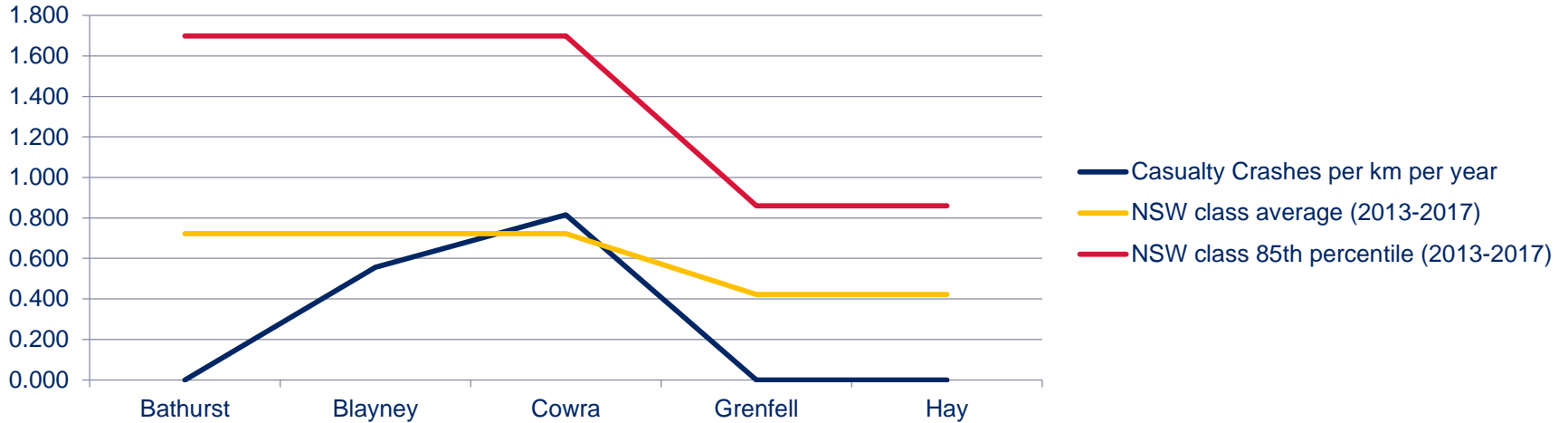
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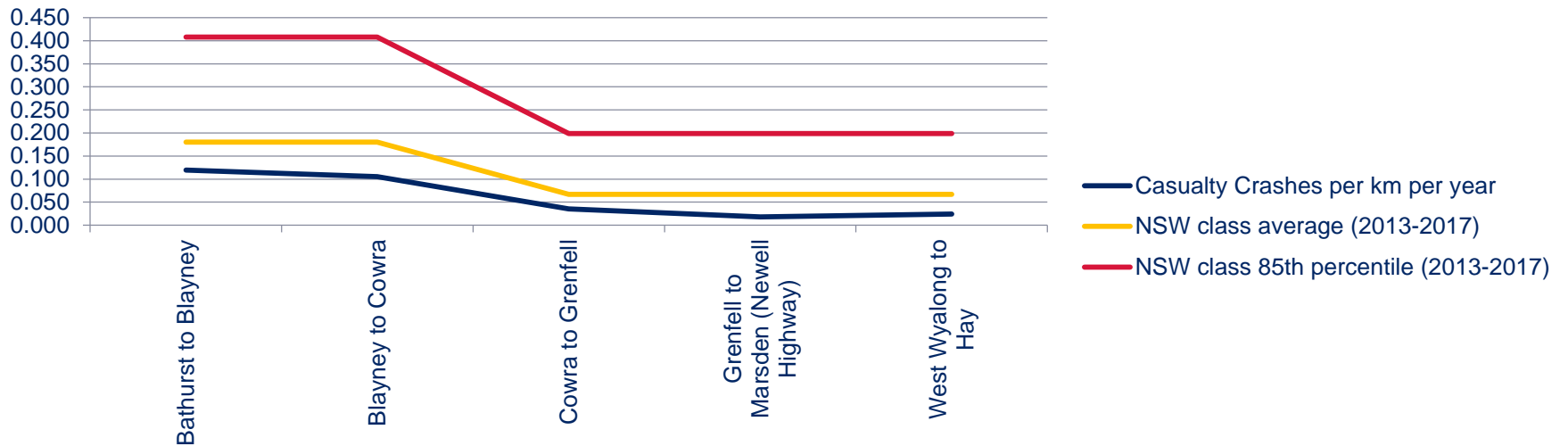
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Casualty Crash Rates

Urban Casualty Crash Rate



Rural Casualty Crash Rate

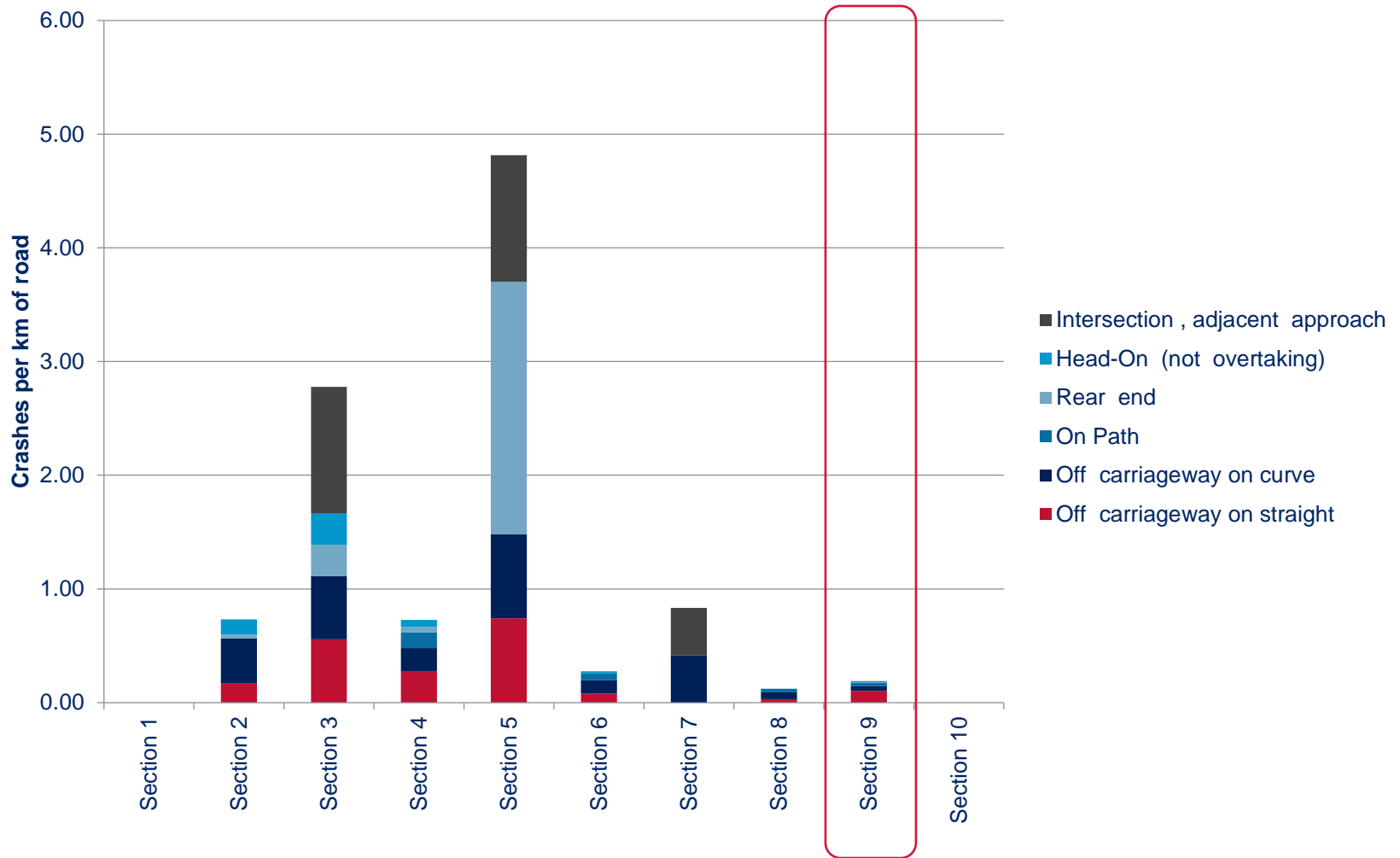




Safety

Crash Type by Section

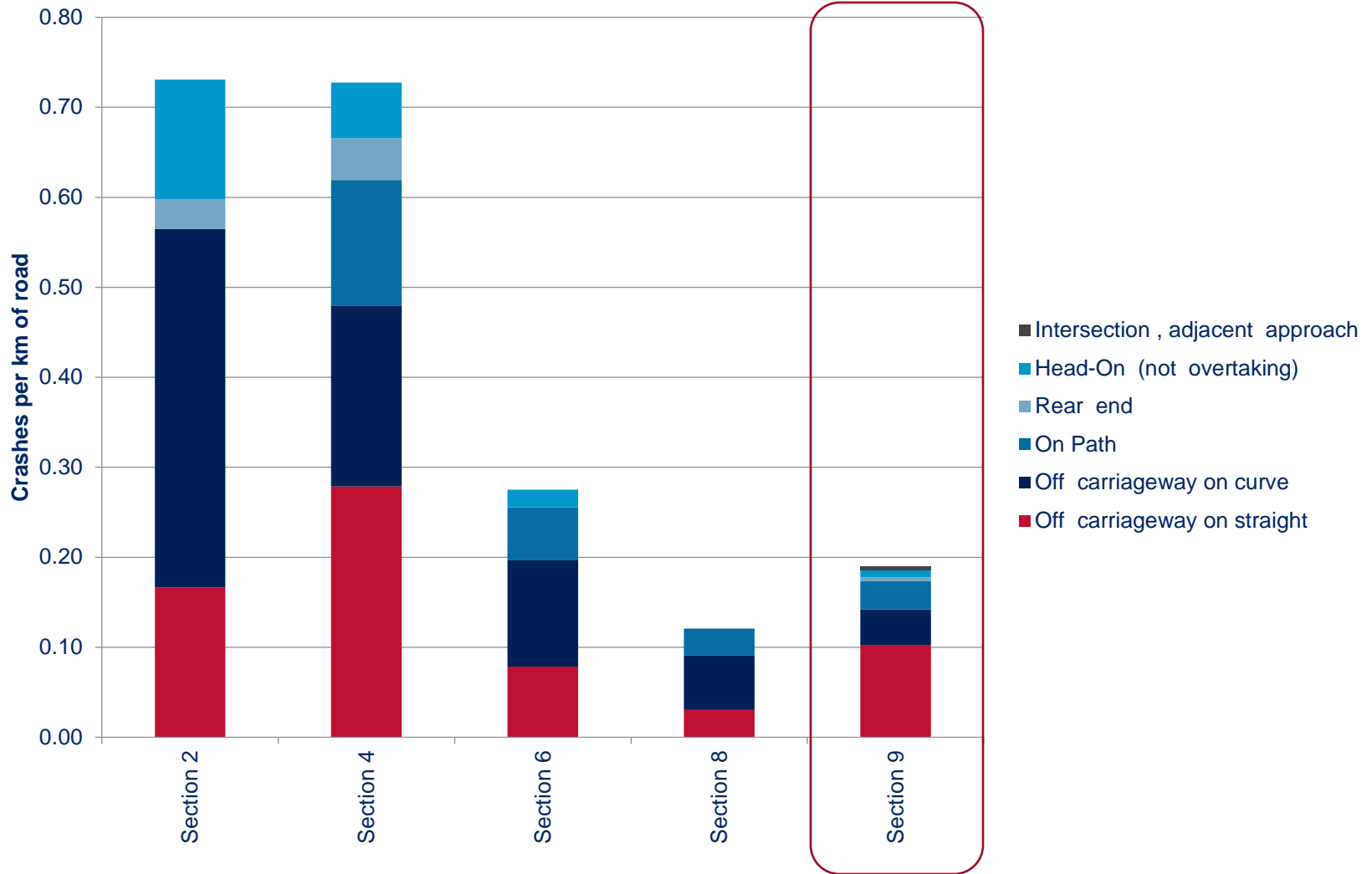
Top 6 crash movements per section





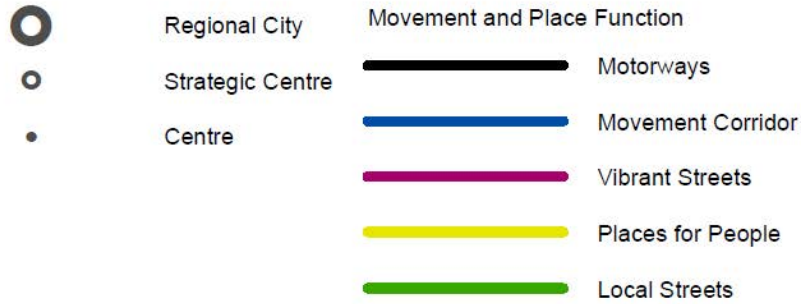
1. Safety Crash Type by RURAL Section

Top 6 crash movements per RURAL section



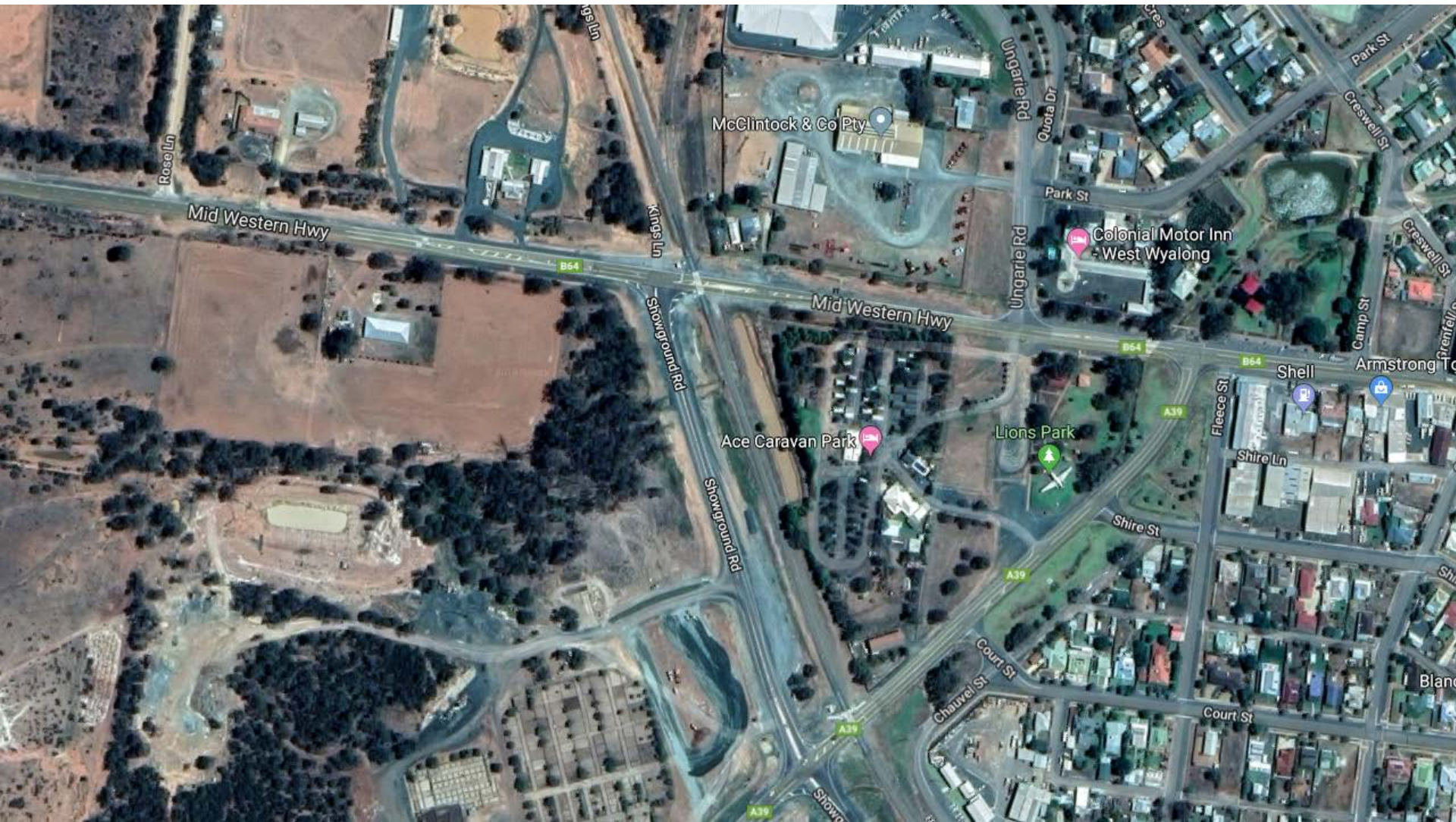
Corridor function

Movement and Place



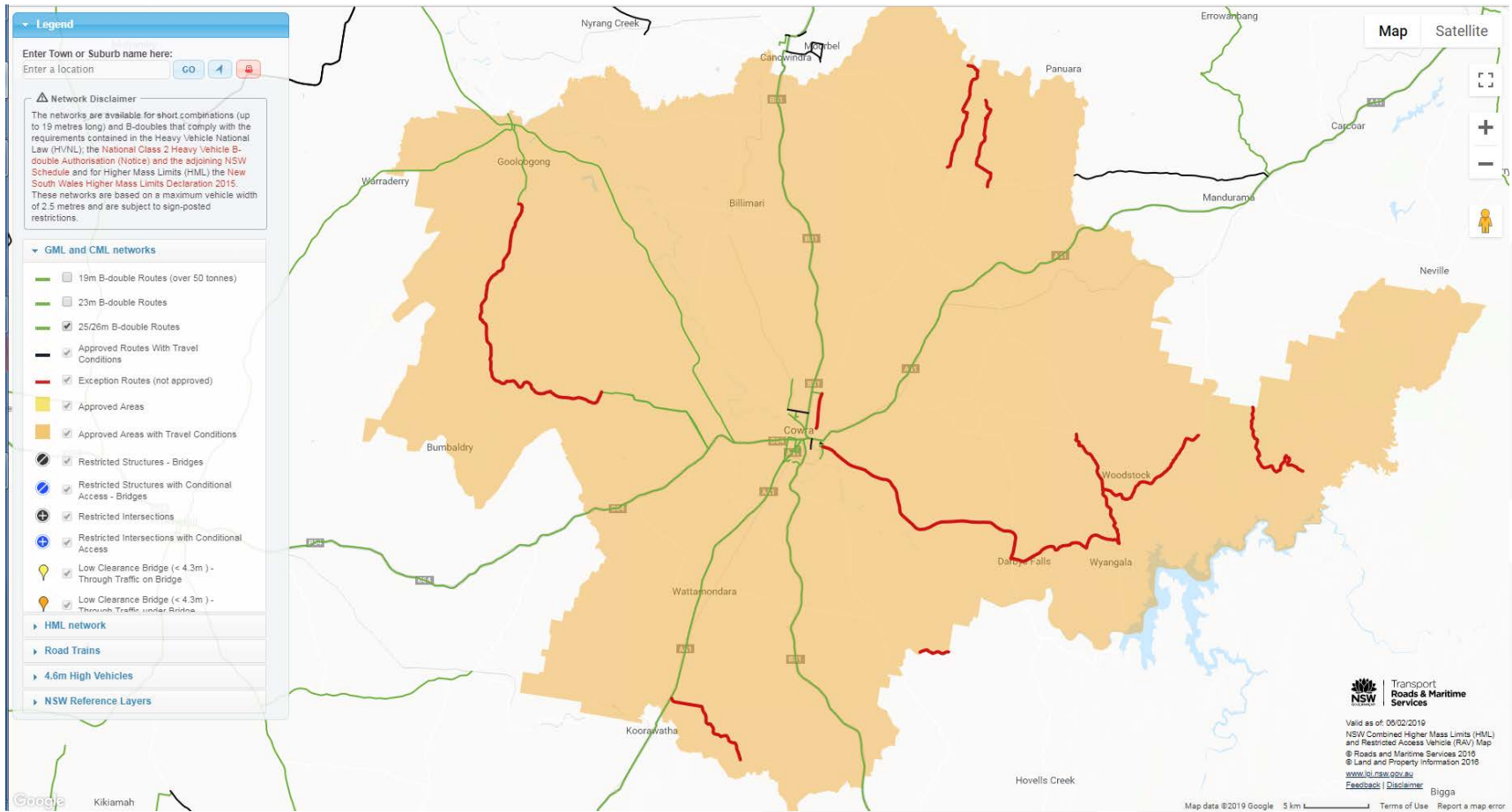
Corridor function

Movement and Place – West Wyalong



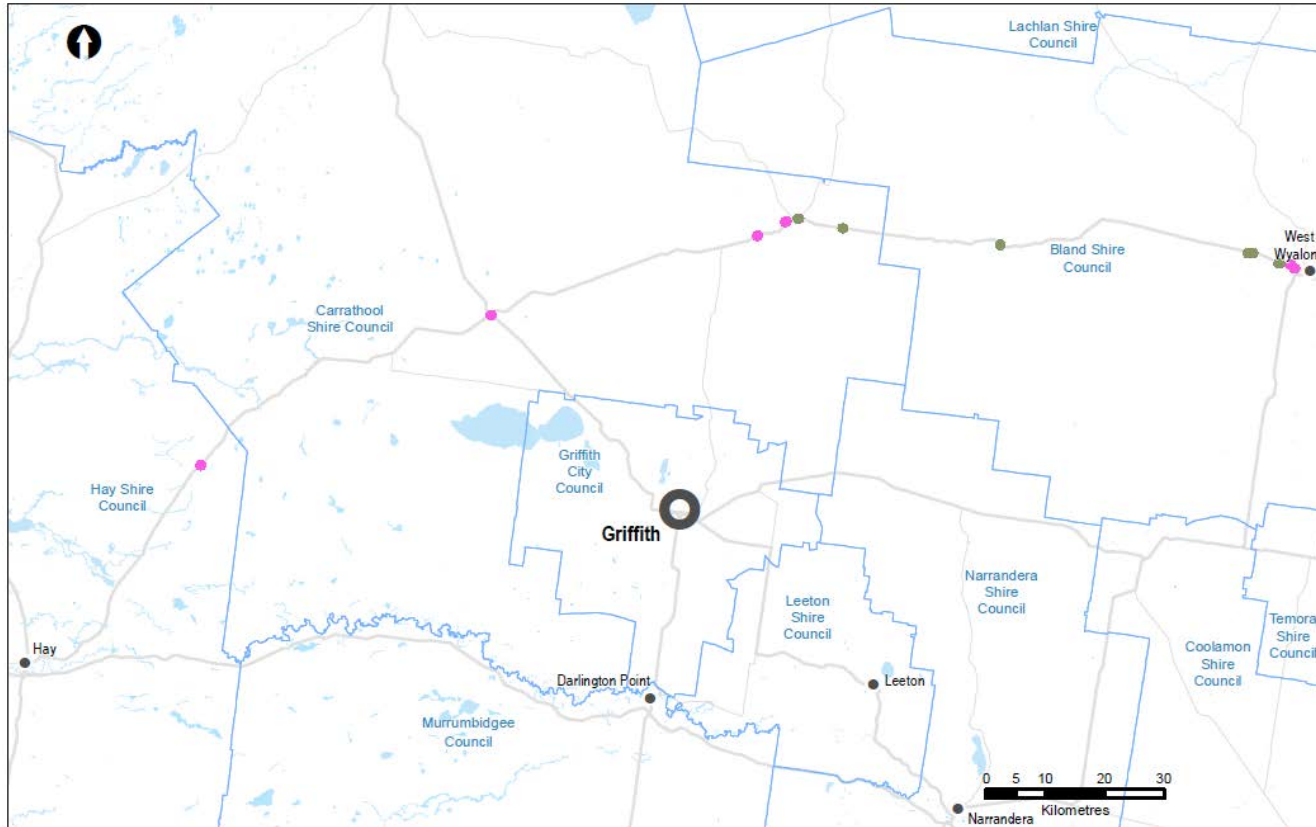
Corridor Function

Heavy Vehicles



Road Design and Condition

Horizontal curves – Prescribed direction – Southwest Region



- Regional City
- Centre
- State Road
- Regional Road
- Local Government Area

HW6_Ascending_Outofcontext_curves

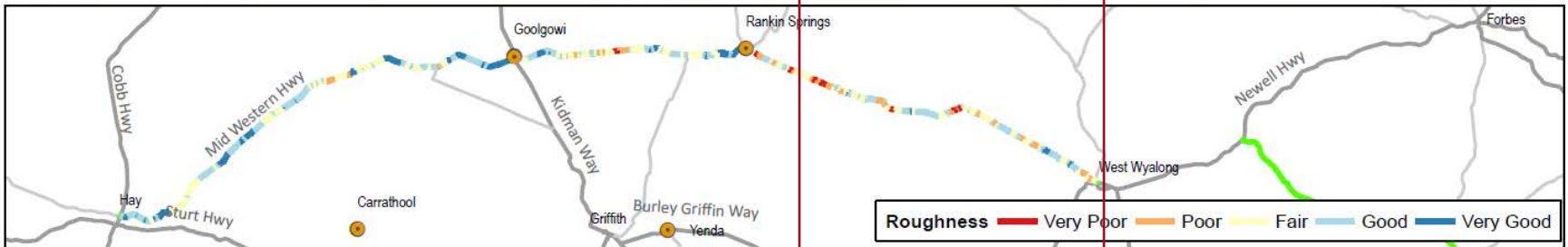
- Unacceptable (0)
- Undesirable (0)

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- Poor (6)
- Very Poor (9)

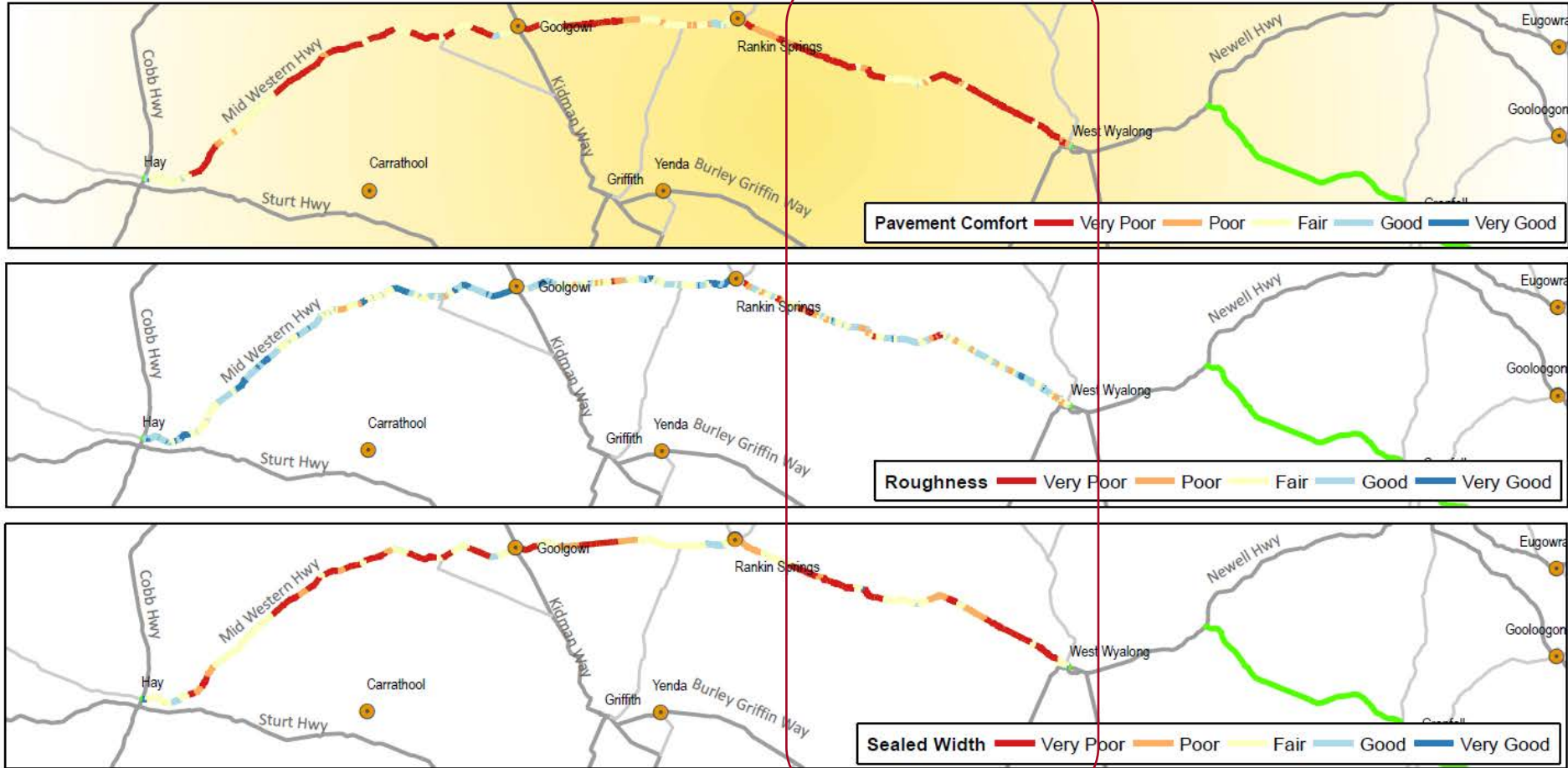
Road Pavement Condition

Pavement Quality – Southwest Region



Road Pavement Condition

Pavement Comfort – Western Region



Challenges and Issues

Safety

- Flood prone sections

Traffic

Freight Efficiency

Land Use

Goldfields Way Corridor Plan

Stakeholder Consultation



Goldfields Way Corridor Plan

Corridor Vision and Objectives

Vision:

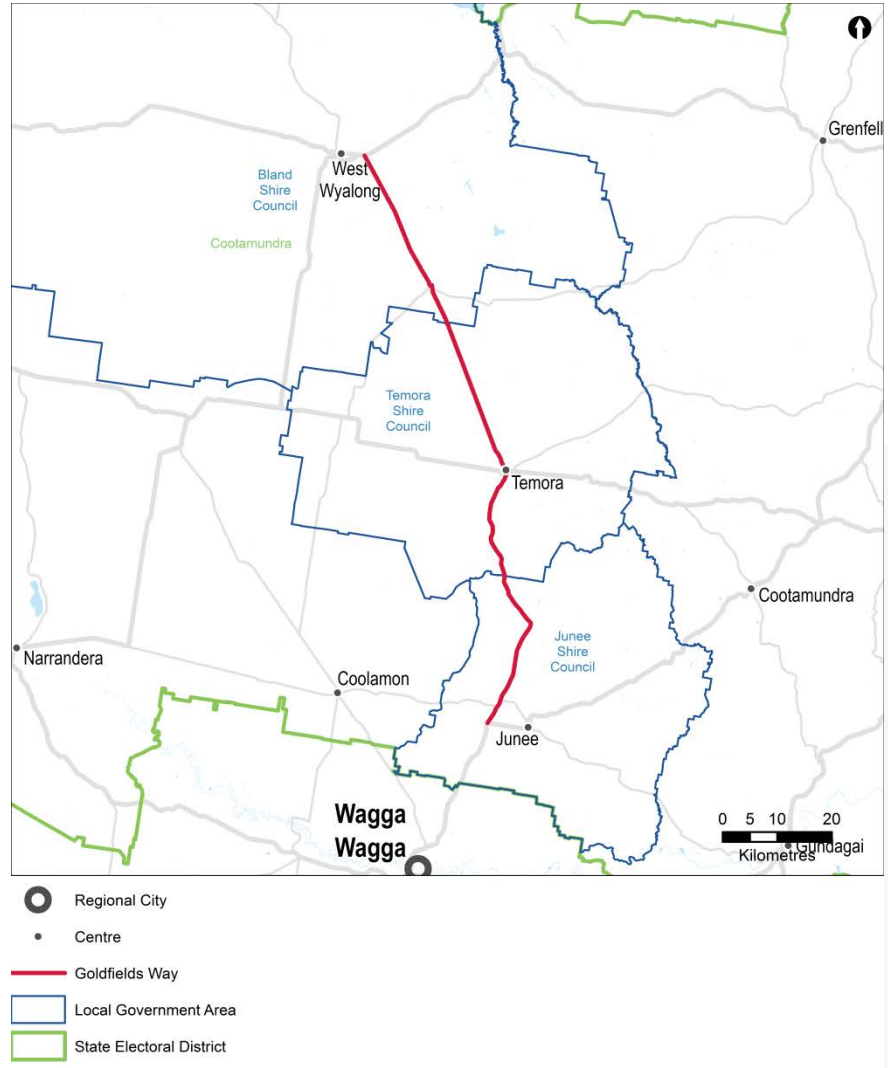
- A safe road supporting efficient freight movements.

Objectives:

- Use a safe systems approach to reduce crashes by improving clear zones, widening and sealing shoulders and by addressing tight radius curves at priority locations with a poor casualty crash history
- Support key freight movement along the corridor and across the wider network, particularly between the Hume Highway and Newell Highway

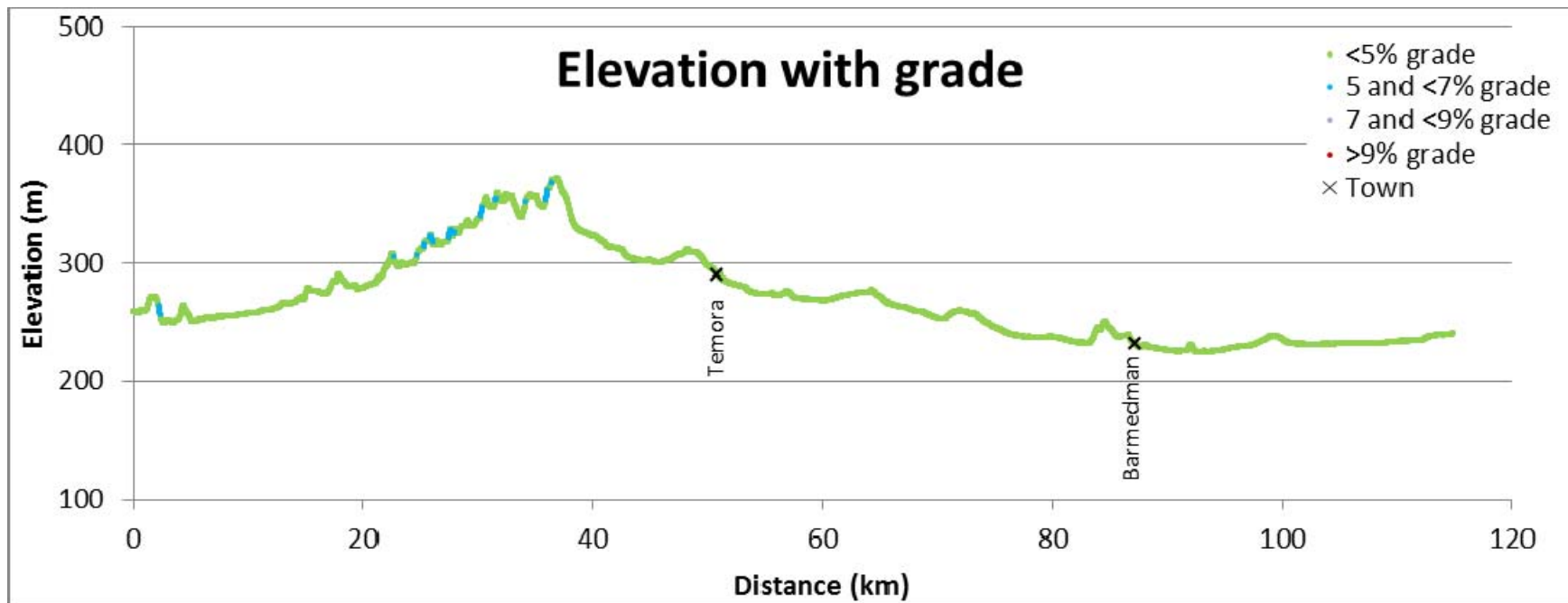
Goldfields Way Corridor

Location Map



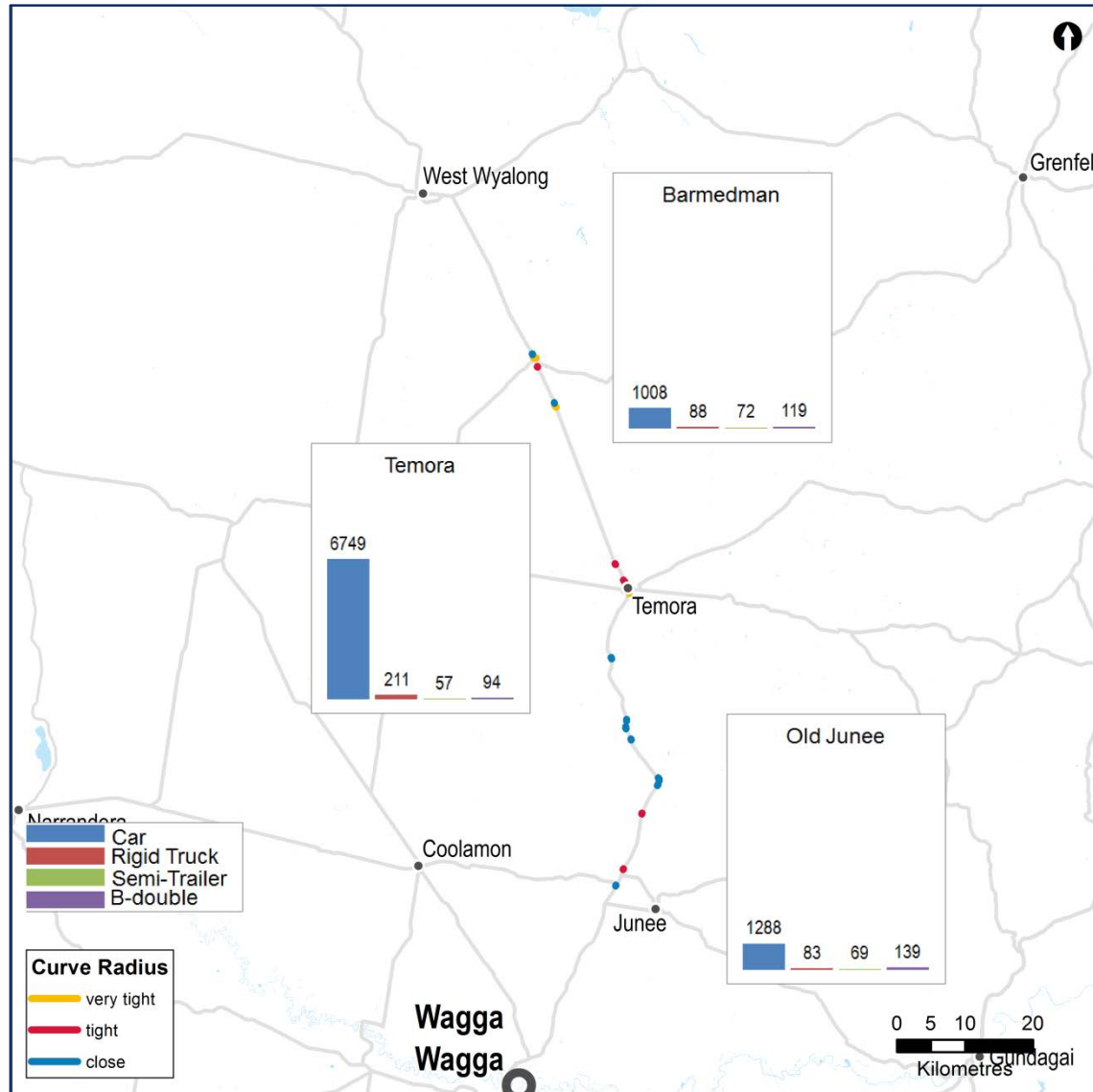
Goldfields Way Corridor

Elevation / Grade



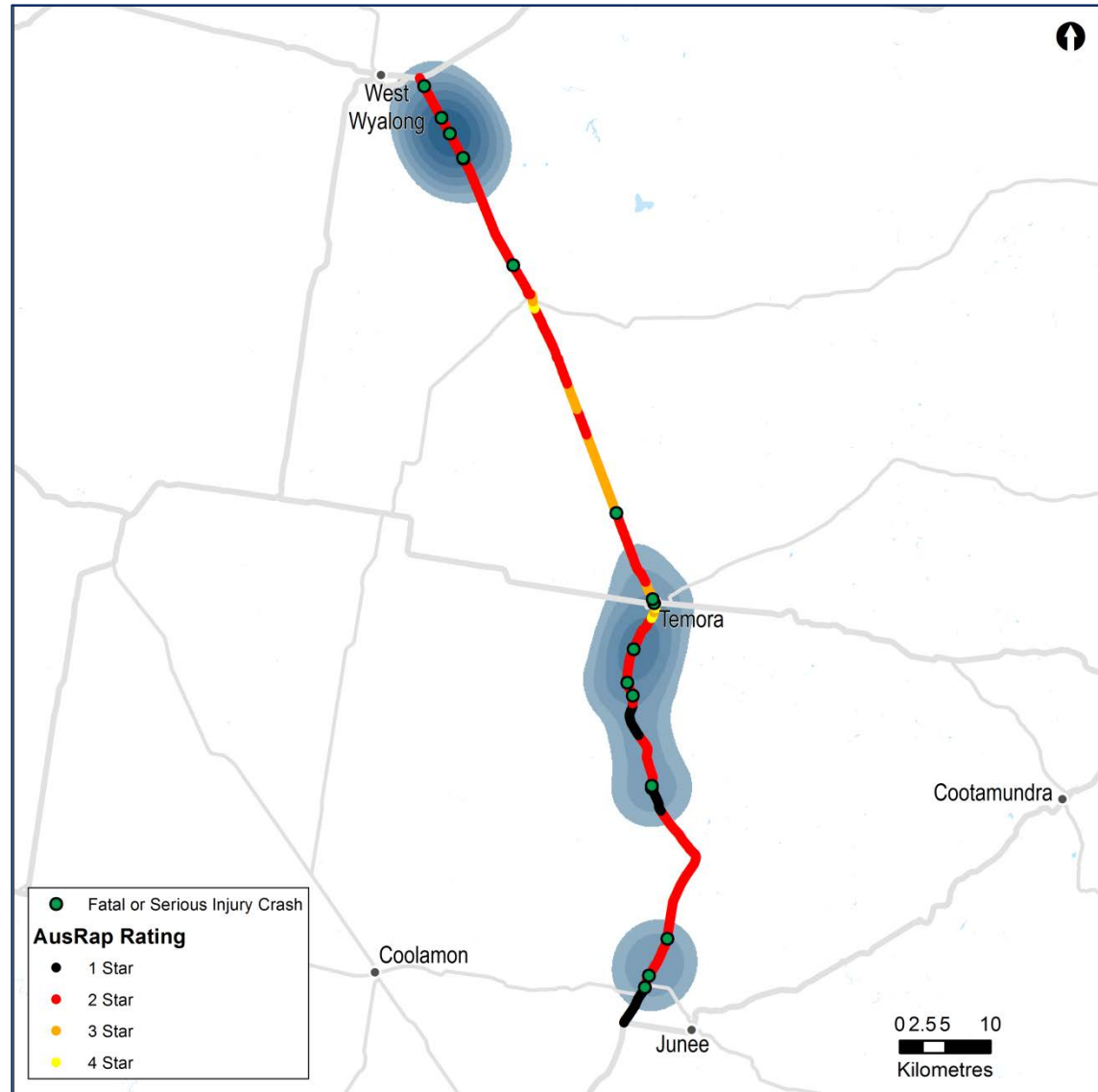
Goldfields Way Corridor

Traffic Volumes



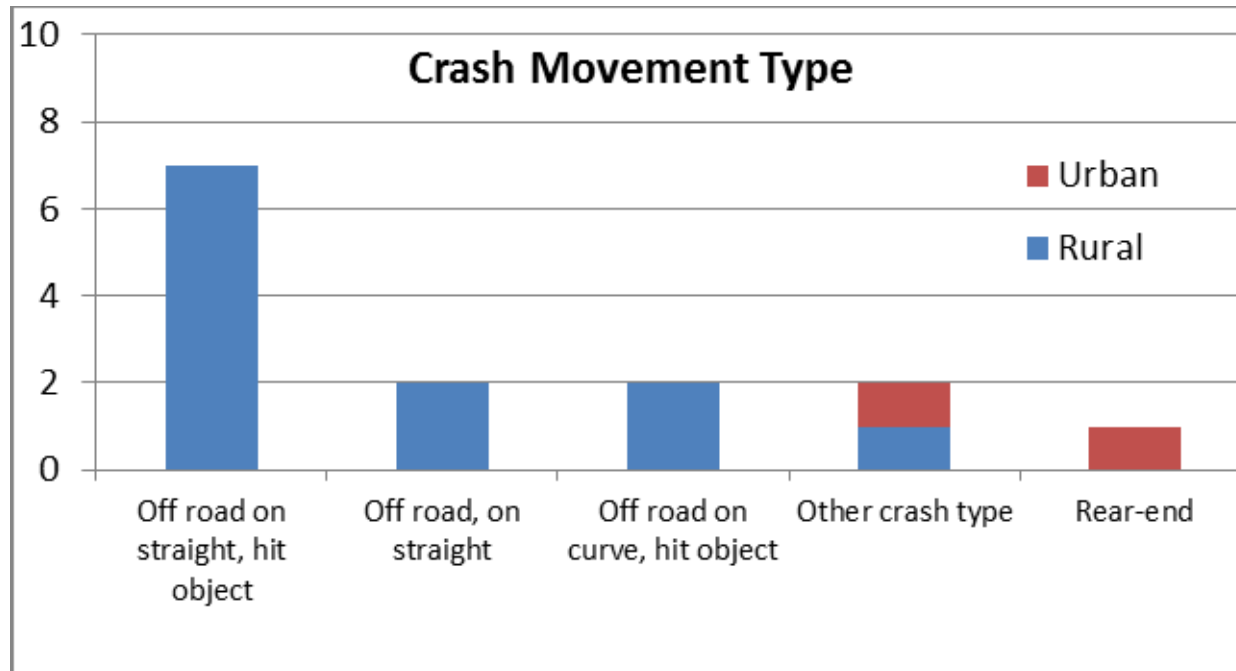
Performance

Crash Locations - 17 fatal and serious injury (FSI) crashes 2013-2017



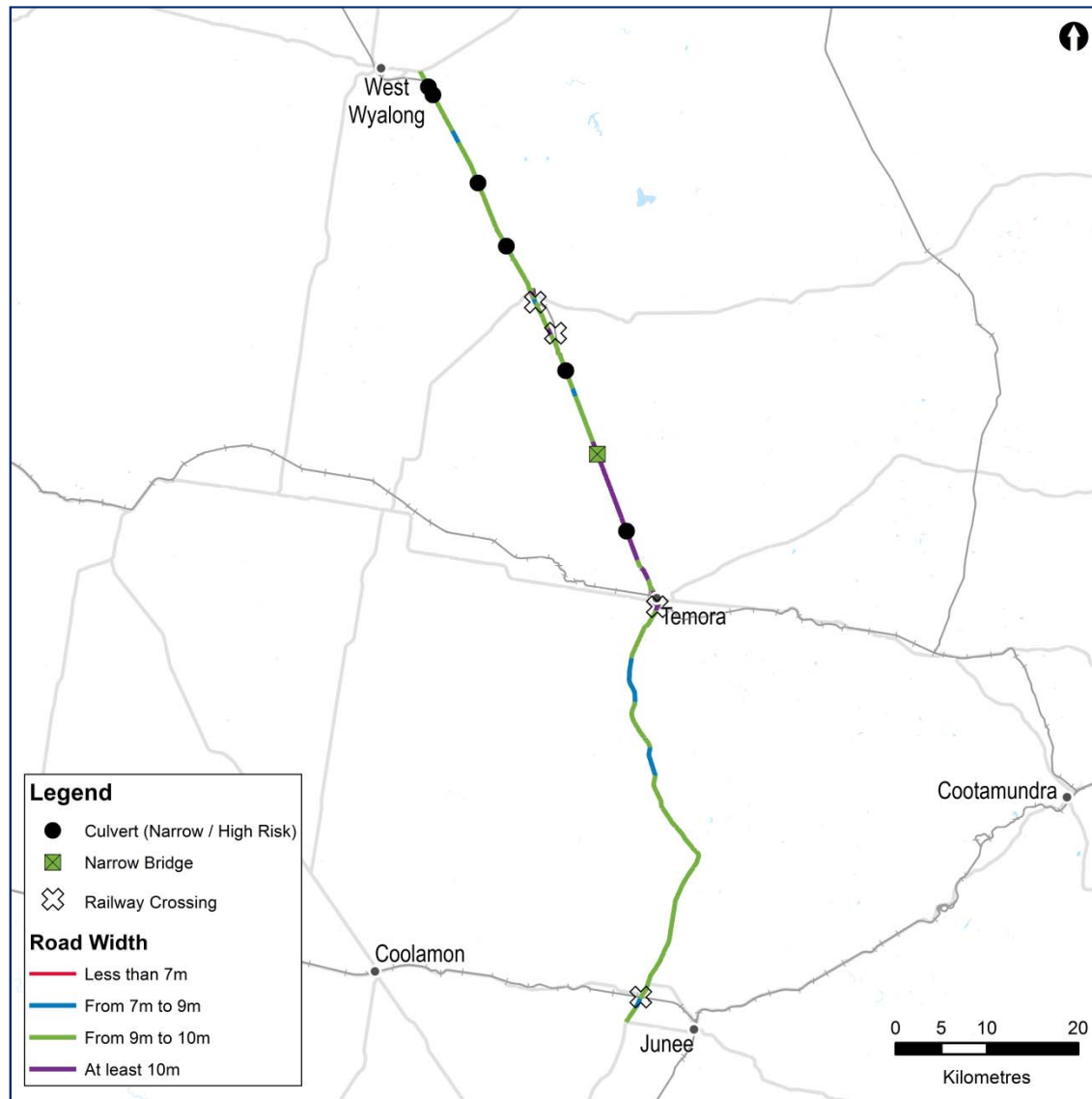
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Crash type mainly rural, off-road on straight hit object



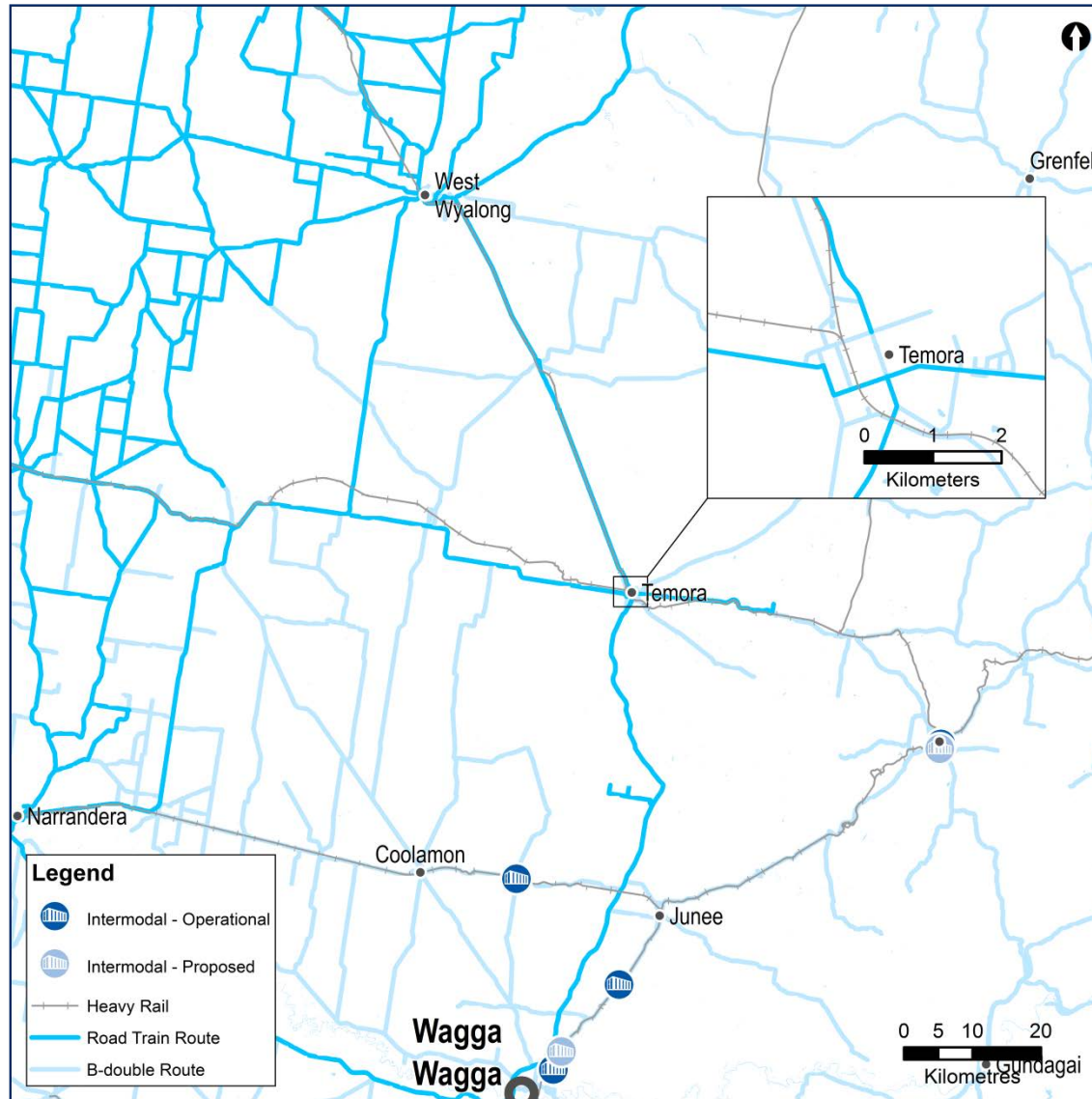
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Asset Issues



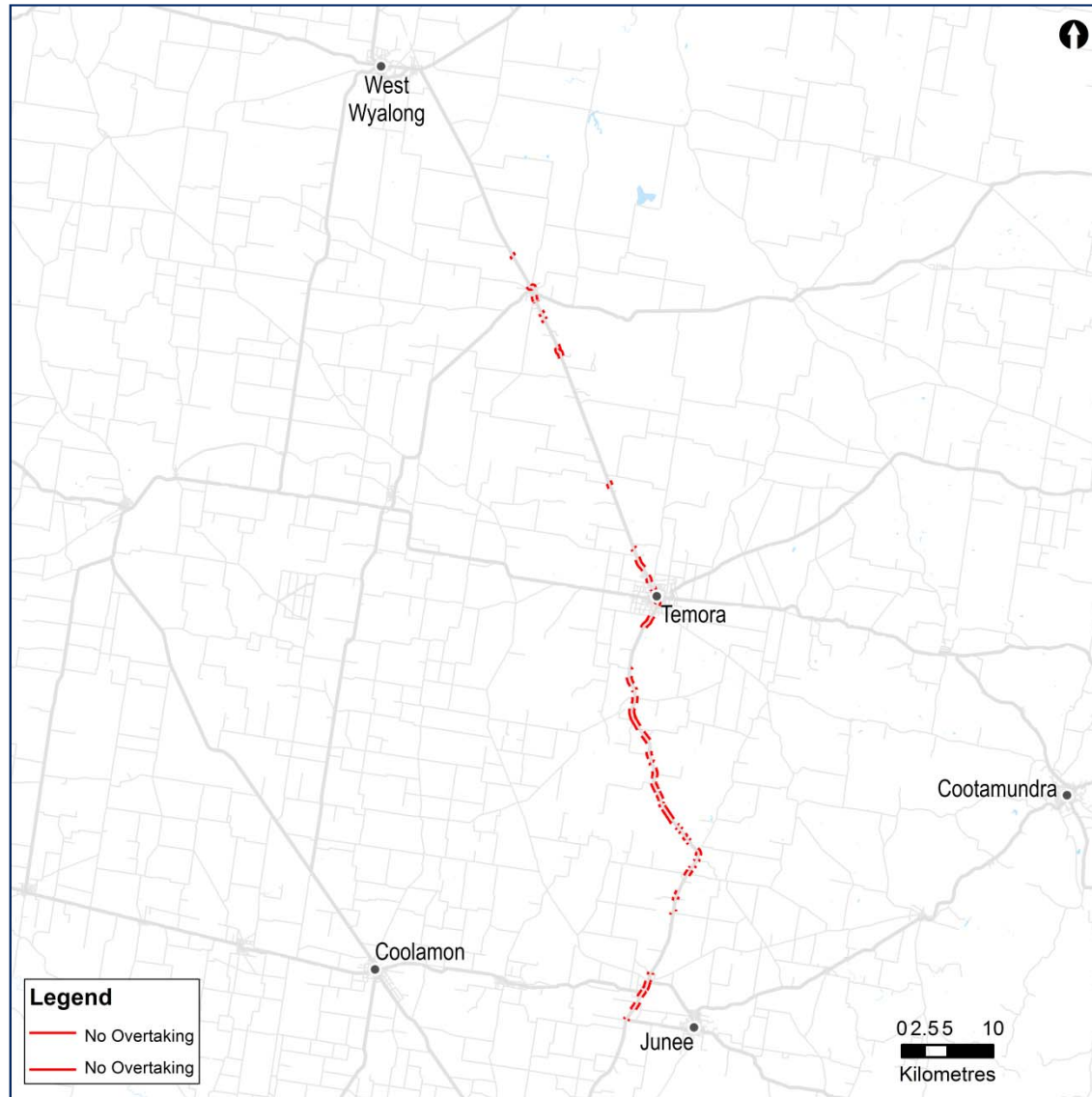
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Connectivity



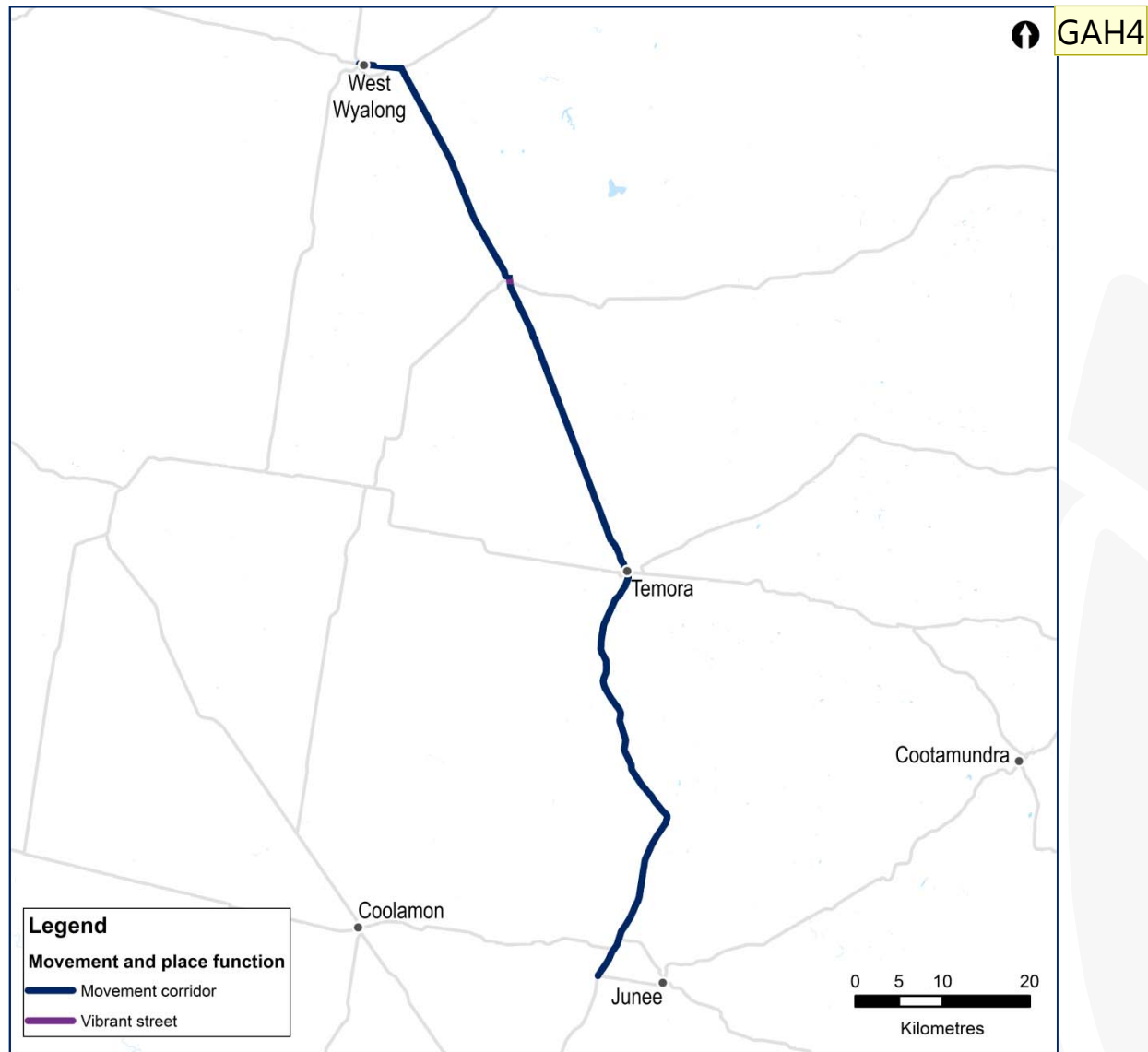
Performance

Overtaking



Performance

Movement
and Place



Slide 11

GAH4

Hard to pick out Vibrant streets. Is a popout for Temora and Barmedman needed?

Graham, 25/02/2019

Active Transport

PAMPs, Cycleways, Buses and Trains

- Councils had PAMPs and Bike Plans since around 2000
- School buses
- Community Buses –Wagga Wagga
- TrainLink –Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra
- Seeking your input on Active Transport Issues

Freight

Regional Freight Transport Plan

- The corridor is a significant route for north-south freight movements, including between the Hume and Newell Highways.
- PBS 3A movements through Temora are limited, influenced by the residential area and a number of railway crossings.

9.11 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 and Community Development Officer

Country Hope Proposal

Country Hope West Wyalong have put forward a proposal to install a large metal structure spelling out the word “Hope” in the Lions Park-McCann Park precinct. It is hoped the sign will inspire and help people draw strength in tough times while also attracting visitors and boosting local business. CJM Welding and Fabrication has offered to build the structure for free while Evolution Mining has also pledged support for the concept. The fundamental idea of the project is to raise money for local charities by people purchasing a lock and donating money to their chosen charity. Purchasers write what they hope for on the lock and then lock it onto the structure. It is hoped the structure will further become an iconic large scale public artwork and a beacon of hope for both local residents and tourists alike with further plans to install coloured lighting on the structure to illuminate it at night and ensure it is visible at night. Community Services staff will continue to liaise with Country Hope around this proposal as directed.

Crooked Mile Colour Run Grant Application

An application has been submitted to Evolution Cowal under the Cowal Partnering Program for the purpose of establishing a Crooked Mile Colour Run which will coincide with the Community Drought Buster concert if successful. The purpose of the colour run is to raise awareness of mental health, particularly from a rural perspective and provide opportunities for the community to socialise and increase physical activity in a fun and light hearted manner. It is hoped a large scale event such as this with a focus on mental health will draw a regional crowd and will shine the spotlight on mental health and some of the issues our community is currently facing.

Flavour Festival

Council has submitted an application to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) under the Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT) Program for assistance in the establishment of an annual Bland Flavour Festival. Council received extensive positive feedback following the huge success of the Goose Island Flavour Festival held in 2018 and has been inundated with requests to host a similar annual festival. An outcome on this application is expected in early May 2019.

Youth Week

Councils Youth Week program has been locked in for 2019 with a number of fun filled, educational and engaging activities planned throughout the course of the upcoming April School holidays. Council has engaged local gym Seek Fitness to deliver a series of fitness sessions for local youth with youth specific classes being held daily from Monday 15 April through to Thursday 18 April as part of the health and wellbeing initiative. The ever popular NRMA Driving School will also be holding lessons for learner drivers on Wednesday 17 April as part of the program.

Wednesday April 24 will see Council staff and 17 young people make the trip to Griffith for a laser tag session and lunch, followed by an afternoon at Altina Wildlife Park. This trip proved extremely popular with local residents, booking out in a matter of hours. Thanks must also be extended to Wyalong Community Transport for their generous support of this event with the bus offered free of charge as a result of funding made available for youth specific initiatives.

125th Anniversary launch

The official launch of the 125th Anniversary event was held on Monday 11 March with the unveiling of the time capsule at Coinda Park revealing a number of local treasures that were set in place on 26 March 1994 as part of the Centenary event. The contents of the capsule remain in pristine condition and is now on display at Splatter Gallery where it will stay until the completion of the 125th Anniversary event.

Community Services staff have also been working feverishly in preparation for the weekend long festivities of the 125th Anniversary event to take place from Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March.

Councils Community Services staff also recently addressed all year 8 students at West Wyalong High School regarding the proposed activities for 125th Anniversary and offered a number of suggestions around how students can become involved in the event should they wish to do so.

3D Murals - Mirrool and West Wyalong

Following the successful receipt of an FRRR Tackling Tough Times Together (TTTT) grant, Council has been allocated funding for the delivery of two large 3D murals with one to be installed in West Wyalong's CBD area and the other to be situated on the RFS shed in Mirrool. Concepts for both murals are currently being developed by the selected artist with the Mirrool community requesting a rural scene while an interactive artwork focusing on rain had been chosen for West Wyalong.

9.12 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

Writers' Workshops

Bland Shire Library will host two writing workshops on Tuesday 19 March 2019, both conducted by award-winning journalist and author Stephanie Dale.

The first workshop at 10am – titled 'Creative Journaling' – will go for approximately 1.5 hours and offer tips, tools and techniques for using writing as a pathway to good health and wellbeing. Cost is a gold coin donation to Riverina Bluebell. Riverina Bluebell is a non-profit organisation which aims to raise awareness about mental health issues in the Riverina and encourage people to seek help and support.

The second workshop 1.30pm – 3.30pm is for people who want to cross the bridge between thinking about writing a book and doing it. Cost is \$55 per person. Limit of 8 places only.

April School Holiday Program

The library's April school holiday program has been finalised.

- Local baker and cake decorator Dagmar McIntyre has been engaged to do a cake decorating session with an Easter theme. Due to her popularity, this will be the third time that Dagmar has conducted a cake decoration session for the library.
- The Vegetable Plot is a group of musicians who use the power of music and storytelling to help kids fall in love with veggies. The group has been booked to perform on Thursday 18 April 2019 in the Council Chambers.
- Making "Grass Heads" – kit supplied by Riverina Regional Library.

Seniors Experience New Technology

As part of Council's 2019 Seniors Week program, the library hosted a small group of adventurous seniors who were introduced to the world of virtual reality and then given the opportunity to experience it first-hand.

Amy Heap from Riverina Regional Library delivered the two-hour virtual reality session which included an underwater descent and shark attack, a mountain climb, a visit to outer space, as well as the African plains, and much more. From all accounts, a fun learning experience was had by all.

The library has booked the virtual reality equipment (provided by RRL) for the 2019 July school holiday period.



Library Refurbishment – Carpet

New carpet is currently being laid throughout the library with a large wet area included in the children's area.



Meetings

- South West Zone Library Manager's meeting to be held in Wagga on Wednesday 13 March 2019.
- RRL Advisory Committee meeting to be held in Wagga on Wednesday 27 March 2019

Library Statistics February 2019

- 241 Information Requests
- 316 Customer Service Requests – this figure includes 64 technology assists
- 486 Computer Usage
- 95 requests for Wi-Fi (ie. mobile device users)
- 45 adults attended regular programs in the library
- 134 children and parents/carers attended regular children's programs in the library
- 95 Visitor Information Requests – this figure relates to normal library opening hours only and includes 21 telephone inquiries

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

- 1246 people through the door
- 1895 library items issued
- 68 library items reserved
- 16 new members

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

9.13 Children's Services Monthly Update



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

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

Author: Children's Services Coordinator

Both Bland Preschool and the It takes a Village (ITAV) services are non-operational in January due to the holiday break. Preschool staff are on break from December 22 to January 25, 2019.

Therefore, the ITAV service staff undertook a Toy Library Stocktake and general clean of the resources and facility.

Service Policies were reviewed and new policies developed and sent out for feedback from families, staff and educators of all services.

The policies and procedures under review are:

- Child Swapping (FDC Policy) – relating to having your own children in Family Day Care
- Inclusive practises procedure
- Pets and animals in care environments
- Relatives in care (FDC) procedure – relating to educators having grandchildren, nephews, nieces etc. in care.
- Transport Policy

With the return of Tracey Robertson from extended maternity leave, and her request to work part-time, the administration role at children's services is now being filled as follows:

- Tracey Robertson – Monday and Tuesdays
- Sharon Glasgow – Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays

Bland Preschool

Preschool enrolments for 2019 are 47 four years olds and 38, 3 year olds.

Preschool sessions are as follows:

- Monday/Tuesday – 4 year old session (9.00-4.30pm)
- Wednesday/Thursday – 4 year old session (9.00-4.30pm)
- Friday – 2 x 3 year old sessions (9.00-3.00pm)

All service Quality Improvement Plans (QIP) were updated ready for staff to conduct their QIP reviews when they return after the school holiday break.

All staff attended and successfully completed the mandatory annual CPR refresher training.

Mobile Resource Unit Playgroup & Ungarie Preschool

The Mobile Resource Unit and Ungarie playgroups have been in hiatus over the holiday break with all staff busy undertaking the Vacation Care Program and completing the huge task of completing the CSU resource clean and tidy.

Bland/Temora Family Day Care

During December and January, educator visits continued where possible with many Family Day Care educators opting to take a well earned break over the holiday period. Coordination Unit staff also used this opportunity to take some annual leave during this time.

Staff have completed the training and recruitment process for new educator who is to commence in West Wyalong in late February 2019.

Current educator numbers are currently at eleven with the spread of educators as follows:

- Temora – 6
- West Wyalong – 5

Playgroups recommenced in February with both West Wyalong and Temora holding fortnightly sessions.

9.14 Development Services Activity Report – December 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 February 2019:

Application No	Address	Development
DA2019/0067	23 Calleen Street, West Wyalong	New storage shed
DA2019/0068	15 Quota Drive, West Wyalong	Carport & storage shed
DA2019/0069	22 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling and storage shed
DA2019/0070	92 – 94 Main Street, West Wyalong	Advertising signage
DA2019/0071	20 Lady Mary Drive, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling and storage shed
DA2019/0073	95 Pine Street, West Wyalong	Subdivision – Creation of one (1) additional Lot
DA2019/0074	12 Montgomery Street, West Wyalong	Demolition of an existing dwelling and construct new storage shed

The following DA applications were approved during February 2019:

Application No	Address	Development	Approval Date
DA2019/0041	10 Golden Street, West Wyalong	Additions to dwelling	5/2/2019
DA2019/0045	12 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong	Accommodation buildings	19/2/2019
DA2019/0049	36 Kurralong Street, West Wyalong	Storage shed and verandah	19/2/2019
DA2019/0057	98 Queen Street, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling and garage	6/2/2019
DA2019/0058	39-55 Church Street, West Wyalong	Alterations and additions to an educational facility	19/2/2019
DA2019/0060	37 Yiddah Drive, Wyalong	Alterations and additions to dwelling and new storage shed	14/2/2019
DA2019/0061	15 Charles Place, West Wyalong	New single storey dwelling and storage shed	26/2/2019
DA2019/0068	15 Quota Drive, West Wyalong	Carport and storage shed	28/2/2019
DA2019/0070	92-94 Main Street, West Wyalong	Advertising signage	26/2/2019

The following DA application was refused during February 2019:

Application No	Address	Development	Refusal Date
DA2019/0046	12 Tallimba Road, West Wyalong	Accommodation buildings	19/2/2019

Regulatory Activities Update

Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during February 2019.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities February 2019

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

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	5	4

Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	0	0
Dumped at Pound	7	0
Surrendered	3	1
Total Animals in Pound	15	5

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	0
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	11	1
Sold	0	0
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	12	1
Animals in Pound at end of Month	3	4

9.15 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 11.2.2019

- Graders
 - Lewes Lane
 - Grading – Langs Lane area
 - Collins Lane Area – Maintenance Grading
 - Bellarwi Road
 - Jillet Road
- Gravel Carting
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Patch Gravelling – Shire Roads

2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 18.2.2019

- Graders
 - Lewes Lane
 - Grading – Langs Lane area/MR 57 North Shoulder widening
 - Bellarwi Road
 - Jillet Road
 - Bimbeen Road
- Gravel Carting
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Patch Gravelling – Shire Roads

3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 25.2.2019

- Graders
 - Lewes Lane
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
 - Maintenance Grading Worners Lane/Spauls Lane
 - Leaches Lane
 - Jillett Road
- Gravel Carting
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Patch Gravelling – Shire Roads

4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 4.3.2019

- Graders
 - Lewes Lane
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
 - Leaches Lane
 - Worners Lane/Spauls Lane
 - Jillett Road
- Gravel Carting
 - MR 57 North Shoulder widening
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Patch Gravelling – Shire Roads/Tallimba.

5. Noxious Weeds/Environmental

- Property Inspections – 15
- High Risk Pathway Inspection – Newell Hwy North South
- Ant Control West Wyalong and Ungarie
- The following noxious weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - Ungarie – Town sprayed for Catheads / Khaki weed
 - West Wyalong - Town sprayed for Catheads / Khaki weed, Saleyards Road and Cemetery sprayed
 - African Love Grass – Goldfields Way
 - Silver Leaf Nightshade – 231 , Goldfields Way, Budigower Road Tallimba Road, Meaghers Lane, Harts Lane, Pfeiffers Lane, Dalys Lane, Kikoira Road, Wargin Road, Wilga Plains Road .
 - Bathurst Burr – Cattles Lane, Youngareen Road, Sams Lane, Bowlands Lane, Wests Lane, Harts Lane, Corringale Lane, Blow Clear Road, Uncle Bills Road, Lake Cowal Road, Nobbys Lane, Mary Gilmore Road, Williams Crossing Road, Greens Lane, Waarbilla Road, Back Creek Road, Kellys Lane, Fosters Lane, Fullers Lane.
 - Devils Claw – Nobbys Lane.
 - Euphorbia – Goldfields Way.
 - Spiny Burr Grass – Rail Corridor West Wyalong, Abernethys Lane, 57 North.
 - Blue Heliotrope – Buddigower Road, Goldfields Way, Tallimba Town.
 - Roadside Mowing – Kikoira Road, Tallimba Road, Arian Park Road, Brolga Road, Kolkilbertoo Road, Dundas Road.
 - Hazard Road Reduction Mowing - Kikoira, Weethalle, Tallimba.
 - Red Zone Sprayed (Spiny Burr grass) – Bygoo Road, 57 North, Wargin Road, Johns Lane, Kolkilbertoo Road, Beckom Road, MR371, Quandialla Road, McDermotts Lane, Bygoo Road, Gunn Road, Mangelsdorfs Lane, Sandy Creek Road, South Yalgogrin Road, Wamboyne Road, Blowclear Road, Clear Ridge Road, Lonergans Lane, Wilsons Lane, Youngs Lane, MR 231, Kikoira Road, Cottingley Lane, McCartens Lane, Dundas Road, Buttenshaws Lane, Barrons Lane East, Buralyang Road.