

Business Paper
Council Meeting
18 October 2022



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



Affirmation of Office

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bland Shire and the Bland Shire Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Meeting Dates	Time	Meeting	Location
October 2022			
1 October	10am	Lachlan Regional Transport Committee (LRTC)	Coniston
4 October	4pm	Bland Shire Council Workshop	Council Chambers
11 October	9am	Consultative Committee	Council Chambers
11 October	9am	Cowal Gold Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC)	Cowal Gold Mine
18 October	6.30pm	Bland Shire Council Meeting	Council Chambers
27 October	10am	Goldenfields Water County Council Board	Temora
28 October	9am	Riverina Joint Organisation	The Rules Club Wagga Wagga
28 October	11am	Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	The Rules Club Wagga Wagga
November 2022			
1 November	4pm	Bland Shire Council Workshop	Council Chambers
8 November	2pm	Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee	Committee Room
8 November	6.30pm	Community Reference Group	Council Chambers
11 November	9am	NSW Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils (MERC)	Club York, Sydney
15 November	6.30pm	Bland Shire Council Meeting	Council Chambers
18 November	TBA	Country Mayors Association of NSW	Sydney
22 November	5pm	Australia Day Awards Committee	Council Chambers

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

Section 1 - Office of the General Manager

7.1 Application for Leave of Absence



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DP10.2 Councillors are encouraged to take ownership and a strong leadership role.

Author: General Manager

Introduction

Councillor Clark is seeking Council approval for a Leave of Absence, for the October 2022 Council meeting.

Financial Implications

Nil

Summary

Councillor Clark will be an apology for the 18 October 2022 Council meeting and has submitted an application for this Leave of Absence.

This request is in accordance with clause 5.6 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice and s234(1)(d) of the Local Government Act (1993), whereby Council may grant leave prior to or at any of the meetings concerned.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Clark for the October 2022 Council meeting.

7.2 Disclosure of Interest Returns



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

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

There is a statutory requirement for Councillors and Designated Persons who held office at 30 June 2022 to lodge a written return of interest with the General Manager. The register of returns is tabled at the first meeting of the Council after the last day for the lodgement of returns.

Disclosure of Interest Returns for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 have been issued and returned to Council for Councillors and Designated Persons who held office at 30 June 2022.

Council considered the appointment of Designated Persons at its meeting held on 19 July 2022 and resolved as follows:

That Bland Shire Council:

1. *Note that pursuant to clauses 4.8(a) and (b) of the Code of Conduct, the General Manager, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Technical Services are designated persons.*
2. *Pursuant to clause 4.8(c) of the Code of Conduct, identify the following positions in Council's organisational structure as designated persons:*
 - *Manager Customer & Financial Services*
 - *Manager Engineer Services*
 - *Manager Development & Regulatory Services*
 - *Building & Environmental Health Surveyor*

The due date for returns was August 19 2022 and all returns have now been completed. The Disclosure of Interest Register is tabled at this meeting for Council's information.

Financial Implications

Nil

Summary

In accordance with Clause 4.21 of the Model Code of Conduct a councillor or designated person holding that position at 30 June in any year must complete and lodge with the General Manager within 3 months after that date a return in the form prescribed by the regulations.

Recommendation:

That Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled.

7.3 Meeting Arrangements and Council Closure - Christmas / New Year Period 2022/23



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

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

Given the dates of Christmas this year and the proposed office closure detailed below, it is proposed to alter the scheduled December 2022 Council Workshop and Ordinary meeting dates.

The normal meeting cycle for the December Workshop is Tuesday 6 December 2022 and the Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 20 December 2022. It is proposed to move these meetings forward by one (1) week with the Workshop to be held on 29 November and the Council meeting on 13 December.

The council offices will shut down at close of business on Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023. Council's operational staff will shut down from Friday 16 December 2022 returning on Tuesday 3 January 2023 with skeleton staff operating during the shutdown period. With the exception of essential skeleton staff, all of Council's services and operations will close from 12 noon on Friday 16 December for a staff luncheon.

The normal meeting cycle will resume in February 2023 commencing with a council workshop on 7 February and the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 21 February 2023.

Financial Implications

There are funds allocated within the existing budget for this purpose.

Council staff will take annual leave and rostered days off during the closure period, which is part of their leave entitlements.

Summary

The above information is for the information and endorsement of councillors.

It is also common practice to delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to deal with any urgent matters during this period.

Recommendation:

1. That the December 2022 Ordinary meeting of Council be rescheduled for Tuesday 13 December.
 2. That the December Council workshop be rescheduled to Tuesday 29 November 2022.
 3. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2022 – 2023.
 4. That Council note the closure of council offices at close of business on Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023
 5. That Council note the planned closure of Council services and operations, with the exception of skeleton staff, from Friday 16 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023 Inclusive.
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7.4 Minutes of the Community Reference Group Meeting held 27 September 2022



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DP: 13.2 Develop, implement and promote best practice governance policies and procedures

Author: Executive Assistant

Introduction

Bland Shire Council's quarterly Community Reference Group meeting was held on 27 September 2022. The minutes of the meeting are attached for information.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for Council at this stage.

Summary

Projects and initiatives identified at the meeting will be further scoped and presented to Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Bland Shire Community Reference Group meeting held on 27 September 2022, be received and noted.

**MINUTES OF THE BLAND SHIRE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING
HELD IN THE BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27
SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

Present:

**Amanda Stitt, Lee Ross, Frances Ross, Holly Brooks, Michelle Martin,
Crs Brian Monaghan (Mayor), Kerry Keatley, Monica Clark, Liz McGlynn, Jill
Funnell, Roger Moore, Tony Lord,
Grant Baker (General Manager), Alison Balind (Director Corporate and
Community Services), Craig Sutton (Community Relations Officer), Rebecca
McDonell (Community Development Officer).**

WELCOME

Mayor Monaghan welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6.30pm.

APOLOGIES

Crs Bruce Baker, Rodney Crowe.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Regional Events Funding

The Mayor provided an update on the Regional Events Funding which Council recently received from the State Government.

It was reported that the Ungarie 150th Anniversary celebrations and Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour events had been held successfully while the Bellarwi CWA celebrations had been postponed due to wet weather.

Questions were raised regarding the planned Hearts of Gold Festival and an outline of the preliminary program was provided.

2. Perseverance Street Cricket Ground

Following representations made by the West Wyalong Junior Cricket Association at the last Community Reference Group meeting, General Manager Grant Baker advised that Council has sought funding for a Sports and Recreation Master Plan to take a strategic approach to the future development of Council's sport and recreation infrastructure. The General Manager advised that all user groups and stakeholders will have the opportunity to contribute to the plan.

3. Wyalong Advancement Group – Proposed Major Sculpture

Michelle Martin from the Wyalong Advancement Group provided an update on the proposal for a "Big Thing" in Wyalong.

The Mayor and General Manager advised the group to develop a firm concept plan and come back to Council for further guidance moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Chainsaw Art – McCann Park Tree Stump

Amanda Stitt proposed that the tree stump in McCann Park be converted into chainsaw art portraying two Major Mitchell birds. Council will investigate the proposal and potential future grant funding opportunities.

5. Access – Footpaths and Green Corridor

Cr McGlynn reported that people with sight impairment have difficulty on some town footpaths and accessing the Main Street.

Amanda Stitt noted a lack of down ramps at a number of intersections in and around Wyalong and West Wyalong which can make them difficult to access for people with mobility challenges.

Mrs Stitt also requested Council consider installing solar lighting along the new footpath within the green corridor.

The Mayor and General Manager advised that Council has recently received funding for a Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan and had applied for further funding for a Council facility access audit and plan which will examine accessibility issues and possible solutions.

6. Rotary Park Labyrinth

Frances Ross from the West Wyalong Rotary Club put forward a proposal to construct a labyrinth in Rotary Park.

Her proposal is to construct the labyrinth flat to the ground to minimise maintenance.

Mrs Ross said the project will provide mental health benefits and add to the existing amenity at Rotary Park.

Cr Lord suggested the tiles within the labyrinth could potentially be used to recognise historical people and achievers in the community.

The Mayor encouraged the Rotary Club to further investigate the proposal and come back to Council with potential sizing and costings for further consideration.

7. Main Street Speaker System

A member of the community had tabled a suggestion to upgrade the Main Street speaker system to transmit community radio.

The General Manager advised that licencing would present a significant issue while further concerns were also raised from the gallery about the potential risk of aggravating auditory stimulus issues from constant music/noise in the Main Street. The idea was not supported.

8. Sportspersons Walk of Fame

C McGlynn suggested Council investigate establishing a Sportspersons Walk of Fame.

It was agreed to consider the proposal as part of the Main Street Master Plan.

9. West Wyalong Show Day Holiday

The meeting was informed that Council will soon commence extensive community consultation regarding the proposed West Wyalong Show Day public holiday in 2023 and 2024 as required by the NSW Government.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Wyalong Yacht Club Open Day

Amanda Stitt advised that an open day will be held at the new canoe circuit at Cooinda Waters on Sunday 2 October from midday.

11. 100th Anniversary of the Hildebrand Wagon World Record

Cr Keatley advised that 2023 will mark 100 years since the Hildebrand Wagon world record and suggested Council consider commemorating the achievement.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Reference Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 November 2022 at the Bland Shire Council Chambers at 6.30pm.

CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37pm.

CRG Action Register

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
CRG-270922-01	Perserverance Street Cricket Ground - improvements to be included in future Sport and Recreation Master Plan	Council
CRG-270922-02	The Big Thing – concept and plan to be developed for future discussion	Wyalong Advancement Group
CRG-270922-03	McCann Park – Tree stump to be protected and quote obtained for future chainsaw art	Council
CRG-270922-04	Rotary Park – Labyrinth project scope (sizing, materials and costings) to be developed for future discussion	Rotary Club
CRG-270922-05	Sportsmans Walk of Fame - to be considered in future Main Street Revitalisation Plan	Council
CRG-270922-06	West Wyalong Show Public Holiday – community engagement and Council report to be prepared	Council
CRG-270922-07	Hildebrand Wagon 100th Anniversary – investigate potential commemoration event	Council

Section 2 – Corporate & Community Services

7.5 Finance and Investment Report for September 2022



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

Author: Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

The Finance and Investment Report is provided to Council for information and prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Financial Implications

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES, RATES COLLECTIONS AND INVESTMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

BANK BALANCES AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

ACCOUNT	BALANCE
General Fund	\$1,853,552.69
Business Card	\$30,000.00
	\$1,883,552.69
<i>Invested Funds</i>	
Fixed Deposits	\$63,700,000.00
Deposits at Call	\$2,261,691.83
	\$65,961,691.83
Net Balance	\$67,845,244.52
Percentage of Invested Funds to Net Balance	97.22%

STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 30.09.2022

SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2022

BALANCE as at 01.09.22	\$3,221,737.10
Add Receipts	
<u>Receipts Over \$150,000</u>	
01/09/22 Emergency Service Levy 2022/23	170,721.43
23/09/22 Reconnecting Regional NSW Grant	191,720.80
27/09/22 Regional Road Block Grant 22/23	407,000.00
<u>Receipts under \$150,000</u>	1,085,022.56
<i>Total Receipts for September 2022</i>	\$1,854,464.79
Less Payments	
<u>Payments over \$150,000</u>	
08/09/22 Mystate Bank Investment	-1,000,000.00
23/09/22 Temora Shire Council	-151,687.97
23/09/22 Rods Earthmoving & Excavation	-173,219.00
23/09/22 ICG Wagga Pty Ltd	-429,597.25
<u>Payments under \$150,000</u>	-1,468,144.98
Aged Care	\$ 5,888.53
Bank Fees	\$ 3,143.99
Cemeteries	\$ 4,508.47
Children's Services	\$ 23,045.22
Community	\$ 36,493.13
Construction	\$ 77,284.95
Corporate	\$ 286,186.36
Development Services	\$ 437,269.01
Direct Debits	\$ 1,223.93
Donation	\$ 6,937.59
Employee	\$ 700,669.99
Governance	\$ 22,559.77
Investment	\$ 1,000,000.00
Library	\$ 550.99
Maintenance	\$ 280,941.16
Plant/Fuel	\$ 86,639.80
Roads	\$ 195,756.51
Utilities	\$ 31,234.18
VIC	\$ 19,031.08
Waste	\$ 3,240.54
Weeds	\$ 44.00
<i>Total Payments for September 2022</i>	- \$3,222,649.20
CASH BALANCE	<u>\$1,853,552.69</u>
Limit of Overdraft Arranged with Bank	\$ 350,000.00

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY AND CERTIFICATION

The following is a summary of accounts paid for the period 01 September 2022 to 30 September 2022.

I CERTIFY,

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

Payment Type		Voucher No's	Total
Cheques		026240-026246	\$2,948.86
Auto-pay	Creditors	E029402 – E29742	\$2,713,157.13
Auto-pay	Payroll	04/09/22 – 25/09/22	\$502,225.29
Bank Charges & Commissions		September 2022	\$3,093.99
Direct Debits	Repayments & Vehicle Lease		1,223.93
			\$3,222,649.20

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 preceding monthly period.

.....
Manager Customer and Financial Services
Responsible Accounting Officer

CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL MANAGER

This accounts summary, a copy of which was submitted to each member of Council on the 18th October 2022, 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.

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General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF CHAIRMAN OF ORDINARY MEETING

I certify that this accounts summary, covering amounts totalling **\$3,222,649.20** was submitted to the Ordinary Meeting on the 18th October 2022 and that the amounts are presented to Council for confirmation of payment.

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Chairman of Ordinary Meeting

INVESTMENTS

The following table gives details of Council's Funds invested at 30th September 2022. 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 (\$s)	TERM	YIELD	DATE DUE
16-September-2022	Bank of QLD (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	369 days	4.20%	20-September-2023
21-September-2022	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	365 days	4.25%	21-September-2023
16-February-2022	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	364 days	0.85%	15-February-2023
01-October-2021	NAB (Term Deposit)	1,500,000.00	734 days	0.60%	05-October-2023
08-September-2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	08-September-2023
08-September-2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	08-September-2023
08-September-2022	Bendigo Bank (Term Deposit)	400,000.00	365 days	3.00%	08-September-2023
20-January-2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	729 days	1.35%	19-January-2024
16-August-2022	Bank of QLD	1,000,000.00	365 days	3.85%	16-August-2023
11-May-2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	3.00%	11-May-2023
29-September-2022	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	364 days	4.45%	28-September-2023
05-October-2022	NAB (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.35%	05-October-2022
28-April-2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	278 days	2.25%	31-January-2023
14-December-2021	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	730 days	1.10%	14-December-2023
30-November-2020	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.50%	30-November-2023
23-February-2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	2,500,000.00	548 days	1.35%	23-August-2023
22-October-2021	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	733 days	0.80%	25-October-2023
28-May-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1097 days	1.35%	30-May-2023
28-May-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1460 days	1.50%	27-May-2024
6-August-2020	Bank of QLD	2,000,000.00	1093 days	1.05%	4-August-2023
30-September-2020	Northern Territory Treasury	2,000,000.00	1902 days	1.20%	15-December-2025
07-October-2021	MyState Bank (Term Deposit)	2,000,000.00	371 days	0.45%	13-October-2022
30-October-2020	Northern Territory Treasury	1,000,000.00	1141 days	0.80%	15-December-2023
25-January-2022	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.65%	25-January-2023
10-March-2022	Macquarie Bank	2,000,000.00	335 days	0.90%	08-February-2023
03-March-2022	ME Bank (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	370 days	0.85%	08-March-2023
11-May-2021	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	730 days	0.55%	11-May-2023
24-June-2021	Defence Bank	2,000,000.00	728 days	0.58%	22-June-2023
17-September-2021	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	727 days	0.95%	14-September-2023
30-September-2021	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	406 days	0.80%	10-November-2022
19-October-2021	Judo Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.90%	19-October-2022
30-November-2021	Auswide Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.78%	30-November-2022
30-November-2021	Commonwealth Bank	2,000,000.00	372 days	0.55%	7-December-2022
7-December-2021	Auswide Bank	2,000,000.00	366 days	0.73%	8-December-2022
28-February-2022	Macquarie Bank	2,000,000.00	365 days	0.95%	28-February-2023
01-March-2022	Defence Bank	1,000,000.00	365 days	0.92%	1-March-2023
04-May-2022	MyState Bank	2,000,000.00	350 days	2.90%	19-April-2023
17-May-2022	Australian Unity	2,000,000.00	184 days	2.20%	17-November-2022
11-August-2022	AMP (Term Deposit)	1,000,000.00	336 days	4.15%	13-July-2023
31-August-2022	Macquarie Bank	1,000,000.00	330 days	4.11%	27-July-2023
8-September-2022	MyState Bank	1,000,000.00	273 days	3.90%	8-June-2023
	ANZ Deposit at Call	50,954.57	Cash at Call		
	CBA Deposit at Call	2,210,737.26	Cash at Call		
	TOTAL:	\$65,961,691.83			

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.

GENERAL MANAGER

RATES REPORT

Below is a summary of outstanding rates

Total rates income levied (2022/23)	\$ 11,085,160.74
Rates received as at 30/9/2022	\$ 4,402,661.23
Percentage of rates received to date	39.72%

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

Summary

The information provided within this Finance and Investment Report has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 as well as Council's financial management policies and procedures. Further, 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 information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of September 2022.
 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2022, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,222,649.20.
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7.6 Draft Council Financial Statements 2021/22 – Referral for Audit



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 Manager Customer & Financial Services

Introduction

As prescribed under Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to consider and resolve to refer the 2021/22 Draft Financial Statements for audit as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. The purpose of this report is to seek formal approval of the current Council for certain activities to be undertaken to allow for the audit process to proceed.

Financial Implications

The audit fee as prescribed by the NSW Audit Office. This has already been approved in Council's budget.

Summary

The process that Council must follow in the production, audit, issuance, advertising and presentation of the Financial Statements is prescribed in Sections 413-420 of the LGA, and the Audit Office requirements.

The finalised set of audited Financial Statements, including the Auditor's reports will be presented to Council on 15th November 2022.

Advertising and public exhibition of both the audited Financial Statements and Auditor's reports, inviting members of the public to make comment, is expected to commence 31st October to advise the Council's intention to present the documents to the public at its meeting on 15th November.

Council's Draft Financial Statements for 2021/22 have been prepared and will be tabled at the Council meeting on 18th October, 2022 to allow for their referral to audit.

The Draft Primary Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the format required by the Local Government Act 1993 (LGA), the Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Code) issued by the Office of Local Government and the Australian Equivalents to the International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS).

These Draft Primary Financial Statements are required to be audited in accordance with Sections 415,416 and 417 of the Local Government Act.

The Draft Primary Financial Statements consist of the following General Purpose Financial Statements;

- Income Statement
- Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Statement of Cash Flows

It should be noted that there may be minor or slight variances to the complete documents once checking is fully undertaken and the audit is completed. Any variances will be reported to the Audit Office by the contract auditor.

The Draft Financial Statements also include Draft Special Purpose Financial Statements, which relate to the following business activity of Council;

- Sewerage Services

The following timetable will allow these processes to be satisfied and for the Financial Statements to be adopted by Council;

18 th October, 2022	Council approves financial statements for referral to the Audit Office and the Mayor, a Councillor, the General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer delegated responsibility to sign the statement.
25 th October, 2022	Audit Office issues Engagement Closing Report and Council signs Management Representation Letter
25 th October, 2022	Audit Office issues Independent Auditor's Report in accordance with Section 417 of the LG Act.
31 st October, 2022	Audit Office issues Management Letter and reports any significant issues in accordance with Section 426 of the LG Act.
31 st October, 2022	Council Financial Statements submitted to the Office of Local Government.
31 st October, 2022	Anticipated date for public advertising notifying that the Financial Statements are available for inspection and advising that the Financial Statements will be formally presented to Council on 16 th November 2020.
8 th November 2022	Audit team presents Engagement Closing Report to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
15 th November 2022	Ordinary Council meeting for the presentation of Council's audited Financial Statements and Auditor's reports to Council.

A full report on Council's financial position will be provided to Council at its meeting on 15th November 2022.

Recommendation

1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that it has prepared the General Purpose Financial Statements for the 2021/22 financial year ending 30 June 2022 and has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that these reports;
 - (a) Have been prepared in accordance with;
 - (i) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder;
 - (ii) The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements;
 - and
 - (iii) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 - (b) Present fairly the operating result and financial position of the Bland Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2022; and
 - (c) Accords with Council's accounting and other records and policies.
 2. That the Special Purpose Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
 3. That the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer, in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act.
 4. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that the Financial Statements (including General Purpose and Special Purpose Reports) for the year ending 30 June 2022 be referred for audit.
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7.7 Support for EveryAGE Counts campaign



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

DP2.1 Develop and support community partnerships to increase a sense of safety and wellbeing within the community

Author: Director Corporate and Community Services

Introduction

Bland Shire Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Co-chair and Director of EveryAGE Counts (Attachment One) seeking Council's support of the organisation.

Financial Implications

There are no identified financial implications at this time as the letter seeks in principal support of the EveryAGE Counts (EAC) campaign.

Summary

EveryAGE Counts is Australia's national coalition and grassroots movement to end ageism. The organisation is not aligned to any specific political party and has, to date, received support from a number of local government authorities.

Membership of the EAC Campaign Coalition is currently not a highly formal process and the campaign does not seek any financial contribution from members. Agreeing to join the campaign does include a number of expectations including taking steps to communicate the organisation's commitment to the campaign, promoting and encouraging actions and activities to address ageism and making a commitment to the goals and values of the campaign through its Pledge:

"I/we stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. I/we commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life."

Further information in relation to the campaign member commitments is included with the attachment.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- a) offers its in principal support for the EveryAGE Counts Coalition's campaign to tackle ageism.
 - b) makes application to join the Coalition, including agreement to demonstrate its support through the commitment contained within the Membership Agreement.
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File: CS-SP-CS Action
Action Officer: Gm.
REC'D - 9 AUG 2022
Copy to: MAYOR
Bland Shire Council

1 August 2022

Bland Shire Council
PO Box 21
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

Dear Cr Brian Monaghan and Bland Shire Council Councillors
CC Mr Ray Smith

I write today to warmly invite Council to join the increasing number of local councils around Australia who have become supporters of EveryAGE Counts which is Australia's national coalition and grassroots movement to end ageism.

Ageism is stereotyping, discrimination and mistreatment based solely on age. All Australian Governments have recognised that ageism is widespread, highly tolerated and has devastating impacts – on individuals, our communities and economy.

We ask that you formally draw our letter to the attention of Council for its consideration and invite any interested councillor to be in contact if they require further information or if you require a briefing for the entire Council.

We can assure you that we are strictly non-party political and indeed enjoy cross party support. Our national coalition is comprised of many members including Council on the Ageing Australia, National Seniors. You can read further information on our work and our support in local communities on our website everyagecounts.com.au

We have already received strong support from numerous local government authorities for our work including the full backing of the Municipal Association of Victoria and have engaged with many local councils at the Australian Local Government Association Conferences. We seek the backing of your Council for our work because it will send a strong message of support and inclusion from Council to your local communities that all people living within your local government area are valued and respected.

We have been especially delighted by the creative ways other local councils have used our resources and developed their own initiatives to end ageism.

You will note on our website at <https://www.everyagecounts.org.au/councils> that we have a dedicated place to highlight the work of local councils. We would love to include you on that list and showcase your activities to the wider Australian community. You will also see on the website a draft motion of support that we ask that Council consider.

Councillors may also be interested to know that Ageism Awareness Day is coming up on 7 October. More information can be found at https://www.everyagecounts.org.au/aad_2022. We are developing some exciting new resources and it will be a great opportunity to bring people together to challenge ageism.

Attached you will find all the relevant information regarding our campaign and a membership agreement form. I have copied in Monica Rutte who will be able to assist Councils with their membership application

I would of course be more than happy to discuss any questions you may have. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in building an Australia without ageism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Krasovitsky', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr Marlene Krasovitsky
Co-chair and Director
EveryAGE Counts



Key information for Coalition Member Organisations

Who can join the EveryAGE Counts Coalition?

EveryAGE Counts welcomes organisations and individuals to join a national coalition to tackle ageism. Organisations may be any size or type. They may be private sector, NGOs, educational institutions, peak bodies, unions and professional associations etc. This is a campaign that requires the support of the whole community.

Naturally, organisations that wish to join the Coalition are in clear understanding of, and agreement with, the campaign pledge:

"I/we stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. I/we commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life."

Membership of the Coalition does not equate to membership of the Coalition Steering Group. See below.

What is the Coalition Steering Group (CSG)

The Coalition Steering Group provides the overarching guidance and direction for the EveryAGE Counts Campaign and is the key decision making structure for the Coalition. Comprising around 20 organisations and individuals, it reflects a national scope and range of sectors and interests. In its current structure, the full steering group meets formally four times a year while a smaller Coordination Committee meets more frequently. There are also currently six working groups, each with a focus on a different element of the campaign.

The inaugural CSG was created by invitation from The Benevolent Society (as the initial auspicing party for the campaign), building upon membership of the Reference Group established by The Benevolent Society during the campaign's research and development phase in 2017. At the time of the campaign launch and for the first few months of the campaign, the CSG was essentially the entire EveryAGE Counts Coalition, operating under the terms of a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between The Benevolent Society and individual members of the CSG.

Can other Coalition members join the CSG?

Under the current MOU, membership of the CSG is for 12 months. In consultation with the CSG, The Benevolent Society may invite new members to join. However the current CSG has agreed to cap membership of the CSG at the current level to ensure manageability.

A fair and workable process for CSG membership evolution and renewal is currently under development with a view to ensuring new organisations and individuals can have the opportunity to participate more directly in the Coalition governance structure, should they wish to.

What are the benefits of Coalition membership?

Membership of the EAC Campaign Coalition is currently not a highly formal process and the campaign does not any seek financial contribution from members. However, there are clear benefits for members of the Coalition:



- Recognition as part of strong and diverse group of organisations and individuals – which is in turn, recognised as part of a strong global movement - committed to achieving a society where every person is valued, connected and respected, regardless of age and functional ability.
- Communication of membership on the EAC website with the name of the organisation and the logo. Coalition membership will be made clear in all communications undertaken by the campaign through references and directions to the EAC web page hosting the full list of organisational coalition members.
- Opportunities to be profiled in the EAC blog/newsletter to all members – organisations and individual members – and featured on the website.
- Opportunities for members and member initiatives to be used in media activity as case studies or in agreed joint promotions
- Permission to use the EAC logo, in agreement with the terms of use, to promote support for and commitment to the EAC campaign.
- The opportunity to apply to join the EAC Coalition Steering Group as opportunities arise.
- Supply of a certificate of membership for display purposes, a business card template(s), a lapel pin(s), and a digital tile for inclusion in your email signature

What expectations are there of Coalition members?

Again, acknowledging that membership of the EAC Campaign Coalition is currently not a highly formal process, there are none the less a number of expectations of coalition members. There are a number of ways coalition members can show their support, including:

- Demonstrate understanding and commitment to the goals and values of the campaign and in particular, to be committed to the Pledge: *"I/we stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. I/we commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life."*
- Take steps where possible to align the organisation's processes and practices with the values and goals of the campaign.
- Communicate the organisation's commitment to the campaign and its values to its staff and /or clients and among the organisations wider networks.
- Promote and encourage actions and activities supporting the campaign throughout their internal and external networks, using a range of forms of communication – for example, sharing the campaign video; encouraging people to take and share the 'Am I Ageist' quiz; and encouraging people to sign up for the pledge.
- Look for opportunities to grow membership of the coalition;
- Where possible, to engage with and respond to requests from and communication with the Campaign secretariat.
- Be sensitive and respectful of the guidelines in relation to the use of the campaign logo and language about the campaign.
- Nominate a person or persons within the organisation to be the key contact for the campaign.



Membership Agreement – EveryAGE Counts Coalition

The EveryAGE Counts Coalition [the Coalition] is the formal alliance of organisations and individuals who have agreed to actively support and participate in the EveryAGE Counts Campaign.

As a member of the Coalition, you understand the goals and values of the campaign and accept, and agree to act upon, the campaign pledge:

"I/we stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. I/we commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life."

Please complete the details below and return by email to info@everyagecounts.org.au

Name of organisation	
Registered postal address	
Senior Signatory Name: Title/role: Phone: Email:	
Main contact person in your organisation for EveryAGE Counts Name: Title/role: Phone: Email:	
Communications Representative Name: Title/role: Phone: Email:	

Signed by [name]: _____

Title: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

7.8 Risk, Work Health & Safety Quarterly Update



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

DP 12.4 Review and implement Council policies and comply with WHS and Risk Management requirements

Authors: WHS & Facilities Foreman and Risk and Insurance Officer

Introduction

This report has been prepared to update Council on Risk, Work Health and Safety activities and performance within the September quarter.

Financial Implications

There are no identified financial implications at this time. All regular insurances have been accounted for in the annual budget process.

Summary

Statewide Mutual

The Continuous Improvement (CIP) self-assessment program has begun for 2022. Workbooks are, Roads, Signs as Remote Supervision and Operational Risk-Fire management for Waste Facilities.

The Risk and Insurance Officer has met with relevant staff to complete workbook assessments and these have been forwarded for review. The final versions should be submitted shortly.

The 2022-2023 Insurance Renewal submission is completed. Contributions have increased for the renewal period in the range of 10%. This is in line with industry standards. Insurance certificates of currency for 2023 have been received by Council.

Statewide held a claim management workshop as part of its annual conference, held in August 2022 and attended by the Risk and Insurance Officer.

Council held a Statewide Board Initiative Assessment workshop on Environmental Risk Assessment Project aimed at Council's Waste Facilities. This included a tour of two waste facilities followed by an interactive workshop where a landfill and impact assessment chart was drafted. The assessment results were noted with a view to implementing an improvement program, which has been developed.

StateCover

The WHS and Facilities Foreman attended Return to Work Coordinator meetings held by StateCover via Zoom, which covered the migration of Return to Work capabilities of the Vault Damstra platform.

The 2022 WHS Self- Audit commenced on 03 October and will be submitted by 28 October 2022.

As part of the annual Member Financial Benefits, Statecover provides a WHS incentive to qualifying councils.

To receive the full amount of the 2022 WHS incentive payment, Council is required to:

- Complete the audit (worth 75% of the incentive).
- Submit a management approved WHS action plan (25% of the incentive).

From 2023 onward, to be eligible for the WHS incentive, Council must:

- Complete the Self-Audit (50%)
- Submit a reviewed and approved action plan for the upcoming year (20%)
- Submit evidence of completion of 3 key actions from the previous year (10% per completed action for a total of 30%)

The incentive payment rate is approved annually by the Statecover Board.

Council's Work Health and Safety meetings are held quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for 17 November 2022. Actions arising from meetings continue to be addressed and completed.

Risk Registers

The Pulse risk registers are regularly updated and the Risk and Insurance Officer works closely with the Risk owners.

Incident notifications

Council has a number of incident notifications including:

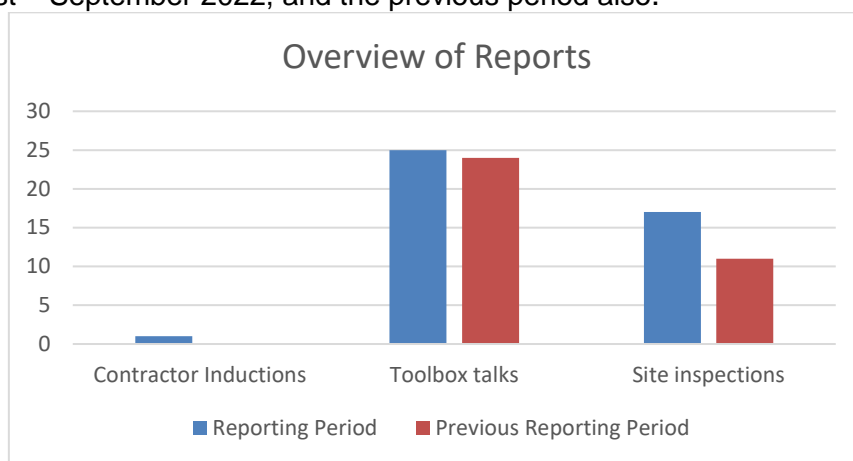
- Ron Crowe scoreboard damage – reimbursement if being sought
- Pot hole complaints (no claims to date)
- Sinkholes
- Trips and falls
- Park toilet vandalism

Insurance claims

- We currently have one insurance claim awaiting resolution. Hail damage to Arts/Craft Building Wyalong.

Internal WHS Documents August –September 2022

The following graph identifies the number of internally generated WHS documents over the period August – September 2022, and the previous period also.



Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter.

Section 3 – Technical Services

7.9 DA2023/0023 – Animal Impounding Facility



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

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

Author: Manager Development and Regulatory Services

Introduction

Council received funding of \$335,000 under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure grants program to construct a new animal impounding facility. Construction of the project will be managed by staff in the Development and Regulatory Services department. To ensure transparency, the application was referred to a neighbouring council for assessment. The assessment report prepared by Temora Shire Council's Town Planner is attached.

Financial Implications

Development application fees of \$1470.40 are applicable to this application, and have been accounted for within the funding allocation.

Summary

The application has been referred to Council for determination as the application relates to a project that is to be overseen by members of the Development and Regulatory Services department.

The attached report prepared by Temora Shire Council demonstrates that the application is consistent with the relevant planning legislation and warrants approval.

Recommendation:

That Council approves DA2023/0023 relating to the construction of a new Animal Impounding Facility and demolish existing Council impounding facility on Lot 266 DP750615, 160 Neeld Street, Wyalong, subject to the recommended conditions of development consent.

Planning Report

Prepared by Claire Golder, Town Planner, Temora Shire Council

DA ref: DA2023/0023

Address: 160 Neeld Street, Wyalong; Lot 266 DP 750615

Applicant: Lesley Duncan, on behalf of Bland Shire Council

Proposal: Animal boarding or training establishment (Council impounding facility)

Notification: Notification of this application for a period of 21 days was provided to 12 adjoining and nearby neighbours 1 September 2022 to 21 September 2022. No submissions were received.

Site Description

The site is an irregular shaped block of land, with access from the classified road of Neeld Street, via a Council maintained access road. The site is located south of the existing Wyalong wetland area and adjoins the existing sewage treatment plant site. The existing Council impounding facility is located immediately to the south of the proposed new Council impounding facility.

The zoning of the site is SP2 Infrastructure (Sewerage System) zone, as shown by Figure 1. Adjoining development includes the existing pound and sewage treatment ponds, as shown by Figure 2.

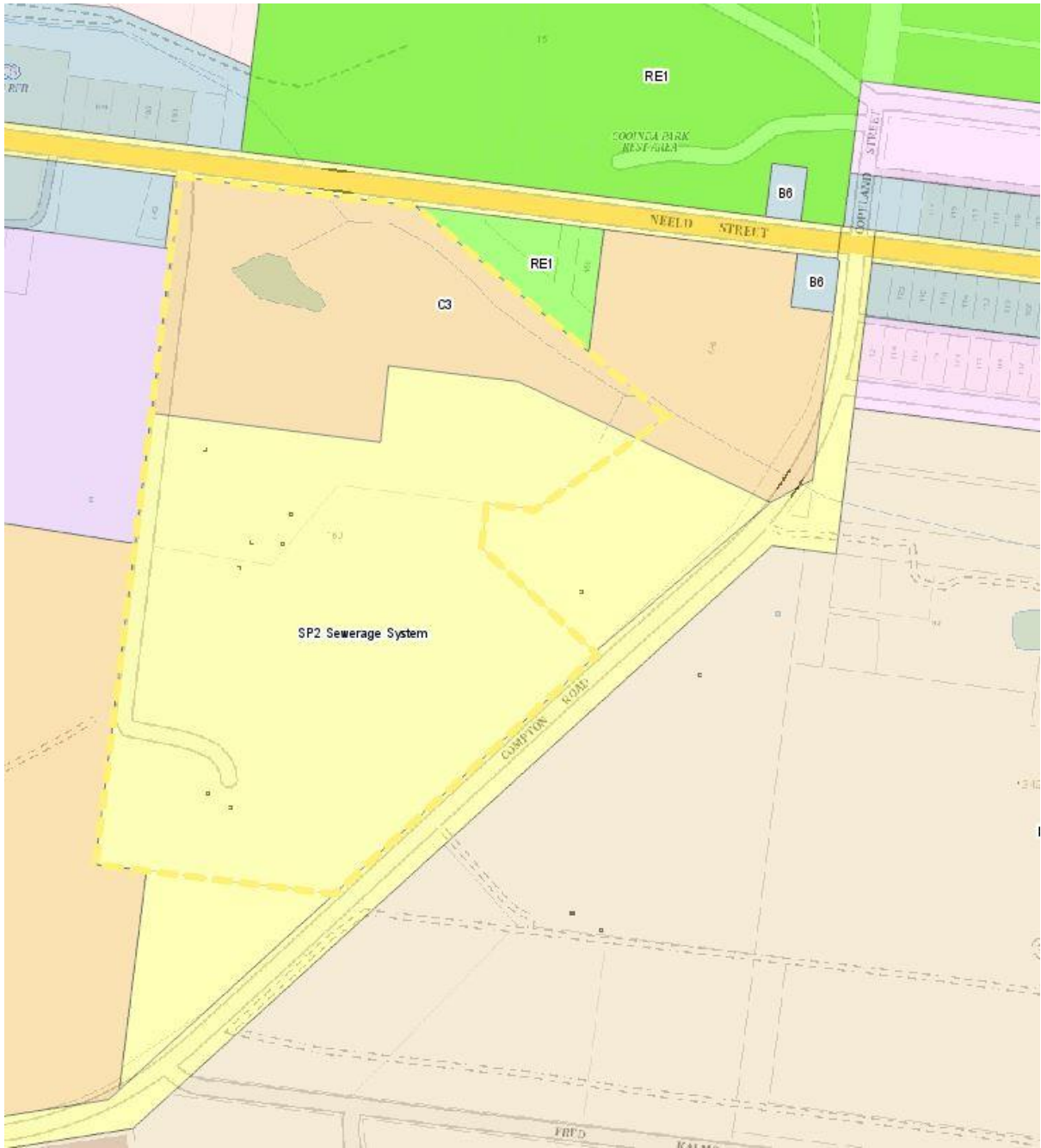


Figure 1: Zoning of the subject land (NSW Planning & Environment)



Figure 2: Aerial image of the subject land (Google Earth)

Development Description

The proposal involves the construction of a new Council impounding facility, adjacent to the existing impounding facility, which will be demolished once the new facility is operational. The new facility will be constructed from concrete blocks with a colorbond roof, coloured Woodland Grey. Business signage is included with the proposed development. The design includes accessible double door entry and unisex accessible toilet facilities. Figure 3 shows the existing impounding facility and the site of the proposed new facility. Figure 4 provides a concept site development plan.



Figure 3: Site of existing pond and proposed new pond



Figure 4: Site plan of proposed new pond, including building site, dog runs and stock yard

The construction involves a new building 18.080m x 12.850m, which will be fitted out to include a series of rooms including drop off area, cattery, vet room, storeroom, staff room, accessible facilities, laundry area, central drainage area, eight dog pens and a puppy pen, including enclosed cage areas. Figure 5 provides elevation plans for the proposed new building.

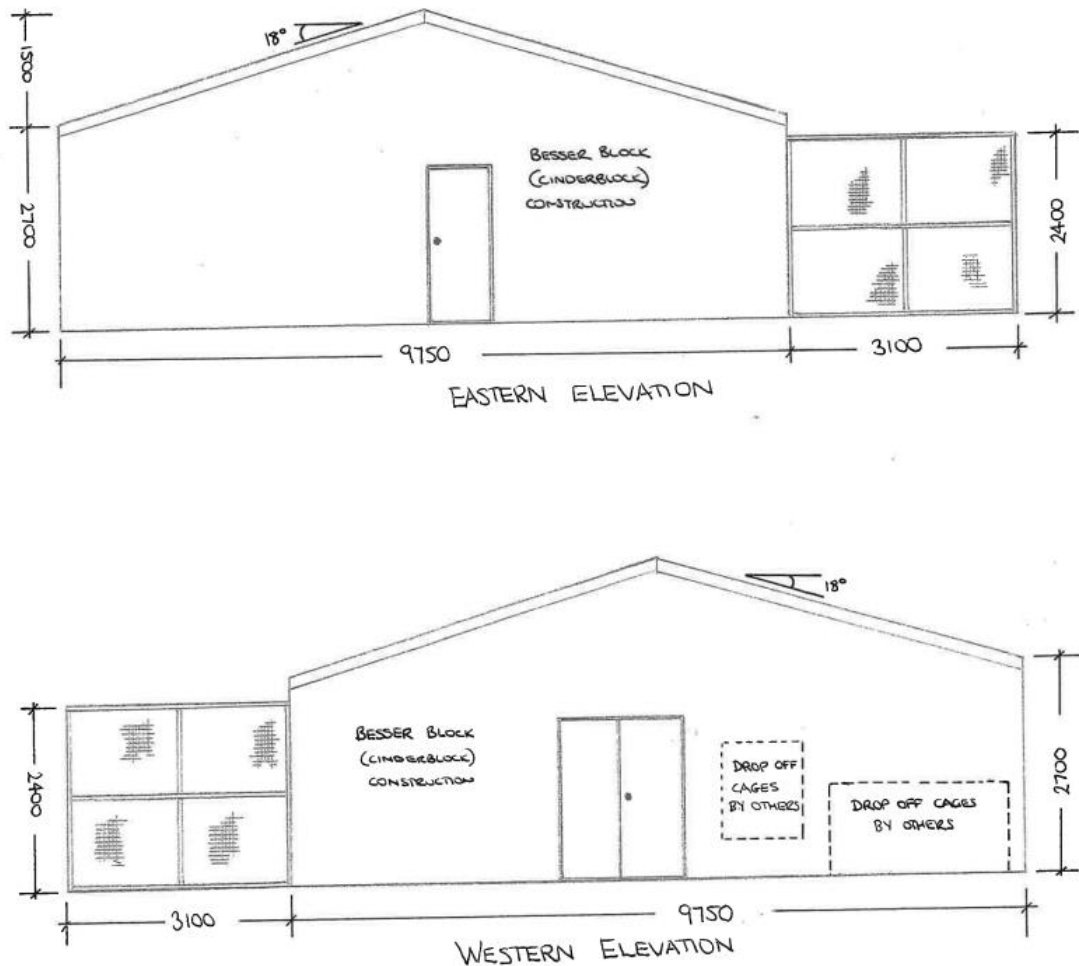


Figure 5: Elevation plans of proposed new building

Assessment

The following matters are considered under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, as part of the assessment of the proposal.

Local Planning Controls

The site is zoned SP2 Infrastructure under the Bland Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011. The purpose of the zone is Sewerage System, as shown by Figure 6.

The objectives of the zone are:

- To provide for infrastructure and related uses.

- To prevent development that is not compatible with or that may detract from the provision of infrastructure.

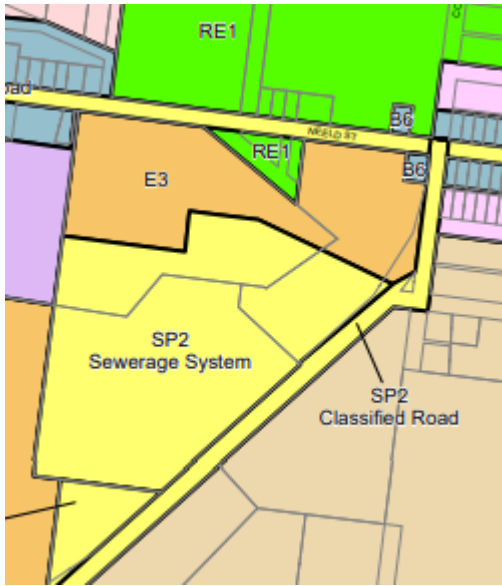


Figure 6: Extract of Bland LEP zoning map, showing subject land zoned SP2 Sewerage System

The proposed development is consistent with the objectives of the zone, as it is not considered to detract from the provision of infrastructure.

The existing Council impounding site and the proposed new facility are located on the same lot of land, as shown by Figure 7.



Figure 7: Subject site, shaded light yellow (Sixmaps)

The Bland Shire Council Development Control Plan 2012 is relevant to this application. The chapters relevant to this proposal are:

- Preparation of a Development Application

The application for development has been made including all relevant information and plans.

- Development Application Notification

The applicant has been notified to adjoining and nearby neighbouring landholders, in accordance with the Development Control Plan.

- Commercial, Business and Retail Development

The development is consistent with the existing character of the site, which is used for service infrastructure. The proposed development relies in existing use rights associated with the site, as the current Council impounding facilities has operated on the site for over 40 years.

The proposed appearance of the development is appropriate to neighbouring buildings and the wider area.

- Car Parking and Vehicle Access

The building will provide suitable pedestrian access and onsite vehicle parking facilities. Car parking areas shall be all weather pavement and designed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard.

- Animal Boarding, Breeding or Training Establishment

The proposed site is considered to be acceptable, with sufficient separation from dwelling to ensure good acoustic barriers and will not create a nuisance by way of public health or odour. The development responds to the Local Government Companion animal policies and the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice No.5 – Dogs and Cats in Animal Boarding Establishments.

- Advertising Signs

The proposed development includes a business identification sign, which is acceptable in the location.

Likely Impacts

Environmental

- *Natural*

The site is mostly vacant, with some vegetation of grasses on the site. The development will require earthworks to prepare the site for the construction of the building and creation of the parking areas.

- *Built*

The development involves the construction of the new impounding facility and a carparking area on the currently predominantly vacant land.

Social

The social impacts of the development are considered to be neutral, as the development is compatible with the existing usage, is relatively modest in scale, and sufficient onsite parking will be provided.

Economic

The economic impacts of the development are considered to be positive as the development will provide for additional facilities for companion animals, to assist with caring for animals and supporting rehoming of companion animals as required.

Suitability of the Site

The site is zoned SP2 Infrastructure (Sewerage System) and the proposed development of the site for animal boarding facility is a use that is permitted with consent by relying on existing use rights.

Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, the following clause is relevant:

Division 4.11 Existing uses

4.65 Definition of “existing use”

In this Division, ***existing use*** means—

- (a) the use of a building, work or land for a lawful purpose immediately before the coming into force of an environmental planning instrument which would, but for this Division, have the effect of prohibiting that use

Under Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, the following clauses are relevant:

163 Certain development allowed

(1) An existing use may, subject to this Part—

- (a) be enlarged, expanded or intensified, or
- (b) be altered or extended, or
- (c) be rebuilt,

166 Rebuilding of buildings and works

(1) Development consent is required for any rebuilding of a building or work used for an existing use.

(2) The rebuilding must be—

- (a) for the existing use of the building or work and for no other use, and
- (b) carried out only on the land on which the building or work was erected

The proposed development involves the rebuilding of an existing use of the building, as a Council impounding facility. The rebuilding is permissible with consent on the site, under existing use rights.

The existing impounding facility is proposed to be demolished once the new facility is completed and operational.

Submissions

As a result of the notification of the development application, no submissions were received.

Discussion

The proposal provides for the rebuilding of the Council impounding facility. This type of use is consistent with the zone and is permitted with consent under existing use rights. The proposed design and location of the building is considered to be acceptable.

Public Interest

It is in the public interest to support development that provides an overall benefit to the community, which responds to the intentions of planning controls, provides investment, is located on a suitable site, responds to the constraints and features of the site, is sufficiently serviced and mitigates against the adverse impacts associated with the development.

Conclusion

The proposed development is consistent with existing uses rights associated with rebuilding a development on the same site. The level of impact upon neighbouring residents is considered to be overall fairly minor and is acceptable given the constraints of the site.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve Development Application Construct Animal boarding or training establishment (Council impounding facility) and demolish existing Council impounding facility at 160 Neeld Street, Wyalong, subject to conditions.

Conditions of Consent:

Administrative

- (1) Compliance Standards: Any building and associated works shall comply with the statutory requirements of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, Local Government Act, 1993 and the National Construction Code of Australia, formerly known as the Building Code of Australia (BCA)

- (2) Compliance with Consent: The Development being completed in accordance with plans and specifications stamped by Council being drawn by the applicant: Site plan, Floor Plan, Elevations 1, Elevations 2 and Statement of Environmental Effects, prepared by the applicant.

- (3) Critical Stage Inspection: Council to be given 24 hours notice for the following inspection where nominated: -
- a) All footing excavations, with steel in position, before concrete is poured;
 - b) Wall and roof framing before being lined;
 - c) Stormwater drains before backfilling;
 - d) Sanitary Drainage (including AWTS installation) prior to backfilling;
 - e) Final inspection on completion BEFORE occupation.
- (4) Signage: Site signage shall apply and must be erected on site in a prominent, visible position for the duration of the construction.
- a) Stating the unauthorised entry to the site is not permitted;
 - b) Showing the name of the builder or another person responsible for the site and a telephone number at which the builder or other persons can be contacted outside working hours; and
 - c) The name, address and telephone contact of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work.
- (5) Building Permit: the builder/developer must at all times maintain on the job, a legible copy of the plans and specifications bearing the stamp and building permit of Council.
- (6) Annual Certificate: The owner of the building shall submit to Council an “Annual Fire Safety Statement: (Form 1) by 1 July, each subsequent year after obtaining a “Fire Safety Certificate” for the building from Council.

The “Annual Fire Safety Statement” shall comply with the provisions set out in the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000. Forms for this purpose can be collected from Council’s office.

- (7) Fire Requirements: Prior to the certifying authority issuing an Occupation Certificate to authorize a person to commence occupation or use of the building, the certifying must be satisfied that a final Safety Certificate has been issued for the building.

Further Information

- (8) Construction Certificate Required: A Construction Certificate must be obtained from a Principal Certifying Authority prior to commencement of any work. Detailed Engineering plans shall be submitted for Councils assessment, prior to the Construction Certificate being released.
- (9) Occupation Certificate Required: A Final Occupation Certificate must be issued by the Principal Certifying Authority prior to occupation or use of the development. In issuing an occupation certificate, the Principal Certifying Authority must be satisfied that the requirements of Part 6, Section 6.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 have been satisfied.

Access Traffic, Parking, Roads & Footpaths

(10) Trafficable Areas: All trafficable areas shall be treated so as to minimise dust and remains accessible in periods of extended we weather.

(11) Traffic Access: All vehicles must enter and leave the premises in a forward direction.

(12) Site Safety: all activities including, loading and unloading associated with this development are to take place within the subject site **only**.

Services

(13) Waste Storage during Construction: Provision shall be made on site for the proper storage and disposal of waste such that no builders waste shall be left in the open. Specific attention should be given to items which are subject to relocation by the action of wind.

(14) Stormwater Disposal: Roof waters shall be collected and conveyed to a rainwater tank with the overflow disposed of at least three metres clear of any building and disposed of on-site without causing nuisance or erosion.

Design

- (15)Nuisance and Amenity: The Operation is not to interfere with the amenity of the locality by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke vapour, steam, soot, ash, waste, water, waste products or grit, oil or otherwise.
- (16)Operating Noise Level: The operating noise level of the plant and equipment shall not exceed 5dB(a) above the background noise level when measured at the boundaries of the premises.
- (17)Access: All doorways throughout the building must have a minimum opening clearance of 850mm to comply with Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) 2010 Schedule 1 Part D3.2
- (18)Exits: Any exits must not be blocked at the point of discharge and where necessary, suitable barriers must be provided to prevent vehicles from blocking the exist, or access to it.
- (19)Required Exit: A door in a required exit of in a path of travel to a required exit must be readily openable without a key from the side that faces a person seeking egress, by a single hand downward action or pushing action on a single device which is located between 900mm and 1200mm from the floor.
- (20)Unobstructed Height: The unobstructed height in a path of travel to an exit shall be 2 metres and the unobstructed width shall be 1 metre. The unobstructed height of a required exit shall be 1980mm.
- (21)Exit Signs: Illuminated exit signs shall be erected above each required exit door in accordance with part E4.5 of the Building Code of Australia and Australian Standard 2293.1. Additionally illuminated directional signs shall be installed to guide occupants to the nearest exit in case of an emergency (see marked up Emergency Evacuation Floor Plan).
- (22)Hazardous Materials: Any hazardous materials (disinfectants, chemicals, etc) shall be stored in an appropriately sized bunded area to prevent escape of any spills or discharges. The bund shall be large enough to hold the contents of the largest container spills plus 10%.

Fire Safety

- (23)Portable Fire Extinguishers: Portable Fire Extinguishers containing an extinguishing agent suitable for the risk being protected must be installed in the building. Portable fire

extinguishers satisfy this requirement if they are installed in accordance with Australian Standard 2444 and water type extinguishers are located adjacent to required exits and extinguishers provided for fires other than Class A fires, are suitably located adjacent to their relevant risk.

Carparking

(24)Carparking: A designated and delineated carparking spaces shall be provided on-site and shall be an accessible (disabled) carpark, to ensure compliance with Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) 2010 Schedule 1 Part 3.5.

General

(25)The applicant shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of the WorkCover Authority of NSW.

Section 4 – Reports for Information

Recommendation:

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

- 7.10 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2022
 - 7.11 - Community Services Report
 - 7.12 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
 - 7.13 - Children Services September Update
 - 7.14 - Bland Community Care Services Update
 - 7.15 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – September 2022
 - 7.16 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 2022
 - 7.17 - Technical Services Report
 - 7.18 - Development Services Activity Report – September 2022
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7.10 Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2022



Our Prosperity - Growing our population and jobs

DP14.2 Attract a diverse range of Visitors to the Shire
 DP15.2 Continue ongoing engagement and communication with the Shire’s existing industry and business including support for diversification and alternate industry or business
 DP15.3 Lobby for and work with industry, government and education providers to ensure Bland Shire residents and businesses have access to competitive telecommunication services
 DP16.2 through partnerships with stakeholders foster our education, learning and training industry and increase employment opportunities within the Shire

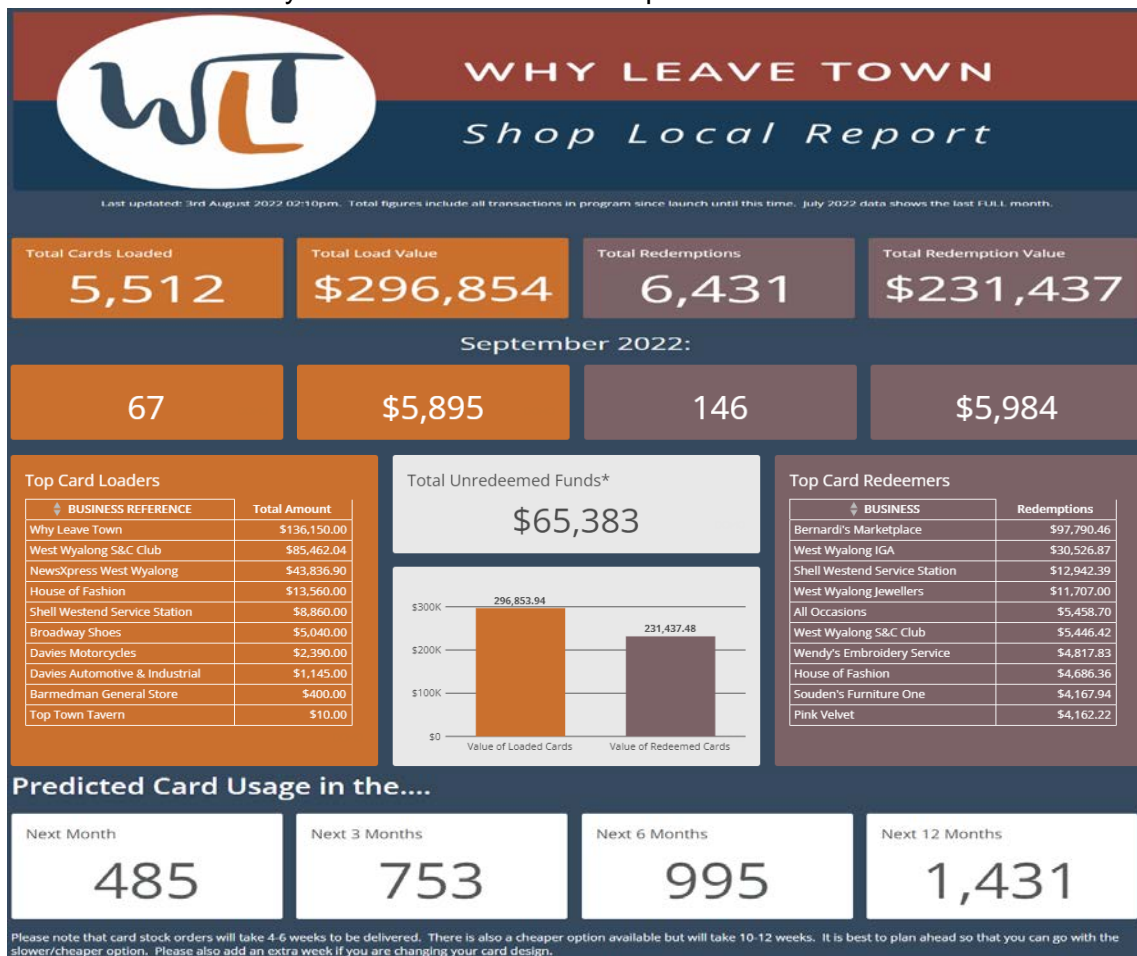
Author: General Manager

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The General Manager continues to liaise with various parties in relation to the development of the Central Road Business Park.

The recently released NSW Government Regional Investment Activation Fund has been referred to a prospective business for consideration.

Bland Shire Council Why Leave Town Statistics- September 2022



Country Change 2022/23

Bland Shire council joined the Country Change program for 2022/23 once again with the 13 other Councils from The Riverina.

Moving to the country is fast becoming a trend of urbanites tired of high mortgage prices, poor job prospects, crime and the hectic big city lifestyle. A true change in NSW's Riverina region offers both peaceful, spacious rural townships and vibrant regional hubs with great jobs, homes, culture and lifestyle.

Most people considering making the change move to the country for affordable housing, better career choices, better future and quality time for families and a more affordable lifestyle.

Country Change will share images, events and stories from Bland Shire on its social media pages during the 12 month period.

Country Change promotes the vast employment and lifestyles opportunities available in the Riverina region through cooperative marketing initiatives developed by the participating Councils.

As part of the yearly Country Change membership, each LGA will have a dedicated feature month.

Feature months provide an opportunity to highlight the uniqueness of an LGA. Bland Shire Council's feature month is in February 2023.

The feature month includes:

- » Approx. 12 LGA-focused posts for the month
- » 1 x professionally written feature article
- » Pre-recorded Q & A's / webinars – with participation from LGA's and local businesses.

Bland Shire Council staff identified members of the community that made the change from a bigger centre to West Wyalong that integrated into the community and can share their story. Their stories will be shared on the Country Change and Bland Shire social media platforms.

7.11 Community Services Report



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

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

Author: Community Relations Officer and Community Development Officer

Melbourne Cup Marquee Gala

Local charities were the big winners when the Lexus Melbourne Cup came “home” to Bland Shire last month. Made of gold from Evolution Mining’s Cowal Gold Operations, the Cup was at the centrepiece of two major events hosted by Evolution and Bland Shire Council as part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour visit to West Wyalong.

The showstopper event of the visit was the booked out charity gala night held under a lavish marquee in Grenfell Street adjacent to the White Tank Hotel.

Eight lucky local charity and community groups who had previously nominated their interest and been randomly drawn to attend were joined by members of the public, Bland Shire Councillors and Evolution representatives for a night few in attendance will ever forget.

Amongst a stunning backdrop of flowers supplied by Thom Dick and Harry’s and a tantalising roving menu of dishes cooked, plated and served by the White Tank Hotel it was an opportunity to toast the Cup and the role played by the Cowal operations as well as come together as a community to celebrate West Wyalong style.

Guests at the gala heard from Evolution Mining Cowal Gold Operations General Manager, John Penhall and Bland Shire Mayor, Brian Monaghan, before racing broadcast legend Greg Miles joined Joe McGrath from the Victoria Racing Club for a question and answer session.

A short video about the making of the Lexus Melbourne Cup, featuring scenes from West Wyalong and Cowal, was screened before the team from Vegas Nights conducted a virtual horse race meeting which resulted in \$1000 being donated to Can Assist West Wyalong by the overall winner.

The final race of the evening was the Cowal Charity Cup where each community organisation was assigned a number in the final race with the winners to receive cash prizes.

The Ungarie War Memorial Hall took out the Charity Cup from the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary who each received additional prizemoney on top of the \$1000 which was donated to each of the eight community groups which also included – the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council, Can Assist West Wyalong, Country Hope West Wyalong, West Wyalong Senior Basketball and the West Wyalong Amateur Swimming Club.

Fashions on the Field was another hit with Gail Platz, Rudy and Dionne Buys, Charmaine Cowen and Lesa Matthews winning the major prizes.

Earlier in the day, a community event was held at the Tivoli Theatre. Community members and school groups had the opportunity to get photographs with the Cup, enjoy a free sausage sizzle cooked by Can Assist, attend a free and fully booked screening of the hit film Ride Like a Girl and hear directly from Mr Miles who was also cast in the movie.

The Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour visit has received overwhelmingly positive community feedback with calls for similar events in the future.



NRMA Safer Drivers Course

The NRMA Safer Drivers Course was held on 26, 28 and 29 September with 12 young people participating in the program. Young people participated in an interactive three-hour group discussion with other L platers focusing on on-road risk management and a two hour in-vehicle coaching session demonstrating a range of practical and safe driving techniques. Feedback from the course was extremely positive with young people reportedly gaining great value from the program.

Beats on the Green

Council held a very successful 'Beats on the Green' event for local youth at the West Wyalong Bowling Club on Thursday 29 September. The event included barefoot bowls, a DJ, free finger food, Mr Whippy and soft drinks for all young people who attended. Approximately 100 locals attended the event, with ages ranging from 12 – 17 years. Those in attendance had a great time learning the art of lawn bowls, dancing and socialising. A number of requests have already been received to hold similar events in the future.



Beats on the Bank

Unfortunately, the Beats on the Bank youth event that was scheduled for Thursday, 6 October at Cooida Waters was cancelled due to inclement weather.

7.12 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: Library Services Coordinator

Author Visit 2023

Bland Shire Library has engaged Andrew Plant – zoologist, illustrator, author, theatre director, designer and choreographer – to visit the Bland Shire for a five-day residency in late March 2023 (dates to be confirmed). Andrew, had previously been booked to visit the Bland Shire back in 2020, but cancelled due to Covid-19.

The annual author visit, which the library has been running for more than two decades, encompasses all nine schools within the Bland Shire and home-school families. The benefits of an author visit are many. It encourages reading for fun, motivates reluctant and struggling readers, supports classroom learning, improves writing confidence, makes creativity accessible and inspires students. Discussing writing and the creative process with an author or visual narration with an illustrator, assists students to connect with the written word in entirely new ways.

Summer Reading Club 40-Day Challenge

Bland Shire Library is excited to announce that its annual Summer Reading Club Program for school-age children 5 to 16 years is on again. The free program, which officially runs from December 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023 aims to encourage children and young people to read over the long summer break with incentives provided to help them reach their goal.

The Summer Reading Club Program recognised by Steph Cook MP in State Parliament last year, has an emphasis on days spent reading rather than counting books, making participation more achievable for all involved, particularly those children with lower reading skills.

Bland Shire Library will hold a launch and registration day on Wednesday 23 November from 3.30 pm. However, children can still register up until Thursday 22 December 2022.

As in past years, there will be additional activities held during December and January including a bingo challenge, virtual reality gaming and a visit from Reptiles on the Go with a presentation and finale party held Wednesday 15 February 2023.

The library is pleased to announce that long-time sponsors of the program – the L & R Group (Holland Park Pool) and What's Cookin' – are back on board this year, as is the French Hot Bread who supported the program in 2021-22.

Work Placement Student

Bland Shire Library will accommodate a Year 10 student for a five-day work placement commencing 28 November to 2 December 2022. The student, who lives locally but attends school in Temora, will assist library staff with a range of tasks including customer service, circulation duties, program preparation, and promotion and marketing.

Bland Shire Library continues to support work placements as work experience helps students develop their job-ready skills and discover more about what different workplaces are like.

Sophie Hansen Postponed

Bland Shire Library was to host guest speaker Sophie Hansen on Tuesday 20 September. However, the event, which Bland Shire Library was holding on behalf of the Bellarwi CWA Branch, was postponed – a new date is to be advised by the Bellarwi CWA Branch.

School Visits

Bland Shire Library hosted a number of visits from the Bland Preschool and Little Wattle Preschool & Day Care Centre in September. The various groups participated in a themed story-time session incorporating storytelling, singing, music and dance as well as a craft activity. The children were also given free time to explore the library and utilise the many facilities on offer.

Little Wattle Preschool & Day Care Centre has booked a number of visits to the library in October and November while the Bland Preschool will bring three groups to the library in December.

Little Wattle is also currently organising regular visits to the library for their afterschool care children.



School Holiday Program

The library's September/October school holiday program attracted good attendance numbers. The program included Lego, Seashell Collage Art and Halloween biscuit decorating with local baker and cake decorator Dagmar McIntyre.



Library Supporting HSC Students

The library has had an influx of local secondary students, studying for the upcoming Higher School Certificate examination. The students have been utilising the library's facilities including tables with power/USB ports (purchased as part of a recent refurbishment), free Wi-Fi, HSC resources and new youth hub space. The library is currently looking at the viability of reinstating its HSC Lock-ins, which it held pre-Covid. In the past, the library extended its opening hours for HSC students, engaged members of the community to, for example, instruct students in yoga techniques targeting stress relief and relaxation along with providing career advice.

Student Volunteers

Bland Shire Library continues to support the West Wyalong High School's student volunteer program by providing work placements. Currently, a rotation of around 20 students (rostered in pairs) attend the library each Thursday to assist with Story-time, which has been attracting large numbers of parents and children.

Based on its success, the library will continue to support the West Wyalong High school's student volunteer program in 2023, which the NSW Department of Education suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic (2020) and only reinstated in Term 3 of this year.



Community Jigsaws Proving a Hit

The library's community jigsaw puzzle has proved popular with both young and old, with one puzzle already completed. Pictured (below right) is Yvonne Devine with her sleeping baby partaking in the library's community jigsaw puzzle while sons Max and Rex attend the library's Lego program. Pictured (left) are Elsie and Ruby Fairman who helped complete the first puzzle (pictured centre). The jigsaw puzzles, generously donated by members of the community, are mostly 500 pieces.

In recent times, the library has formed a partnership with the Men's Shed who kindly constructed the timber jigsaw puzzle holder for the library and is now building a timber reindeer and sleigh in readiness for Christmas.



Local History Book Donated



Bland Shire Library has been donated a copy of 'A Book of Memories' by the Ungarie Advancement Group. The book, published to celebrate Ungarie's 150-year anniversary, will be located in the library's Local Studies Collection, as a reference copy only.

Pictured (right) is Carol Barrett, Secretary/Treasurer of the Ungarie Advancement Group, presenting Bland Shire Council's Library Services Coordinator, Cathy Lange, with a copy of 'A Book of Memories'.

Getting ready for Christmas!

- Santa's Mailbox will be open from early November 2022. All letters receive a personalised reply from Santa. *Note the library has been overseeing Santa's Mailbox since 2005 with some 1700 letters replied too.*
- The library will hold a free after-school Christmas Craft session on Wednesday 14 December 2022. The session will be open to school-age children. No booking required.
- Santa has been booked to make an appearance at the library's final Story-time for 2022 on Thursday 15 December, 10.30am.
- Many of the library's regular programs will finish the year on a festive note in December then take a short break over January ready to reconvene in February 2023.

7.13 Children Services September 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 Resource Unit, Vacation Care and Toy Library services)

Author: Children Services Coordinator

Staff Recruitment –

Sadly, CSU received two resignations in September. Kristy Hall McMartin our Early Childhood Teacher that joined CSU in January this year, accepted the Director role Aspire. It is sad to see Kristy leave, and wish her all the best in her new role. Savannah Connell, one of our Family Day Care Educators has also accepted an Educator role at Aspire and will be finishing her time at Bland/Temora Family Day Care in October. We wish Savannah all the best in her new role.

On a positive note, an interview was conducted to appoint a casual educator, who has accepted the role and is in the final processes of appointment requirements.

A huge congratulations to all the CSU Educators and staff for their continual commitment and hard work during these challenging times.

Staff Training –

CSU's coordinator Sharon Glasgow attended the second Aspiring Leaders conference in Wagga Wagga, and it again proved to be very insightful and beneficial. The final conference is scheduled in November.

The co-ordinator also participated in various webinars released from The Department of Education, with the focus on the many upcoming changes to the Early Childhood Sector. Sessions included – Brighter beginnings (a focus around children's health and well-being), Start Strong funding (the current funding body), Affordable Preschool (the funding body for 2023), Attracting and retaining Educators (advice about what is coming to help this cause) and Universal preschool (the aim for where Preschool will be in 2030). All webinars were informative and provided a bit more clarity around the ever changing sea of information. In addition to this, the coordinator also participated in the Cyber Security webinar.

The Mobile Resource Unity coordinator, Kate Spackman, completed the refresher in Child Protection.

Grant Application/Spending –

The Community Grant sessions were in full swing. Over 14 children and parents had the opportunity to meet with the speech and occupational therapist. This initiative was so well received by families, offering them professional support, developmental assessments and family guidance within our town.

In other news - Educator Day –

CSU celebrated Educator Day on 7th September. Educator's efforts and dedication were acknowledged with a small gift of a "2022 Educator Day" t-shirt and cookie.



Coincidentally, on the same day was the nationwide Early Childhood strike day, where educators across the country stood down in protest to appeal for more pay and better work conditions. Whilst this is something ALL CSU educators felt passionately about, as a group it was decided to continue to provide the education and care to our loyal families.

A big "Thank you" to the CSU Parent Committee which hosted a Father's Day Breakfast at the West Wyalong Bowling club for the community. Thank you to all those who volunteered. It was a very popular event which raised over \$900 to go towards new CSU resources.

And..... Drumroll please!!! CSU children and educators were crowned the West Wyalong Show Society Champions!!! Well done team.



BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON 18 OCTOBER 2022

It Takes a Village

A community member from Naradhan requested ITAV playgroup begin again at Naradhan public school. Due to distance and staffing challenges we requested a minimum number attend for the first session. This number was met and Naradhan will now be included in the cycle of ITAV playgroups currently in place in Bland Shire. The first playgroup is scheduled to begin in Term 4. The playgroup continuing is conditional on meeting minimum numbers.



The craft theme for September was Keyrings, made using polymer clay, tassels and 'shrinkies'. ITAV playgroups also visited West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Tallimba. Unfortunately Weethalle was cancelled due to no bookings. Families wanting to access the playgroups should ensure they book in for sessions within their communities.

During September a new system was researched and selected for the Toy Library Borrowing System. Installation will begin at the end of September. The new system is designed for Toy Libraries without their own website. The website ITAV will be using is modern and user friendly software designed by toy libraries. Currently toy library items are borrowed using library cards. Staff are looking forward to updating the process which will make it easier for community members to view and select Toy Library items.

Clarissa Hewett, Commissioning and Planning Officer from Department of Communities and Justice, met with ITAV staff for a contract meeting following the end of reporting period 2021/2022. On the agenda was DEX reporting, SCORE training, additions to current Program Logic, discussions on contract milestones and an update TEI delivery for Program Activity/Service Types.

Mobile Resource Unit

Ungarie Mobile Preschool and Friday Junior Preschool

The children showcased their creative and artistic abilities by participating in the West Wyalong and Ungarie show. Friday Junior Preschool entered individual artworks as well as class contributions to the Children Services Unit display. Ungarie Mobile Preschool children also entered individual artworks and a class display in the Ungarie Show.



MRU Enrolments

Mobile Resource Unit opened the 2023 enrolments in September, with promising numbers being returned.

- Ungarie Preschool - Wednesday: 13 children
- Ungarie Preschool - Thursday: 7 children
- Bland Junior Preschool - Friday: 40 Children

Playgroup

Families are continued to support and attend Monday Playgroup session in West Wyalong. Lots of different themed craft, stories, activities, dancing and singing has been enjoyed by various aged children throughout the month.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care children participated in a week of fun and activities during the first week of the September holidays. Activities such as 'Escape room' challenges, 'Amazing Race', walks in the community, craft, an excursion to Forbes Bunnings and Ninja Park and a movie at Tivoli Movie theatre were undertaken. Vacation care welcomed new enrolments and regular attendees as children took this as an opportunity to catch up with mates, chill out or make new friends.



Bland Preschool

Excursions & Incursions:

- Splatter Gallery
- Library

It was a busy month with children creating beautiful masterpieces to enter the West Wyalong Show (which BTW we were Show Champions), they worked very hard on a special gift for Dad, to celebrate Father's Day and have been learning some very important dance moves for the End of Year concert. Term 4 is going to be even busier, lucky they had a rest in the School holidays.



Preschool Enrolments:

- Monday/ Tuesday Bilby: 24 children
- Wednesday/ Thursday Bilby: 20 children
- Wednesday/ Thursday Gecko: 20 children

Bland / Temora Family Day Care

- ❖ The National 'Early Childhood Educator Day' was held on Wednesday 7th September. To celebrate our amazing FDC Educators, Sharon, our coordinator presented everyone a commemorative shirt and specially embossed biscuit.
- ❖ Child Protection Week was also held in September. Information was sent to our Educators through our monthly newsletter to ensure awareness of this important issue.
- ❖ The FDC Coordination team completed an annual safety audit on an Educators environment, with her service passing all safety aspects.

Term 3: Week 8. What a beautiful morning for our West Wyalong Family Day Care Playgroup, with the children enjoying a picnic morning tea in the sunshine. A sensory tub allowed the children to experience shredded paper in a fun, carefree way. The children also enjoyed jungle animals in the sandpit and painting at the easels before spontaneously deciding to paint the cardboard box.



Week 10: Our last Family Day Care Playgroup for the term was another beautiful day.

The children enjoyed driving the Ute, playing in the sandpit, and exploring the magnetic shapes. Our craft encouraged the use of the children's fine motor skills through scrunching tissue paper and then gluing to make a colourful flower.

Our group time included the creative arts, expressing ourselves as butterflies while dancing with scarves. Children also played a colour recognition game with flowers and butterflies.

A party was on the cards to celebrate the end term, so we invited other members of CSU to join us for cake and biscuits as a special treat.



7.14 Bland Community Care Services Update



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

DP1- Provide services to the frail, aged, disabled and their carers

Author: Community Care Coordinator

General Update:

Direct service provision remains steady, with multiple new referrals a week continuing. Intake has been placed on hold at this stage while the Coordinator and Team Leader work through the back log of new referrals.

COMPACKS referrals continue to be processed along with providing Brokered services when and where staff resourcing allows.

CHSP clients continue to be processed and assessed for service provision.

Group Update:

Group attendance remains steady with some new attendees going through the intake process. Referrals will continue to be sought and accepted for all groups.

Wednesday Activity Day attendees have enjoyed a mix of physical and cognitive activities. Meals continue to be prepared in house by one of our talented staff members. Students from Wyalong Public School visited and enjoyed assisting attendees with Bingo, our clients enjoy the interaction with younger people.

Little Wattle Preschool children have scheduled a visit for November and also December.

Bland Blokes are still on the lookout for new members to join them on Tuesday mornings for a Cuppa and chat.



The Thursday Exercise group has a good number of attendees of late and is looking into the options for adding a second session once a minimum number of attendees has been reached.

The group recently went on a day trip where they enjoyed morning tea whilst checking out the Silo Art in Grenfell (pictured).

They then continued on to Young for lunch before returning to West Wyalong. An enjoyable day was had by all.

7.15 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – September 2022



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

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

Author: Museum Advisor

Weethalle Museum (Monday 10 September)

Michelle and Vicki continue to kick goals with the Weethalle Museum.

The back room continues to progress. There has been the odd set back – the large showcase which they were hoping to put castors on (to make it movable) proved to not be up to the change. This is disappointing but means they can work toward securing a far better option to display and store objects.

Michelle has come up with a money saving idea to partition the back room to create an unseen area to store objects not on direct display.

We were able to solve a vexing issue concerning a missing object. The event underscored the importance of good clear recording of objects, loans, and donations. The lender was very understanding and generous with her time and further confusion was avoided by good personal contact and communication.

Weethalle has an anniversary coming so we now have a deadline to get the museum looking great and telling Weethalle stories.

Ungarie Museum (Tuesday 11 September)

My visit to Ungarie was great. The museum looked better than it ever has! The volunteers have done an amazing job with the assistance of the Council to brighten the Hall. The new painting on the West wall has made a huge difference in making the space to cohesive and tidy. The new lights have literally made the place sparkle.

The dedicated volunteers have cleaned, polished and rearranged the objects, and added interpretation. There is more to come but they need a breather! The new panel is coming. It has been held up by family issues.

The Bland Shire Council is to be thanked for completing the refurbishment works before the Ungarie 150 Year events.



Next visit will be **4 & 5 October 2022**

7.16 Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 2022



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

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

Author: Museum Advisor

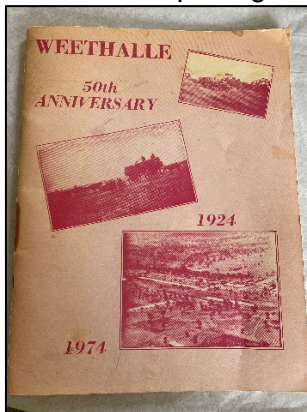
Weethalle Museum (Tuesday 4 October)

During this visit we began to add to the inventories prepared by the Luefs and Kim Briggs. I brought catalogue sheets with me. We used the back room with its new table and chairs as a workspace. Vicki began by removing objects from the Bank area.

These needed cleaning and sorting. Not all books needed to be catalogued as they are more reference material, though there were several important publications that were catalogued.

As there are objects that are not relevant to the Weethalle collection at first glance, these have been put aside for further investigation. Laminated newspaper clippings are archival and will be kept separate from more significant objects.

By removing all the clippings and faded images from the timber partition in the Bank office area we opened up the space and it looks much better. It also excited us to the possibilities of better interpreting the banking area of the Museum.



Ungarie Museum (Tuesday 4 October)

Cataloguing was the name of the game at the Ungarie Museum as well. Don and Mary were able to get through quite a few objects. It helped that we were able to refer to a copy of the original catalogue.

Between the three of us measurements, descriptions and photographs were recorded on nearly 20 objects. Not bad going in 3.5 hours!

Unfortunately, the hall is still suffering from leaks in heavy rain.



Next visit will be 7 & 8 **November 2022**

7.17 Technical 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

1. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 12.9.2022

- Graders
 - Maitlands/Clays Lane
 - Talleeban Road
 - Sprys/Jillet Lane
 - Youngareen Road
 - Gubbatta Road
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Shire Roads

2. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 19.9.2022

- Graders
 - Blundens Lane
 - Youngreen Road
 - Naradhan Road
 - Gubbatta Road
 - Sprys/Jillet Lane
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Shire Roads

3. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 26.9.2022

- Graders
 - Fiegerts Lane
 - Youngareen Road
 - Naradhan Road
 - Gubbatta Road
 - Sprys/Jillet Lane
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Shire Roads

4. Council Road Crew Locations Week Commencing 29.8.2022

- Graders
 - Maitlands Lane
 - Youngareen Road
 - Naradhan Road
 - Talleeban
 - Sprys/Jillet
- Gravel Carting
 - Males Pit
- Maintenance Crews (Bobcat/Backhoe)
 - Shire Roads

5. Biosecurity Weeds/Environmental

- Weed Display and information – West Wyalong Show, Ungarie Show and represented Bland Shire Councils Biosecurity Team at Henty Field days.

WEETHALLE SHOW - BIOSECURITY STAFF DISPLAY



WEST WYALONG SHOW

UNGARIE SHOW - BSC BIOSECURITY STAFF SETTING UP DISPLAY



HENTY FIELD DAY - BSC STAFF ASSISTING AT WEEDS DISPLAY

- Training – Biosecurity Team attended a seminar on Feather Top Rhodes Grass.
- High Risk Pathway Inspection – Mid Western Highway, 57Nth, MR231, Goldfields Way, Quandialla Road, MR368, MR371, Mary Gilmore, Newell Highway.
- Council Land Inspections - Sale yards, Green Corridor and Wet Lands.
- Shoulder Spraying – Bena Road, Crown Camp Road, Clear Ridge Road, MR368, Kikoira Road, MR231, Dundas Road, Brolga Road, Naradhan Road, William Crossing Road, Boreamble Road, Kildary Road, Alleena Road, Wamboyne Road, Ariah Park Road, Bygoo Road, Paynes Road, Tallimba Road, Kolkilbertoo Road, Quandialla Road.
- Shoulder Mowing – Kikoira Road, Naradhan Road, Boreamble Road.
- Hazard Reduction – Ungarie, Kikoira.
- Spraying – Vacant Block Main Street West Wyalong.
- The following Biosecurity weeds and other controls were undertaken:-
 - African Boxthorn – Clear Ridge Road;
 - Wild Radish – Paynes Road, MR231.

6. Village maintenance

- All parks mown and tidied
- Village main streets swept and rubbish removed
- Trees trimmed and fallen branches picked up
- Village entrances and streets mown and trimmed
- All village park play grounds inspected for safety
- Irrigation checked
- Weed spraying carried out

7. Park maintenance

- McCann park, Barnado park and small parks and areas mown, trimmed and maintained
- Council chambers lawns and gardens maintained
- Maintenance to Herridge park, Cooinda park, Wyalong court house
- Lawn and monument cemetery maintenance works carried out
- Public amenities cleaned and maintained
- Playground inspections completed and repairs carried out
- Graves back filled at cemetery and tanks pumped out
- All parks and airport sprayed for weeds
- Park toilets cleaned

8. Ovals maintenance

- Maintenance to sporting ovals and surrounds
- Irrigation checks carried out on all ovals and surrounds
- Broad leaf weeds sprayed at all sports grounds
- Line marking on ovals for sporting groups

9. Town maintenance

- Star lane cleaned and tidied
- Town areas mown and trimmed
- Town trees trimmed and watered as needed
- Main street gardens weeded and watered
- Small pot holes repaired in roads cold mix and jet patcher
- Clean out and spraying of town drains
- Aerodrome slashing inspections and maintenance work carried out
- Back filled low areas on nature strips
- Pre-school maintenance carried out
- Spraying aerodrome and town drains/nature strips
- Vandalism repairs and removal

7.18 Development Services Activity Report – September 2022



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

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

Author: Manager Development & Regulatory Services

PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The following DA applications were approved during September 2022:

Application No	Description	Location	Approval Date
DA2023/0006	New storage shed	19 Ungarie Street Ungarie	6/9/2022
DA2023/0009	Addition of a new front verandah	5 Kurrajong Street West Wyalong	29/9/2022
DA2023/00011	Subdivision – Creation one (1) additional Lot	3 Gorman Street West Wyalong	5/9/2022
DA2023/0013	New storage shed	11-13 Woodlands St Ungarie	1/9/2022
DA2023/0014	Change of use from a commercial building to a residential dwelling including internal alterations	99 Main Street West Wyalong	20/9/2022
DA2023/0015	New storage shed	55 Court Street West Wyalong	13/9/2022
DA2023/0016	Temporary use of land for a function centre	46-64 Lone Pine Rd West Wyalong	13/9/2022
DA2023/0018	Part demolition and additions to dwelling	67 Court Street West Wyalong	14/9/2022
DA2023/0019	Demolition of an existing dwelling	70 Park Street West Wyalong	28/9/2022
DA2023/0020	Alterations to a commercial building	140 Main Street West Wyalong	23/9/2022
DA2023/0025	New storage shed including amenities	11 Wootten Street West Wyalong	29/9/2022

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Dog Attacks

There were no dog attacks reported during September 2022.

Companion Animal Seizure and Impound Activities September 2022

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

Impounding Activities:	Dogs	Cats
Animals in pound at start of month	8	4
Incoming Animals		
Transferred from Seizure Activities	1	1
Dumped at Pound	1	4
Surrendered	2	1
Total Animals in Pound	12	10

Outgoing Animals		
Released to Owner	1	2
Euthanased	0	0
Rehoused	9	5
Sold	1	1
Died at Pound	0	0
Stolen	0	0
Escaped	0	0
Total Animals Leaving Pound	11	8
Animals in Pound at end of Month	1	2

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES



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

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

Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Lachlan Regional Transport Committee (LRTC)	1 October 2022	✓
Newell Highway Taskforce	13 September 2022	✓
NSW Public Libraries Association	21 September 2022	✓
Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC)	19 September 2022	✓
355 Committee	Date/s	Minutes attached
Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Committee	22 September 2022	✓

Recommendation:

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

LACHLAN REGIONAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at BlueScope Visitors Centre Coniston on the 1st October 2022 at 10am.

Chairperson: Maurice Simpson opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Attendance as per attendance sheet totalling **11 People**.

Apologies: Ian Gray, John Hetherington, Peter Sidgreaves MP, Wollondilly Council, Margaret Roles, Tony Hewson, Pascale Stendell, Judith Hannan, Garry Brathwate, Vicki Etheridge, Joe Kinsela. **Total 12**

MOVED: Gordon Bradbery **SECONDED:** Ray Morris **CARRIED.**

Welcome: Wollongong Mayor Gordon Bradbery welcomed every one present. He stated that Blue Scope are investing Billions of \$s into the Port and the steel industry employs 60% in the Wollongong area.

Minutes of the Previous AGM **MOVED:** Philip Laird **SECONDED:** Bill West **CARRIED.**

No Business arising from the previous AGM meeting.

Correspondence: Nil

Treasurers Report: Dennis Hughes presented the Treasurers report from the 1st July 2021 until the 30th June 2022.

CHEQUE A/C Balance as at the 1/7/2021 \$20399.40.

Income \$346.55 Expenses \$0.00 Balance at the 30/6/22 \$20745.95

CARD A/C Balance as at the 1/7/2021 \$ 475.34 Income \$300.34

Expenses \$630.00 Balance as at the 30th June 2022 \$ 145.68

MOVED: Dennis Hughes **SECONDED:** John Faulks **CARRIED.**

President's Report: Nil

Chairperson declared all position vacant and invited Mayor to take the chair for the elections of office bearers.

PRESIDENT: Vicki Etheridge – Nominated by Maurice Simpson **Elected Unopposed**

VICE PRESIDENT: Maurice Simpson- Nominated by Bill West

Elected Unopposed

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Dennis Hughes Nominated by Maurice Simpson

Elected Unopposed

PUBLIC OFFICER: Lawrance Ryan- Nominated by Bill West **Elected Unopposed**

PUBLICITY OFFICER: To be appointed in the future

AUDITOR: Hugh Moffitt- Nominated by Dennis Hughes **Elected Unopposed**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Membership Fees to be waived this year due to the A/C been in a good position.

MOVED: Gordon Bradbery **SECONDED:** Tony Lord **CARRIED.**

Cheque Signatures **MOVED:** Ray Morris That Dennis Hughes, Maurice Simpson and John Hetherington be the signatories for 2022-23 and other changes be made in accordance with guidelines. **SECONDED:** John Faulks **CARRIED**

MEETING CLOSED AT 10-35AM

CHAIRMAN

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st October 2022

1.

At BlueScope Steel Coniston at 10am.

CHAIRPERSON: Maurice Simpson opened the meeting at 10-35am and welcomed all present.

Attendance as per attendance sheet totalling **11 People**.

Apologies: Ian Gray, John Hetherington, Peter Sidgreaves MP, Wollondilly Council, Margaret Roles, Tony Hewson, Pascale Stendell, Judith Hannan, Garry Brathwate, Vicki Etheridge, Joe Kinsela. **Total 12**

MOVED: Gordon Bradbery **SECONDED:** Ray Morris **CARRIED.**

WELCOME: Wollongong Mayor Gordon Bradbery welcomed every one present. He stated that Blue Scope are investing Billions of \$s into the Port and the steel industry employs 60% of workers around the Wollongong area.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE DISTRIBUTED AND ADOPTED

MOVED: Bill West **SECONDED:** Philip Laird **CARRIED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES. Bill West Requested that the wards Dubbo airport be corrected to read Cowra airport in the Minutes of the previous meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: 4/5/21 Correspondence to K. McLachlan
4/5/21 Wollondilly to host Aug meeting
4/5/21 Thanks to Wollongong for last meeting
4/5/21 Steph Cooke Harden Railway Station
22/6/21 Support Letter to Dubbo Regional Council re by Pass
25/10/21 Letter to all Members from Executive
16/11/21 Report on Level Crossing Debate.
10/1/22 To all member Councils requesting continued support
10/1/22 Letter to a number of non-member Councils requesting Membership
29/8/22 Peter Sidgreaves MP. Invitation to Oct Meeting
29/8/22 Sam Faraway MLC. Invitation to Oct Meeting.
29/8/22 Clr Margaret Roles Mayor Hilltops & Graeme Schneider Info on LRTC

CORRESPONDENCE IN: 1/5/21 K. McLachlan Requesting correspondence & Petition
4/5/21 Response from D. Harris MP to motion No6 Feb Minutes
5/5/21 Response from Transport NSW Terry McSweeney
12/5/21 Reply from Steph Cooke Harden Railway Station
20/5/21 Report from Mike Sutherland from ASM
24/5/21 SEATS report.
23/6/21 Response from The Hon M. McCormack regarding Fast Rail
5/6/21 Response from Hon P. Toole Cowra Line & Fast Rail
16/4/22 Ian Gray – Web Site – TfNSW Meeting.
31/7/22 Australian Strategic Materials Newsletter
MOVED: Bill West **SECONDED:** John Faulks That the Correspondence be Received and dealt with. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER REPORT: General Account.

1/7/2022 Opening Balance	\$20745.95
Total Income	\$ 16.53
Total Expenses	\$ 500.00
31/8/2022 Closing Balance	\$ 20,262.48
Card Account No 9596S 1	
1/7/2022 Opening Balance	\$ 145.68
Total Income	\$ 500.27
Total Expenses	\$ 0.00
31/8/2022 Closing Balance	\$ 645.95

MOVED: Dennis Hughes That the Treasurer's Report be Accepted **SECONDED:** Bill West
CARRIED

GENERAL BUSSINES:

GUEST SPEAKER: **Nat Openshaw** Chief of Staff Representing Hon Sam Faraway MLC Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. He recorded notes on quite a number of issues raised by Committee members.

Phillip Laird: Blayney to Demondrille rail line study to be released- Answer later this year. Sydney has reached capacity. Please look at the Morton report as Maldon-Dombarton line needs to be assessed as an option.

Harvey Matthews: President Grenfell Branch of the NSW Farmers. The terrible state of Our local shire roads due to the pandemic and wet weather. Action needs to happen to speed up the delivery of grain to port. Maldon / Dombarton rail corridor needs to be secured to insure reliable rail supply in / out of Port Kembla.

Bill West: We have a problem getting product like grain into Port Kembla but more important getting product out of Port Kembla and Sydney as there is only 2 roads to the west of Sydney but what happens if there is an emergency west of Sydney. More money to be spent on infrastructure rather than stadiums and city roads. Lots of timber movements though Cowra Shire that could go by rail.

John Faulks: Freight in and out of Oberon and Tumut which could go by rail but there are other industries asking for rail.

Gordon Bradbery: Growth of the Wollongong and Port Kembla area requires attention now as it will not survive under the current circumstances. East West links to the Inland Rail need to be dealt with. Cost blow out is an issue but stick to the job of finding solutions.

Nat Openshaw: A lot to take back. Fleet issue city – country but the budget books are closed. There are 4 transport Ministers but you will only get one to deal with. The port of Newcastle is allowed to export more and ask about the Norton report. Nat left the meeting at 11-45am.

Tony Lord: President Bland Shire. Bland has many roads inundated by water. Rail line is part of the Newell Hwy flood problem by blocking flood flow. Bland has 3 thousand Ks of mostly gravel roads all of which are in need of repairs. Report needed on likely rerouting of the rail track around Lake Cowal to improve water issues.

Maurice Simpson: Need a wider base of support by local Councils for LRTC and provide a forum for transport rail needs for the social economic of there part of the state.

Philip Laird: Ask the relevant Ministers and Shadow Ministers and representatives of minor parties if they would, if elected.

1. Support the reopening of the Demondrille to Blayney line by 2025.
2. Support a start of work on completion of the 35Km Maldon Dombarton rail link during the next term of office (2020-27).
3. Support replacement of at least a further four level crossings by grade separated crossings of NSW sections on the Inland Railway over selected state and local roads.
4. Support compensation payments from the NSW Government to Local Government for additional road wear and tear due to the approval of heavier and larger articulated trucks on local roads.
5. Support, in the anticipated revision of the 2018-2023 NSW freight and ports strategy the reinstatement of rail as a priority for the movement of bulk freight.
6. Mainline track upgrades to support faster transit times for the new regional passenger trains that are now on order.

Moved: Bill West **Seconded:** Maurice Simpson **Carried.**

Next Meeting
25th February 2023
Cowra Loco Depot

Meeting Closed 12-20pm

Chairman:

Previous Meeting Venues

BlueScope Steel Coniston 1/10/22	Wollongong 1/5/21	Young 13/2/21,	Canowindra 10/10/20
Picton 15/2/20,	Cowra 9/11/19,	Greenethorpe 7/9/19,	Dubbo 11/5/19,
Blayney 9/2/19,	Temora 3/11/18,	Murrumburrah 11/8/18.	Grenfell 19/5/18
Picton 17/2/18	AIW Wollongong 4/11/17	Parkes 5/8/17	Canowindra 6/5/17
Temora 25/2/17	Lithgow 5/11/16	Boorowa 13/8/16	Wollongong 14/5/16
Cowra 6/2/16	Thirlmere 7/11/15		



**NEWELL HIGHWAY TASKFORCE COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

**Minutes of the
Newell Highway Taskforce AGM & Committee meeting
held on Tuesday 13 September 2022 at 10am in Parkes
& via TEAMS**

1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & ATTENDANCE

The Annual General Meeting opened at 10am.

Attendees name	Organisation
Cr Ken Keith OAM (Chair)	Mayor, Parkes Shire Council
Cr Tony Lord (Vice Chair)	Councillor, Bland Shire Council
Cr Dennis Todd	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Cr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Cr Neville Kschenka	Mayor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Craig Davies	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
James Painting	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Julia Moscaritolo	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications & the Arts
Eloise Chaplain	Director Infrastructure Delivery, Narrabri Shire Council
Kent Boyd PSM	General Manager, Parkes Shire Council
Grant Baker	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
Richard Jane	Director Engineering, Forbes Shire Council
Kevin Tighe	Director Technical Services, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Stuart Reynolds	
Paul Polansky	Senior Manager Transport Technical Solutions, Transport NSW
John Morris	Regional NSW High Productivity Road Transport Alliance Coordinator
Rod Hannifey	Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative
Apologies	Organisation
Cr Matthew Dickerson	Mayor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Mark Johnson	Mayor, Moree Plains Shire Council
Cr Ruth McRae	Mayor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Phyllis Miller	Mayor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Ron Campbell	Mayor, Narrabri Shire Council
Cr Peter Dawson	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Cr Vicki Etheridge	Councillor, Dubbo Regional Council
Cr Chris Royslance	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Brian Mattiske	Councillor, Forbes Shire Council
Cr Robert Black	Councillor, Murrumbidgee Council
Cr Kevin Morris	Councillor, Narrandera Shire Council
Nijole Bentley	Director, Department of Infrastructure
Alistair Lunn	Director, Transport for NSW
Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
John Scarce	General Manager, Murrumbidgee Council
Stewart Todd	General Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Ray Smith	General Manager, Bland Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Shane Wilson	Deputy General Manager, Narrandera Council

Apologies	Organisation
Ian Dinham	Director Engineering, Moree Plains Shire Council
Shane Burns	Director Infrastructure, Narrabri Shire Council
Lisa Moon	Treasurer, Newell Highway Promotions Committee
Allan Lawrence	Director Engineering Services, Moree Plains Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Warren Clarke	CEO, National Roads
Barry Heins	Director Engineering, Narrandera Shire Council
Allan Magill	Vice Chairman, National Roads
Lila Fisher	Project and Development Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council
Mick Savage	Roads and Transport Directorate Manager
Peter Dale	Economic Development Manager, Narrandera Shire Council
Michael Cain	Roads Services Manager, Narrabri Shire Council
Kerrie Murphy	Senior Projects Engineer, Dubbo Regional Council

That the apologies be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolution

That the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 9 February 2021 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - Cr Denis Todd

Carried

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Resolution

That the Chairman's report be confirmed.

Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

4. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEAERS

Chair - Cr Ken Keith OAM

Deputy Chair - Cr Tony Lord

Secretary - Parkes Shire Council (follows the Chair)

Resolution

That the election of the Office Bearer be confirmed.

Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

5. SETTING OF DATES FOR 2023

Suggested dates were:

Tuesday 14 March 2023 in Narrandera

Tuesday 13 June 2023 in Narrabri including a Strategic Planning session before or after

Tuesday 12 September 2023 in Dubbo

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Craig Davies

Seconded - Grant Baker

Carried

The Chair declared the AGM closed at 10.11am

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 May 2022 be confirmed as true and accurate.

Moved - John Morris

Seconded - Cr Denis Todd

Carried

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair will follow up with Mayor Matthew Dickerson, Dubbo Regional Council regarding the Newell Highway Promotions Committee whereby Mayor Dickerson had previously verbally indicated that Dubbo Regional Council would be happy to get involved.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

9. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

The following outwards correspondence relate to the NHTF.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

10. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Summary

The following inwards correspondence relate to the NHTF.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the information be received and noted.

Moved - Cr Tony Lord

Seconded - John Morris

Carried

11 AGENDA ITEMS

11.1 TRANSPORT FOR NSW PRESENTATION

Executive Summary

Paul Polansky, Senior Manager, Transport Technical Solutions, Transport for NSW gave an update on current projects

1. West Wyalong to Forbes Flood Immunity
 - This project is completing strategic design phase.
 - The project team have met with Councils to collect data and feedback to develop options and a strategic business case for the project.
 - A range of options are being considered to address the flooding issues on this stretch of the highway including road raising and installing new drainage systems

2. Grade separation - Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) funding
 - 22 sites in NSW have been identified for investigation into grade separating rail interfaces where the state road network crosses the Inland Rail route.
 - The Federal and State Governments have now committed an extra \$375m to the Inland Rail Grade Separation program (\$562.5m total) allowing for the planning and delivery of as many sites as possible.
 - The first of 4 sites for development are:
 1. Harris Gates (Olympic Hwy near Illabo)
 2. Tichborne (Newell Hwy near Parkes)
 3. Castlereagh Hwy near Curban
 4. Tomingley Road (near Narromine)
 - Planning for the remaining 18 sites has started with strategic investigations occurring to prioritise each site.
 - AECOM has been awarded the contract to develop the concept design for the first 4 projects.

3. Parkes Bypass
 - Construction is well underway on the 6.5km Newell Highway upgrade for the Parkes Bypass
 - Earthworks continue between Condobolin Road & Thomas Street
 - Works are progressing at the Bridge over Rail and Hartigan Avenue, with the Pier Columns at 3 and 5 now poured
 - The final water main package at Thomas Street is underway
 - Electrical relocations at Condobolin Road are ongoing
 - Blasting is expected to be completed late September
 - Next steps: Hartigan Avenue traffic switch onto the new link road

4. Newell Highway Program Alliance
 - The joint NSW and Australian Government funded program will result in about 60 kilometres of new overtaking lanes with a time saving of 33 minutes from the Victorian border to the Queensland border.
 - To date, 23 overtaking lanes have been built with another 10 in construction and 7 in planning.
 - Alleena overtaking lanes will be complete 12 September and Back Creek overtaking lanes by the end of September.
 - Overtaking lanes at Daroobalgie and the first pair of six new overtaking lanes in the Pilliga are now in construction.

5. New Dubbo Bridge
 - Early works commenced this month (August) with the Brisbane Street and Darling Street intersection upgrade
 - The intersection upgrade will involve realigning Darling Street to intersect with Brisbane Street instead of River Street
 - Test piling in the flood plain is also scheduled to start this year
 - The main construction contract will be awarded in October 2022. Construction on main the contract works is planned to commence in early 2023
6. Newell Highway upgrade at Coonabarabran
 - A proposed eight-kilometre bypass to the east of Coonabarabran, will improve connectivity and safety for road users and increase freight efficiency by allowing for high-productivity vehicles such as 36.5-metre B-triples and Type 2 Road Trains.
 - The concept design has been finalised.
 - The detailed design for the Newell Highway Oxley Highway Intersection upgrade has commenced with construction expected to start in 2024.
 - Construction of the full bypass is not currently funded for delivery
7. Newell Highway Upgrade Pilliga Widening Concept Design
 - \$8.8M to develop design concepts for the widening of the Newell Highway through the Pilliga.
 - This project will ultimately reduce travel times, improve journey reliability and improve safety along the Newell Highway for road users.
 - Project design options are being developed to inform a preferred concept design – by November 2022.
 - Following confirmation of the preferred option, the community will be invited to comment on the Concept Design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by June 2023.
 - Concept Design work is expected to be completed by early 2024.
8. Newell Highway Heavy Duty Pavement upgrades Narrabri to Moree (Stage 1)
 - Construction commenced on the 18 July with lead contractor Fulton Hogan starting work on the first two sections nearest to Moree in Section 5 and 3
 - The entire project is expected to be completed by early 2026.
 - Initial works include:
 - Compound establishment, weed spraying & vegetation removal and utility works
 - Traffic Impacts
 - Local intersection and lane closures
 - Varying speed restrictions as low as 40km/h during work hours
 - Woolabrar Rest Area just north of Bellata may be closed at times for use as a laydown area - Motorists will be advised to use Tookey Creek Rest Area 3.6 kms north of the Woolabrar Rest Area.
 - With multiple projects along the corridor such as Inland Rail there will be a compounding impact on residents and motorists
 - We will work together to minimise these impacts and communicate traffic delays.
 - For the latest traffic updates visit www.livetraffic.com

9. Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas

- The freight industry is set to benefit from the construction of new heavy vehicle rest areas and existing rest area upgrades along Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree and around Dubbo.
- On 27 April 2022, Transport for NSW met with key industry representatives in a targeted Workshop to make sure the designs and proposed locations meet the needs of users.
- The feedback received was invaluable and on Wednesday 8 June TfNSW presented back to the stakeholders to show how their feedback was incorporated into the revised designs as well as provide an update on the next steps for the Dubbo Rest Area Upgrades.
- Further one on one meetings with drivers were also undertaken to get a user's perspective on what constitutes a good rest area design
- Feedback on rest area designs and locations
 - Narrabri to Moree Rest Areas
 - The feedback from the session was very positive with no request changes to the revised concepts for the new heavy vehicle rest stops or Tycannah upgrades.
 - Based on what we have heard, we will now proceed to detailed design and the construction phase.
 - Dubbo Rest Areas
 - Valuable feedback has been received from industry regarding rest area usage and what facilities should be prioritised as specific locations.
 - We will continue to consult and engage with the industry around the Dubbo Rest Area upgrades and will keep you updated on any future developments.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved - John Morris,

Seconded - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

11.2 DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

Executive Summary

James Painting Assistant Director the NSW & ACT Infrastructure Investment, Department of Infrastructure gave an update on current projects.

1. Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Projects

These are the ROSI projects that the Australian Government is co-funding along the Newell Highway. The projects either feed into or are adjacent to the Newell.

- Tooraweenah Road Upgrade
 - Coonamble Shire Council is responsible for delivery. Early works have commenced (vegetation clearing) in September 2022. Drainage design and procurement of drainage components are underway.
- County Boundary Road
 - Gwydir Shire Council went to tender in mid-2022, but all three tenders were over-budget. Council conducted value engineering on the design, and revisited aspects such as pavement design and shoulder width, and went to tender again in August 2022, with tenders to be submitted in September. The Department expects an update shortly.
- Entrance to Mugincoble Silos Access Road
 - Project in planning.
 - The Department has sent comments on the Project Proposal Report (PPR) to Parkes Shire Council and their consultant (Western Project Services), and we are waiting for a response.
- Peak Hill Road Upgrade – Part 2
 - Project in planning.
 - The Department has sent comments on the Project Proposal Report (PPR) to Parkes Shire Council and their consultant (Western Project Services), and we are waiting for a response
- Forbes Iron Bridge Upgrade
 - Project in planning
 - The Department is working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to understand the project scope. We noted that the project is adjacent to a grade separating interface project, and TfNSW is reviewing the scopes of both projects to consider the options.

- Peak Hill Road Upgrade – Part 1
 - Project in planning.
 - Cabonne Shire Council is responsible for delivery.
 - Tenders for design and survey closed in August 2022 and are currently being assessed by Council.
 - It is expected that design and survey will be completed in late 2022, with construction to commence in early 2023.
- Pilliga Road Upgrade
 - Project is shovel ready
 - Narrabri Shire Council hopes to start construction in October 2022.
 - A request to sign the funding instrument and release the funding has been submitted to the Minister's office for approval.
- Purlewaugh Road Upgrade
 - Project is under construction
 - Warrumbungle expects Aitken Civil Engineering to complete construction in October 2022.
 - There have been some issues with lime supply, but these appear to be resolved.
- Upgrades to Hargraves Land and Federation Street (in Gilgandra)
 - Project is in early planning
 - The Department is working with TfNSW to understand the options
- Warren Road upgrade, Coonamble to Warren
 - Project is in planning.
 - The Department has provided comments on the Project Proposal Report to Coonamble Shire Council, and we are waiting for a resubmission.

2. Budget Update

- The Federal Budget will be handed down on Tuesday 25 October 2022.
- The Treasurer (the Hon Jim Chalmers MP) and the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Hon Catherine King MP) have spoken publicly about the need for 'budget repair' and 'fiscal responsibility'.
- Projects that were committed by the former Coalition Government in the March 2022-23 budget are under review. Any decisions will be announced in the October budget. This means that the following commitments are under review:
 - \$264 million for the Newell Highway Upgrade — Heavy Duty Pavement Upgrades — North Moree.
 - An additional \$20 million for Toowoomba to Seymour — New South Wales —Future Priorities.

3. Question from Rod Hannifey (Heavy Vehicle Driver Representative)
 - Is there a timeframe for Bellata, realignment and improvement for inland rail? (road crossing over rail)

Rod noted surveyors had been seen on site recently. Also a road safety audit was completed a few years ago, and the findings of this should be taken into account.

Action - James and Paul (TfNSW) to speak to respective Inland Rail teams to seek an update on this.

Recommendation

1. Seek an update on Bellata rail crossing
2. Invite Derek Tarry (from the Inland Rail team) to future meetings
3. Notify the Minister's Office that the Newell Highway Taskforce Committee would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the importance of the Newell to the regions, and to discuss potential future projects. The Committee will be making contact.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved - John Morris, **Seconded** - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

11.3 NEWELL HIGHWAY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Executive Summary

Lisa Moon, Treasurer of the Newell Highway Promotions Committee has given the following update on current projects.

The positions of Chair and Vice Chair (North) remain vacant on the Newell Highway Promotions Committee and unfortunately the Parkes team have not had the resources in 2022 to pursue interest from Council. However, we are still positive there will be a resolution soon. The customer enquiries and requests for brochures continue to be maintained from Parkes.

The financial situation is quite healthy and therefore, the organisation can continue to maintain a presence online and respond to the customer enquiries pending the recruitment of new members.

Recommendation

1. That the information be received and noted.
2. That the Chair follow up with Mayor Matthew Dickerson, Dubbo Regional Council regarding the Newell Highway Promotions Committee whereby Mayor Dickerson had previously verbally indicated that Dubbo Regional Council would be happy to get involved.

Resolution

1. That the recommendation be adopted.

Moved - John Morris,

Seconded - Cr Tony Lord

Carried

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee will write to The Hon Sam Farraway MLC, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads and to the NSW Opposition seeking funding for the Newell Highway leading up to the NSW State Elections.

The Committee will write to The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government seeking the Federal government's commitment to the following along the Newell Highway:

- Intersection at Narrandera with irrigation way
- Coonabarabran bypass
- Dubbo bypass
- Heavy duty pavement continued upgrades
- Forbes/ West Wyalong flood immunity
- Poisoned Waterholes Creek, south of Gillenbah
- Inland rail grade separation continued roll out
- Truck rest stops

John Morris queried when this Committee was formed. It was formed on 6 July 2009.

13 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 March 2023 in Narrandera

Meeting closed at 11.29pm

SOUTH-WEST ZONE MEETING MINUTES

10:00am, Wednesday 21 September 2022
Albury LibraryMuseum, Kiewa St, Albury or
 Microsoft Teams meeting

	<p>Delegates attending:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Cr David Thurley</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Cathy Lange</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Monica Clarke</td> <td>Sue Killham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Pam Halliburton</td> <td>Adele Casey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Susan Nicholls</td> <td>Chrissie Bolton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cr Mary Dodd</td> <td>Stacey Moses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Karyn Roe</td> <td>Carina Clement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michelle Head</td> <td>Peter Pap</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tracey Pearce-Brambley</td> <td>Beth Rothe</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anne Nevins</td> <td>John Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cindy Smith</td> <td>Lisa Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zac Armistead</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Cr David Thurley	Cathy Lange	Cr Monica Clarke	Sue Killham	Cr Pam Halliburton	Adele Casey	Cr Susan Nicholls	Chrissie Bolton	Cr Mary Dodd	Stacey Moses	Karyn Roe	Carina Clement	Michelle Head	Peter Pap	Tracey Pearce-Brambley	Beth Rothe	Anne Nevins	John Williams	Cindy Smith	Lisa Hall	Zac Armistead	
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1	<p>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>AlburyCity acknowledges the Wiradjuri people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we live and work and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, culture, tradition and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that contribute to our community.</p>																						
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Cr David Thurley welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Cr Dallas Tout, Andrea Curr, Karen Wendt, Cr Tracey Lewis, Cr Carly Marriott, Susan Kane</p> <p>Moved: Sue Killham, Seconded: Cr Susan Nichols</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>																						
3	<p>Introductions – all attendees introduced themselves</p>																						
3	<p>Confirmation of Minutes and business arising from the meeting held on 1 June 2022 at Wagga Wagga.</p> <p>Business arising: Sue Killham asked for Cr Tracey Lewis to be added to Apologies to the meeting</p> <p>A motion to endorse the minutes of the previous meeting was received from Cr Pam Haliburton and Seconded by Cathy Lange</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>																						

4	<p>State Library of NSW Report presented by Carina Clement and Sue Killham on behalf of Andrea Curr.</p> <p>Copy of the report attached.</p>
5	<p>NSW Public Libraries Association Report</p> <p>Adele Casey provided an update on activities of the NSWPLA. See report attached.</p>
6	<p>SWITCH 2022 – 8-11 November @ Albury Entertainment Centre</p> <p>Planning is going well. Registrations close on 21 October. Day passes available.</p>
7	<p>Renew Our Libraries Funding Campaign Phase 2</p> <p>On hold at the moment pending future funding announcements.</p>
8	<p>South-West Zone Strategic Plan (2022-2027)</p> <p>Carina Clement & Sue Killham provided an update on Strategic Plan actions.</p>
9	<p>South-West Zone Digital Library Report</p> <p>Zac Armistead provided an update on the SW Zone Digital Library and statistics overview. Copy of the report attached.</p>
10	<p>NSWPLA AGM – Notice of motions</p> <p>After discussion the following Motion was put forward to send to NSWPLA Executive as a Notice of Motion for the AGM</p> <p><i>The South-West Zone requests that individual NSW Councils continue to advocate for additional Federal funding for Trove through correspondence to the appropriate local members and the Minister.</i></p> <p>Moved: Cr Thurley; Seconded: Sue Killham</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
General Business	
11	<p>Library round-up</p> <p>Carina (Albury) – Write around the Murray Festival (14 – 18 September) – a great success.</p> <p>Sue (Narrandera)– Flooding closed down the library, lots of ingenuity whilst the building was unusable, now back to more than full capacity.</p> <p>Cathy (Bland Shire) – Sammi Vale author came for a day, lots of different groups attended workshops. Matthew Lind is organised for next year. Thank you to RRL for supporting these authors.</p> <p>Peter (Edward River) – introduced virtual reality to the library, has been a big hit. Popular with children and aiming to engage the older generation with armchair travelling. School visits, two classes once a week.</p> <p>Lisa (Wentworth) – Preschool visits back after COVID disruptions.</p> <p>Chrissy (Wagga Wagga) – Commenced new multicultural program called Learn English and Play (LEAP), a relaxed environment where multicultural members can attend a playgroup, helps parents and children learn together. 2 ESL teachers and number of volunteers help to run the program.</p> <p>Zac (RRL) – Big thank you to RRL members for staying engaged.</p> <p>Tracy (Leeton) – English Language help introduced - a multicultural program assisting with emails, forms, etc...</p> <p>Cindy (Gundagai) – STEM in-library loan kit program started this term and is very popular.</p>

	<p>Anne (Berrigan) –16 sessions of Tech Savvy Seniors. All well received. International Women’s Day with Irish author Geordette Rooney, Preschoolers & primary schoolers have recommenced weekly visits to our Libraries; Berrigan Advocate being digitised for Trove - (1896-1931 uploaded to Trove and continuing).</p> <p>John (Hilltop) – Construction of a new co-use library well underway. Anticipated opening mid year</p> <p>Adele (PLNSW) – Australia Reads: Reading Hour to be held on the 9 March 20203. Adele is NSW representative for the Committee and will pass on information.</p>
12	Other General Business – Nil
13	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 5 April (tbc) at Narrandera Library. Onsite meeting with online attendance available. General agreement that at least one onsite meeting a year was important to maintain networking and connections.</p>
Meeting closed at 11.10am	



State Library of NSW report September 2022

Subsidies and grants

2022/23 Public Library Funding

This year's funding increases to \$40.468M, including an increase to the per capita subsidy from \$2.65 to \$2.85.

The Minister has approved the recommendations of the Library Council and PLCC for the 2022/23 allocations, and the subsidy application process will commence this week. Further information is at <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/subsidies-and-grants/public-library-funding-2022-23>

The Infrastructure Grants timetable will open on 9 September, with applications due 28 October. There will be 4 workshops online for applicants.

Contact: Cameron Morley

Advice and best practice

PLCC

The PLCC met on 29 June 2022 and considered the 2022/23 funding allocations, prior to recommending them to the Library Council for approval. The Committee welcomed new member Cr Nick Katris from Georges River.

NSW Public Library Standards

The standards are updated annually with reference to the Public Library Statistics. The 2019/20 and 2020/21 statistics have been significantly affected by COVID-19 restrictions on libraries, therefore the PLCC has recommended that the standards are not updated to reflect these COVID-19 influenced medians. It is likely that the figures will continue to be affected by the pandemic, so the PLCC will reconsider options in 2022/23. In the meantime, the State Library has made the data available for libraries for comparison purposes.

The 2020/21 Public Library Statistics are available on the State Library website here: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/public-library-statistics

The 2020/21 standards as part of Living Learning Libraries are available on the State Library website: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/content/living-learning-libraries

They too have been affected by library closures and restrictions throughout that financial year.

Public Library Services

The PLS team is all on duty, working both onsite at the Library and from home. Please continue to contact us online and via the phone. The team is travelling to libraries again, and we have recommenced onsite activities for public library staff. Please note, we are of course postponing visits when library staff are unwell.

Strategic Network Committee

The Strategic Network Committee met on Friday 20 May 2022. The committee discussed a review of the Children's Policy Guidelines, recent public library statistics, received updates from LIAC and drug info and the stock quality health check.

Minutes are published on the website at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/strategic-network-committee-minutes

Promotion

Social media campaigns

To assist with promoting your library services, the State Library has put together tips on creating engaging social media content aligned to key campaigns. Campaigns include Drug Info's video *Alcohol – get the facts*, legal information and indyreads. More information, content and images can be found at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/community-and-engagement/social-media-campaigns

Research Projects

Adult fiction stock quality health check

This builds on work in 2011 and 2017 to help public libraries analyse the breadth and depth of their adult fiction collections.

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Using behavioural insights to improve public library services

This project was jointly scoped with the Strategic Network Committee, the NSW Department of Planning and other partners. The research focused on behavioural aspects of increased library visitation and membership, with the participation of four library services. A webinar was held on Thursday 24 March and a recording is available [here](#). The project report is available at the link below.

See: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/research-projects/making-public-spaces-everyones

Contact: Andrea Curr

Diverse Picture Books

This project, with academics from Sydney University and UNSW, aims to improve the diversity of children's picture books in public library collections. The team surveyed public library staff for suggested titles with characters in five diversity categories: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander; culturally and linguistically diverse; gender, sex and sexually diverse; those with a disability; and those from regional or rural areas. The books have been assessed by our academic partners. Further information and suggested books are at www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/diverse-picture-books and a [presentation on the project is available](#).

Contact: Kate O’Grady, Ellen Forsyth

Projects with Charles Sturt University

Collection usage during the COVID-19 pandemic

The project team analysed detailed loan data from two public libraries to understand usage patterns. The project report is available at: <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/collection-usage-during-covid-19-pandemic>

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Understanding the needs of public library users in a COVID changed world

This project is building on the surveys that the State Library has undertaken with NSW public library staff looking at the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project team will conduct qualitative research to look at how users’ needs and expectations have changed and how public libraries can best meet those needs.

Contact: Kate O’Grady, Ellen Forsyth

First language reading and public libraries

Exploring how reading in a person’s first language improves their sense of wellbeing, this project aims to help inform library collections in LOTE. Twelve participants from 11 language groups were interviewed and all participants expressed the importance of reading in their first language. The project report is available at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/first-language-reading

Dr Jane Garner, the lead on the project, presented on her findings in an online session on Thursday 31 March. This presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Contact: Oriana Acevedo, Kate O’Grady

COVID-19 closures and the impact on NSW public library users

The aim of the project was to understand how much public library users missed visiting their physical libraries during the time of COVID-induced closures and in what ways users uniquely benefit from visiting public libraries’ physical spaces. The project report is available at: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/covid-closures-impact-library-users

The findings were presented by the Charles Sturt University researchers at an online session 5 May at 2.00pm. This presentation can be viewed at [here](#).

Contact: Ellen Forsyth

Embracing the cultural identity of burgeoning ethnic groups in public libraries – a pilot project with the Punjabi Indian Community

This project explores the collection and services offered to the Punjabi Indian community in the Wagga Wagga area through an online survey. The project report is available here <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/advice-and-best-practice/research-projects/embracing-cultural-identity>.

Contact: Ellen Forsyth, Oriana Acevedo

Statewide Projects

indyreads

The indyreads platform enables public libraries to provide free access to eBooks and eAudio.

The collection continues to grow with over 21,500 eBook and Audio titles currently available. The LOTE collection includes 453 Chinese titles, 364 Italian, 390 Spanish titles, 261 French, 198 Romanian, 191 Russian, 190 Polish, 47 Vietnamese and 253 Portuguese titles.

New social media collateral is available for download from the PLS Flickr account and from the indyreads social media campaign page:

www.flickr.com/photos/publiclibrariesnsw/collections/72157715798465132/
www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads/indyreads-social-media

Order free indyreads bookmarks and postcards at:

<https://plsns.wufoo.com/forms/indyreads-promotional-material>

indyreads Untapped the Australian Literary Heritage Project Collection

The Untapped collection contains over 160 culturally significant Australian titles that were previously out of print. These works include local and national histories, biographies and memoirs, beloved children's titles – and even winners of glittering literary prizes such as the Miles Franklin Literary Award. The titles are licensed under an unlimited simultaneous user license making them ideal for book clubs. The SLNSW media team has created social media collateral that can be downloaded here: <https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/indyreads/untapped-australian-literary-heritage-project>

To learn more about the Untapped project: <https://untapped.org.au/>, to view the collection go to: <https://untapped.org.au/collection/>.

indyreads Local Studies Project

Public libraries with suitable digitised local studies content will be invited to upload their collections onto the indyreads platform in the new financial year. An information webinar was held on 9th August. Further information will be forthcoming.

Professional Development

Online courses

Discover SL online training

Discover SL is an online learning module for NSW public library staff. The training takes about two hours to complete. At the end of the course participants will be able to understand the role of and brief history of the State Library of NSW, identify and understand the difference between key State Library collections, conduct simple searches for books and pictures in the State Library's catalogues, and understand the role of Public Library Services and the services it provides to public libraries in NSW.

Find more information and sign on details at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/pl-portal

Contact: Andrea Curr

Drug Info online training

Drug Info's online training module takes about one hour to complete and covers topics including why Drug Info is in public libraries, the Drug Info collections and website, where to find information relating to alcohol and other drugs, and promotion. It also has short videos and a virtual showbag you can fill with checklists, a calendar and much more.

Find more information and sign on details at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/drug-info-online-training

Contact: Michael Adams

Find Legal Answers online training

The new online Find Legal Answers training is now available via the PL Portal training platform. It takes about one hour to complete. At the end of the course, participants will be able to understand the different types of legal information, understand the difference between legal information and legal advice, use the books in the Tool Kit, use the Find Legal Answers website and know how to promote Find Legal Answers to the community.

Find more information and sign on details at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/pl-portal

Contact: Catherine Bryant

Reference excellence training and discussion groups

Reference Excellence is a self-paced reference and information services training course. To assist library staff to get the most out of the course, PLS is providing monthly online discussion sessions in 2022-23. You can join the discussion at any time.

Find out more about the training and how to register for the discussion groups at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/reference-excellence-training-online

Contact: Ellen Forsyth, Philippa Scarf

Watch past events and webinars on the Public Library Services YouTube

Visit our YouTube channel to access webinars and videos on a range of topics relating to public libraries:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC-kmRPRqYruWHhu1lszgK9g

Enewsletters

Public Library Services eNews

The *Public Library Services eNews* provides a snapshot of the work of Public Library Services including Find Legal Answers, Drug Info, Multicultural Services and NSW.net.

You can view past issues and subscribe at:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/public-library-services-eneews

In the Libraries eNews

The *In the Libraries* newsletter features short news stories, photos and links. It provides a snapshot of what is happening in NSW public libraries.

To subscribe, view issues and submit an article visit:

www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/libraries-enewsletter

Contact: Michael Adams

Specialist Services

Find Legal Answers and Drug Info

New book for the Find Legal Answers Tool Kit

All libraries have been sent a new book for the Find Legal Answers Tool Kit: *Dealing with debt: a legal guide to personal debt in NSW*.

This easy-to-read guide by Christina Pirina from the Macarthur Legal Centre provides practical information on issues including the different types of debt, how to prioritise debts, where to go for help, how to negotiate with creditors, the implications of and alternatives to bankruptcy, and how to deal with court action. The guide also includes sample forms and letters.

The book was published by the State Library and is free to NSW public libraries. You have been sent two copies for the Tool Kits in your main library location(s) and one copy for each of your branches.

If you would like extra lending copies of *Dealing with debt*, you can order them at: <https://plsnsw.wufoo.com/forms/dealing-with-debt-public-library-order-form>

You will also have received *Dealing with debt* promotional bookmarks. You can order more of these and other Find Legal Answers promotional material at: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/find-legal-answers/promotion-and-partnerships/promotional-material

Dealing with debt is also available online at: <https://legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au/dealing-debt-legal-guide-personal-debt-nsw>

Contact: Catherine Bryant

New Drug & Alcohol Info Pop-Up

The Drug & Alcohol Info Pop-Up is an interactive information display available to all NSW public libraries. The aim of the pop-up is to provide up-to-date and accessible information about drugs and alcohol and identify support networks and agencies within the local community.

This installation replaces the Drug & Alcohol Info Hub and Mini Hub programs, which were very successful in delivering programs, events and information around alcohol and other drugs to communities across NSW.

The pop-up is colourful, lightweight and portable, making it ideal for travelling between library branches as part of mobile libraries, community fairs and other community outreach events.

Expressions of interest to host the Pop-Up have now closed. However, you can display the new Drug Fact Finder at any time.

Find out more about the Pop-Up and how you can display the Drug Fact Finder at: www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/services/drug-info-public-libraries/drug-alcohol-info-pop

Contact: Michael Adams

Multicultural Services

Multicultural Bulk Loans Service

The bulk loan service has resumed service. July was the busiest month for the service since before Covid, with over 8,000 items dispatched.

Please contact us on mc.bulk.loans@sl.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

A new collection is available for bulk loan – we have introduced **Telugu** to support the over 20,000 people across New South Wales.

Spotlight into multicultural services

We are running monthly online sessions highlighting different aspects of delivery multicultural services by various libraries. The workforce is changing as many long term multicultural staff are beginning to retire, so these are a great opportunity to capture their extensive knowledge.

You can watch recordings of previous sessions [here](#).

New State Library Catalogue

The State Library of NSW has launched our new catalogue. You will now be directed to the new catalogue when you do a search on our State Library's homepage. This is still a work in progress. You will find more information about the new catalogue here:

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/new-catalogue>

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SEARCHING FOR MULTICULTURAL COLLECTION

- More improvements still need to be made to the new catalogue if you would like to search for our Multicultural Collection.
- Where items have been catalogued with the title and author in the vernacular script, these characters are now displaying in the new catalogue
- The old catalogue is still available and is still the preferred catalogue for Multicultural titles search. Please also use the old catalogue to view your library card and loans.
- Links to the old catalogue are available in the new catalogue.

Tech Savvy Seniors Multilingual Online training videos

Visit the [Tech Savvy Seniors YouTube channel](#) for a range of online training videos in selected community languages. Videos cover topics such as smartphones, smartphone apps and zoom. Videos are available in English, Arabic, Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Hindi, Spanish and Vietnamese.

NSW.net

Statewide Licensed Databases

In April 2022 NSW.net surveyed NSW public libraries to gauge their satisfaction with the current Gale statewide database offering. The polling indicated a high degree of satisfaction with 18 of the 20 resources offered. The two-underperforming resources were Gale Business Plan Builder (GBPB) and Gale Business Entrepreneurship (GBE). Based on the survey feedback the Content Working Group (CWG) undertook a review of alternative business resources and recommends removing GBPB and GBE for Gale Business Insights, the latter containing significantly more information pertinent to Australia.

The CWG also reviewed a new title, Gale OneFile Australia and New Zealand. This database contains 400+ local and state newspapers, an array of contemporary and archival ABC content, and mainstream magazines and journals. NSW.net has negotiated for this resource to be included in the 2022/23 statewide bundle.

The new suite covers a diverse range of subjects including, Australian news sources, business skills, contemporary issues, environment, geography, literature, science, and history.

The 2022-23 statewide suite of licensed databases is comprised of the following databases:

- **Gale OneFile: Australia and New Zealand**, Curated content from Australian, New Zealand and International sources covering important issues relating to Australia and New Zealand. Featuring authoritative and continuously updated reference material and focused on an Australian and New Zealand perspective, this user-friendly database organizes over 850 full-text publications including full-text ANZ periodicals, magazines, academic journals, ANZ news articles, images, videos and audio files.
- **Gale General OneFile**, the largest general-interest periodical resource offered by Gale, which contains over 9,000 full-text titles including, award-winning reference sets such as the Gale Encyclopedia of Science and the Full-text of the New York Times from 1985 to the present (updated daily), and The Economist from 1988 to the present, with no embargo.
- **Gale General: OneFile News** - full-text newspaper resource allows users to search articles instantly by title, headline, date, author, and many other fields. Gale OneFile: News provides access to more than 2,300 major world newspapers (493 Australian Newspapers), and includes thousands of images, radio and TV broadcasts and transcripts.
- **Gale Health and Wellness Resource** - Authoritative source for health information, updated daily.
- **Gale Interactive Science** - Authoritative, high-quality digital content paired with interactive 3D models with functionality including zooming in, rotating, and pulling them apart.
- **Gale Business Insights** - Global provides thousands of global company, country and business topic overviews featuring detailed information as well as interactive rankings and statistics, with quick links to associated content. Information includes global Histories, SWOT Reports, Thomson Reuters Company Financials and Investment Reports, Market Share Reports, and Industry Research Essays, and well as periodical and journal articles.
- **Gale Literature Resource Centre** - offers the broadest and most representative range of authors and their works, including a large collection of full-text critical and literary analysis.
- **Gale Literature: Books and Authors** - A readers' advisory database for discovery of books by author, genre and topic.
- **Gale in Context: Environmental Studies** - Interdisciplinary study of sustainability and the environment, Gale in Context Environmental Studies provides authoritative reference content in the areas of the environment, energy and natural resources.
- **Gale in Context: Biography** - Contextual information on the world's most influential people. Over 650,000 biographical entries cover a range of historically significant figures and present-day newsmakers.
- **Gale in Context: Global Issues** - A database designed to support global awareness. Authoritative content empowers learners to critically analyze and understand the most important issues of the modern world.

- **Gale in Context: Opposing View Points** - Database designed to support science, social studies, current events, and language arts presents each side of important issues and empowers learners to develop information literacy and critical thinking skills.
- **Gale in Context: Science** - Database designed to support science, social studies, current events, and language arts presents each side of important issues and empowers learners to develop information literacy and critical thinking skills.
- **Gale in Context: World History** - Database designed to provide an overview of world history covering the most-studied events, cultures, civilizations, religions, people, and more.
- **National Geographic Virtual Library** - offers access to the complete archive of National Geographic magazine — every page of every issue — along with a cross-searchable collection of books, maps, images, and videos.

NSW public libraries will have the month of July to make the necessary adjustments. Lynette Lewis from Gale will contact services to provide NSWPL with the new product URL's. Please ensure that the URLs for Gale Business Plan Builder and Gale Business Entrepreneurship are removed from your website by July 31st.

If you require assistance please contact Ross Balharrie, ross.balharrie@sl.nsw.gov.au or 9273 1498.

Recorded Gale webinar sessions can be accessed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaURbhX_YmRSwarpZzH6Olxdeq7mXDTR9

Consortia Opt-in Offers (NEW)

The 2022/23 online database discount offers are accessible on the NSW.net website: <https://www.nswnet.net/blog/2022-2023-nswnet-consortia-opt-offers>

After a statewide trial and evaluation of CloudLibrary NewsStand, the product has been included in the consortia opt-in offer scheme: <https://www.nswnet.net/e-resources/cloudlibrary-newsstand>

The pricing is accessible via the NSW.net website to registered NSWPLN staff members. If you do not have an existing account you can register here: <https://www.nswnet.net/user/register> The pricing is Commercial-in-Confidence.

For information on the consortia opt-in databases and trials, contact Ross Balharrie.

Internet Connectivity

NBN upgrades:

NBN service upgrades for councils and public libraries are continuing with the availability of NBN services. Seven basic grade NBN services were installed and eight high grade NBN EE/Fibre services were installed in Bogan Council, Blayney, Eastwood, Gladesville, North Ryde (x2), West Ryde (x2), Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah libraries.

Fibre internet service upgrades:

The installation of a fibre service in the new St Leonards library and two new fibre internet services for Eastwood, Gladesville and Gilgandra are currently in progress.

There has been an ongoing requirement by both metropolitan and regional libraries for faster internet services to meet user needs. Some libraries are requesting the higher grade NBN

EE services which offer excellent performance. The cost of these services is substantially more than the basic NBN services.

Provided proposals for equipment and services at Bogan Council and Youth Centre, Narrabri, Wagga, Blayney, Mullumbimby, Dennis Johnston, Richmond Tweed Regional Libraries (x 9). A proposal for the Narrabri Mobile library has been provided.

Firewall upgrades:

Firewall upgrades were completed in Bogan Council and Youth Centre, Narrabri, Wagga, Blayney, Mullumbimby, Richmond Tweed Regional Libraries (x 9).

A new model of firewall (the NSA2700) was tested and chosen to provide enhanced performance for sites with higher bandwidth internet services. So far these units have been installed at the libraries in Goonellabah, Murwillumbah, Lennox Head, Kingscliff, Richmond Tweed, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, Alstonville, Ballina, Mullumbimby, Tweed Heads, Lismore, Dubbo, Vinegar Hill, Granville, Hornsby, Castle Hill, Port Macquarie, Wentworthville, Lidcombe, Eastwood, North Ryde, Gladesville, West Ryde, Greystanes, Guildford, Merrylands, Regents Park and Auburn.

Wireless Management System:

The wireless access point was installed in Quirindi Library. The installation of WMS in Narrabri, Richmond Tweed and Wagga Wagga mobile libraries are in progress.

Wireless Management System (WMS) controller maintenance was completed for all NSW public library sites to ensure the system is up to date with the latest software. The WMS server was upgraded to a new unit.

The full replacement of Wireless Management System controllers was completed due to the equipment being at End of Life (EOL).

The replacement of Wireless Access Points was completed at Hornsby (x2), The Hills (x2), Coffs Harbour (x2), Glen Innes, Gunnedah, Goulburn, Eurobodalla (x4) and Lane Cove.

Wi-Fi hotspots have vastly increased internet access for the public in public libraries. Since 2011 there have been 49,822,678 total logins and 5,297,581 total devices using the NSW.net WMS.

Contact: Joyce Azzopardi

Indyreads™ (also see above under Statewide Projects)

The American Library Association (ALA) eBook publications are available via the indyreads™ platform.

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South-West Zone Digital Library Report – 07 September 2022

Administration Update

- Bolinda has continued to develop their eMagazine offering. A review will be conducted in the coming months to determine the suitability of the eMagazines from Bolinda. Consultation with the SWZ Libraries will occur once a review of available titles is complete. The existing agreement with OverDrive to provide eMagazines at a flat rate of \$25,000 is not guaranteed into the future and the SWZDL currently receives a discount following RB Digital's acquisition.
- Expenditure/financial reserves review for 2021-2022 is unable to be completed as RRL is awaiting the financial statements from Wagga Wagga City Council.
- One Bolinda campaign title is being purchased each month, which started in August 2022. Both titles purchased so far are performing very well; the first title, "The Thursday Murder Club" has been borrowed 290 times in 35 days. Please continue to promote these titles to ensure full utilisation.
- The \$20,000 eAudio content credit from Bolinda has been provided to the SWZDL, which purchased 228 titles. A number of these were duplicate copies to reduce wait times on reserved items.
- Additional funds have been allocated in 2022-2023 to purchasing extra copies of popular titles. Content allocations are as follows for 2022-2023:
 - eAudio: \$48,977
 - eBook: \$32,651
 - Reserves/Expiries: \$20,000
 - eMagazines: \$25,000
- Please contact RRL with feedback or purchase suggestions for eResource content: tiana.rapley@rrl.nsw.gov.au

Statistics – 2021-2022 Financial Year

Below figures compare July-June 2022 to July-June 2021:

Bolinda eBook

- 59,696 loans – down 0.5%
- 4,945 active users – up 10%
- 8,523 unique eBook titles
- Top 3 eBook titles by loan: Adult: Survivors, Apples Never Fall, Dry. Youth: Throne of Glass, Prisoner Healer, Crown of Midnight. Children: 130–Storey Treehouse, 143–Storey Treehouse, Even Weirder!.

Bolinda eAudio

- 77,857 loans – down 1.8%
- 5,886 active users – up 10%
- 6,028 eAudiobook titles
- Top 3 eAudio titles by loans: Adult: Survivors, Trick of the Light, Becoming. Youth: Midnight Sun, Secret Runners of New York, Book Thief. Children: 39-Storey Treehouse, Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, 130-Storey Treehouse.

OverDrive eMagazines

- 28,265 loans – down 48%
- 4,306 titles held
- 1,005 active users
- Most popular titles – New Idea (1,792), Woman’s Day (1,360), The Australian Women’s Weekly (1,155)

Comments:

- Borrowbox saw negligible change in loan statistics, however both eBook and eAudio users grew by 10%. Turnover of eAudio indicates that these active users are likely reserving the same popular titles as other users. Through effective use of campaign titles, and the additional allocated funds, it is expected that the loans should increase alongside a reduced wait.
- eMagazine users have returned to levels seen prior to RB Digital’s acquisition. The loans remain at approximately half the amount seen when using RB Digital. With the same sized userbase and available titles but fewer loans, this indicates members are either unable or unwilling to locate or borrow at the same frequency as before. There are likely multiple factors contributing to this.
- As demonstrated in historical reports, the most popular titles for eMagazines have remained consistent. Over 50% of the loans for eMagazines during 2021-2022 were recorded against 40 of the available 4,306 titles, approximately 160 titles account for over 75% of the loans. The remaining 25% of loans were on 1,485 titles, with 2,568 titles not having been borrowed once through 2021-2022.



NSWPLA – September 2022



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The venue has been booked, speakers are confirmed, and the entertainment scheduled.

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- 28 Speakers and presenters
- 20 Sessions
- Professional Headshots available
- 3 social events included
- Passport Prizes
- Exhibitor Card Draws

The Wednesday night and Thursday night social events will be held at the SS&A Club.

- Tuesday night Welcome Reception, sponsored by James Bennett, incorporating the opening of the Trade Exhibition.
- Wednesday night conference dinner, sponsored by Libero, with the theme of ‘Wednesday Night Fever’. The DJ has been booked, so get your costumes together for a fabulous night out.
- Thursday night, a more relaxed event, sponsored by MDM Entertainment. The evening will be a ‘Street Food Extravaganza’ held under lights (weather permitting) with music and a chance to catch up in a less formal setting.

SWITCH 2022 Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor - Bolinda

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NSWPLA AGM

The NSWPLA AGM will be held on Friday 11 November at 8.30am registration for a 9.00am commencement.

Retired Library Managers

In preparation for SWITCH 2022 Conference dinner, could you all send through names and a little information about any **retired library managers** you may have had in your zones over the last 2 years. COVID has meant these people have not been acknowledged.

If you could all get back to me with:

Name:

Position:

Short Bio:

Photograph:

Life Membership to NSWPLA

If the zone has any recommendations for **Life Membership to NSWPLA**, they will need to be recommended and received by 21 September 2022 to be presented to Executive at their September meeting. Application available at: https://nswpla.org.au/#life_membership

Kath Knowles Bursaries

2 bursaries have been awarded in 2022. The bursary provided funds to attend SWITCH Conference and to cover transport and accommodation to the value of \$2500.

NSWPLA Scholarships and Awards

The Innovation In Outreach Services (IIOS) and Multicultural Awards are open and will close 12 October 2022. Application forms are on the website

NSWPLA Elections 2022

Nominations have closed. At the time of writing the report the withdrawal period is still open. An announcement will be made when appropriate.

Trove Collaborative Services Update

NSWPLA is undertaking a survey to establish trove usage following the changes. The release was delayed due to NLA releasing a survey on Trove.

NSWPLA Executive Meetings Dates

At its recent meeting, the executive nominated the following dates for their meetings:

September 26, 2022 – Teleconference

November 11, 2022 – AGM – Albury

TBC - Nov/Dec following Switch

NSWPLA Zone Meeting Dates 2023

If your zone has not advised the Executive Officer of the **meeting dates for the rest of the year**, please do so ASAP. If possible, we will get an executive Member to attend in person.

NSWPLA Enews

A regular Enews is released by NSWPLA. This has all the latest information and opportunities available. To subscribe go to:

<https://nswpla.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e58af4532b985f8d9c458c309&id=2cf546501a>

Australia Reads: Reading Hour, 9 March 2023

The Executive Officer has been asked to be the NSW representative on the Australia Reads committee.

At this stage the focus is:

- Rolling out the refreshed Australia Reads website

- Confirming the Reading Hour design look and feel, and commissioning the designer for the campaign assets
- Putting out the call for people to register their own Reading Hour events
- Getting our celebrities locked in
- Confirming a program of livestream events

As further information and dates area available I will send out via the Enews.

South-West Zone Digital Library BorrowBox Statistics 2021-2022

eAudiobook

01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022

Library	Individual Collection								Shared Collection						Total Collection				
	New Users	Total Users	New Copies	Expired Copies	Copies	Loans	Turnover		New Copies	Expired Copies	Copies	Loans	%	Turnover	Copies	Loans	Renewals	Reserves	Turnover
AlburyCity Libraries	360	3,835	145	10	729	9,720	13.3		710	34	6,028	18,222	22.7%	n/a	6,757	27,942	3,842	7,040	
Bairanald Shire Library	1	20	0	0	0	0	0.0		710	34	6,028	135	0.2%	n/a	6,028	135	32	24	
Berrigan Shire Library Service	43	460	9	1	51	490	9.6		710	34	6,028	3,060	3.8%	n/a	6,079	3,550	431	771	
Edward River Library	70	642	50	0	77	533	6.9		710	34	6,028	2,711	3.4%	n/a	6,105	3,244	343	893	
Hilltops Council Library	107	861	49	0	111	864	7.8		710	34	6,028	5,672	7.1%	n/a	6,139	6,536	698	1,448	
Leeton Shire Major Dooley Library	44	405	21	0	22	59	2.7		710	34	6,028	2,188	2.7%	n/a	6,050	2,247	359	594	
Riverina Regional Library	984	9,047	200	14	2,310	26,122	11.3		710	34	6,028	33,228	41.4%	n/a	8,338	59,350	7,769	13,447	
Swan Hill Regional Libraries	154	1,411	147	3	930	4,494	4.8		710	34	6,028	5,958	7.4%	n/a	6,958	10,452	1,167	2,136	
Wentworth Shire Library	295	386	121	24	182	916	5.0		710	34	6,028	1,744	2.2%	n/a	6,210	2,660	321	803	
Western Riverina Libraries	319	2,816	63	4	313	2,884	9.2		710	34	6,028	12,297	15.3%	n/a	6,341	15,181	1,993	3,482	
Network Total	2,024	19,777	711	55	4,725	42,745	9.0		710	34	6,028	80,262	100.00	13.3	10,753	123,007	15,951	28,652	11.4

eBook

01/06/2022 to 30/06/2022

Library	Individual Collection								Shared Collection						Total Collection				
	New Users	Total Users	New Copies	Expired Copies	Copies	Loans	Turnover		New Copies	Expired Copies	Copies	Loans	%	Turnover	Copies	Loans	Renewals	Reserves	Turnover
AlburyCity Libraries	360	3,835	114	169	583	5,005	8.6		1,523	1,264	8,523	11,929	20.0%	n/a	9,106	16,934	2,238	3,715	
Bairanald Shire Library	1	20	0	0	0	0	0.0		1,523	1,264	8,523	36	0.1%	n/a	8,523	36	4	6	
Berrigan Shire Library Service	43	460	0	7	16	128	8.0		1,523	1,264	8,523	1,640	2.7%	n/a	8,539	1,768	153	331	
Edward River Library	70	642	18	2	31	190	6.1		1,523	1,264	8,523	2,417	4.0%	n/a	8,554	2,607	236	577	
Hilltops Council Library	107	861	32	2	65	376	5.8		1,523	1,264	8,523	4,261	7.1%	n/a	8,588	4,637	412	927	
Leeton Shire Major Dooley Library	44	405	8	66	141	22	0.2		1,523	1,264	8,523	1,156	1.9%	n/a	8,664	1,178	226	343	
Riverina Regional Library	984	9,047	276	232	892	8,130	9.1		1,523	1,264	8,523	26,228	43.9%	n/a	9,415	34,358	4,411	7,719	
Swan Hill Regional Libraries	154	1,411	196	299	1,464	2,362	1.6		1,523	1,264	8,523	3,296	5.5%	n/a	9,987	5,658	660	1,104	
Wentworth Shire Library	33	388	111	10	151	554	3.7		1,523	1,264	8,523	1,254	2.1%	n/a	8,674	1,808	191	304	
Western Riverina Libraries	336	2,835	24	81	216	1,109	5.1		1,523	1,264	8,523	7,306	12.2%	n/a	8,739	8,415	1,126	2,045	
Network Total	2,396	20,168	779	868	3,559	17,876	5.0		1,523	1,264	8,523	59,696	100.00	7.0	12,082	77,572	9,665	17,183	6.4

RIVERINA EASTERN REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY BOARD MEETING
held via ZOOM
Monday, 19 September 2022

Meeting opened at 9:05am

PRESENT

Grant Baker	Bland Shire Council	
Cr David McCann	Coolamon Shire Council	
Tony Donoghue <i>PSM</i>	Coolamon Shire Council	
Glen McAtearn	Cootamundra-Gundagai Shire Council	
Matt Stubbs	Cootamundra-Gundagai Shire Council	Observer
Evelyn Arnold	Greater Hume Shire Council	
Cr Neil Smith	Junee Shire Council	
James Davis	Junee Shire Council	
Cr Greg Verdon	Lockhart Shire Council	
Peter Veneris	Lockhart Shire Council	
Cr Rick Firman <i>OAM</i>	Temora Shire Council	
Gary Lavelle <i>PSM</i>	Temora Shire Council	
Aaron Drenovski	Goldenfields Water County Council	
Julie Briggs	REROC	

APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Cr C. Sheahan, Cr B Monaghan, Cr T. Quinn and Cr M. Stadtmiller.

Moved Cr G. Verdon, seconded Cr. D. McCann that the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

The meeting was called to consider a proposal for REROC to submit a funding application to the Regional Tourism Activation Fund (RTAF) for around \$12 million for the redevelopment of the Dog on the Tuckerbox. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council are unable to consider making a submission due to the de-merger.

The actual delivery of the project would be through a private company that successfully submitted an EoI to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for the redevelopment of the site.

The REROC Executive discussed the proposal at length on Friday 16 September making a recommendation that REROC not proceed with the application and that an extraordinary meeting of the Board be called to make a final determination.

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of submitting the application including the implications for REROC from both from a reputational and resourcing perspective.

Moved Cr N. Smith, seconded Cr D McCann that while REROC provides its in-principle support for the Redevelopment of the Dog on the Tuckerbox project, that in weighing the cost-benefit in relation to REROC's operations, that REROC not proceed with lodging a funding application for the project.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

No General Business

NEXT MEETING

Friday 28 October 2022 at the International Hotel, Lake Albert Rd, Wagga Wagga, the meeting will follow the REROC AGM which will be held at 11.00.

CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 9.35am

Meeting Minutes

Mirrool Silo Kick Committee

Sunday 22/09/22

Meeting Commenced: 19.15

Present: As per attendance sheet attached

Apologies: Bruce Baker, Erin Wolski, Steve Maguire, Joey Catlin, Jack Maguire Brett O'Hare & Bonnie Pout, Liz McGlynn.

President

Treasurers Report

Bev Baker tabled report.
So far we have 6 paid up sponsors. GrainFlow still to receive

Val Robinson moved that the report be accepted
Eric Robinson Seconded

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved as accepted by J Scott
Seconded by Jason Bryce

General Business from previous meeting:

Shower Refurbishment

Bruce Baker moved that the silo committee go ahead with council approval to refurbish the shower room in the amenities block. Need to get the materials and appropriate tradesman to complete.

- 16.7.21 Val advised that they are finding it difficult to get a tradesman with a ticket to do it. Bruce Baker advised that council are happy for us to complete the work but they have to be licensed.
- 12.9.21 Advised that Jamie Grintell has agreed to do the work but we have to supply the material. Val advised she will follow up with Bunnings to supply what we need
- 12/06/2022 – No Change
- 10-7-22 – No Change
- 31-7-22 – TME has installed the sensor lights – no other change as yet
- 21-8-22 – No Change
- 22-9-22 – J Scott advised that we have had recent issues with campers interfering with the septic pump out system by turning the tap off resulting in broken pipes and a burnt out motor. He has put out posts on a couple of social media sites and have had a huge response in our support. Also the men's and ladies toilets are still flooding when there is heavy rain. Eric has dug a small drain below the slab but needs a more permanent fix.

2022 Silo Kick Challenge

Discussed the holding of the Silo Kick for 2022 and all agreed it would be held this year

- Jason Bryce to contact Billy Brownless to see if it is possible for him to come this year.
Jason has texted but no response
31-7-22 – Wayne Flagg will make contact
21-8-22 – Doesn't seem that He is interested as won't answer call so decided to give up on him
22/9/22 – Decided to not pursue anymore
- Mitch Maguire to get Jack ? to contact Dipper –
Tom Maguire to contact
31-7-22 – Ongoing
21/8/22 – Ongoing
22/9/22 - Ongoing
- Conversation around who else we could contact to come for the day – Liam Martin –
Graeme Maxwell to contact.
21/8/22 – Graeme has spoken to Liam and he has committed to come and may be able to get Matt Burton along as well. He is also trying to get a jumper for the raffle or auction Graeme will also donate \$300 for their food and drinks for the day.
- Jason Bryce to follow up getting signed jumpers.
10/7/22 Still to do.
31/7/22 – We have a GWS and A Hawthorn signed jumpers for auction and maybe able to get a swans one as well.

- 21/8/22 – Unable to get a swans jumper
Chris Wolski has contacts at Barthers and he may be able to get some from them.
Chris has also spoken to Peter Reardon
- 31/7/22 – J Scott to send chris the letters
- 21/8/22 – Chris to send J Scott pioneer contact details
- 22/9/22 – J Scott to send postal details to Chris Wolski so that Baiada can send a signed Roosters Jumper \$500. - Completed
- Tania Bryce is looking into whether we could get the heritage train from Griffith.
Contact would be Craig Sutton at Bland Shire.
Tania has been away and will follow up
31/7/22 – Tania has spoken to Craig but unsure if this will happen
21/8/22 – Ongoing
22/9/22 – Ongoing but doesn't look likely to happen
 - Val has spoken to David Wardell regarding the OHS for the rail on Silo Kick Day
31/7/22 - Val advised that David has confirmed that the company will send out their own guards for the day
 - Jonathan Scott to contact Marina Uys Bland Shire regarding starting Advertising for this year being the 30 year anniversary.
JS Need to update Marina with program - Still to do
21/8/22 – J Scott has sent details to Marina and a poster has been made and displayed at council
22/9/22 - Completed
 - Jason Bryce to get in contact with TV and Radio 4 to 6 weeks out for advertising
 - Erin Wolski to approach NAB regarding merchandise to give away.
Erin requested a letter which was provided then she will be able to obtain the required merchandise
31/7/22 – Erin is awaiting approval and
21/8/22 – Erin has approval and is in the process of obtaining merchandise.
22/9/22 – Erin not present but Chris will follow up
 - Jack Maguire to approach McDonalds in Temora and Wagga regarding the supply of merchandise
Jack has this and is ongoing
21/8/22 – Ongoing
22/9/22 _ Jason to follow up Jack to secure the vouchers
 - Jason Bryce to follow up with Kotsur and Fastflow regarding this year's event
21-8-22 – Jason has contacted both. It has been decided that the field bin will be bought here for the day and auction but the auger will be sent straight to the buyer so we don't have to assemble
22/9/22 – Brett is bringing the bin back tomorrow
 - Subject of Market stallholders in the park for the day was raised. Libby from Hay keen to attend. Others may include Hats from Pats
Andrea has a list of contacts that she can share from our last market day
21/8/22 – Andrea sent the list to Amanda who has started to advertise the markets
22/9/22 – Amanda has advertised and had a good response

- Contact to be made with Pat Cleary regarding extra Portaloos for the day
 31/7/22 – Ongoing
 21/8/22 – Pat Cleary is donating these for the day
- Charity Bike Riders. Jason has spoken the Paul Bruest and Paul will email the riders and get numbers. The aim is to start at Mirrool to Ardlethan, and Tallimba and return. If he can't get enough riders then he will call it off.
 21/8/22 – Not confirmed yet and likely to be cancelled
 22/9/22 - Cancelled
- Chris Wolski asked what needed to be done to set everything up. Jason advised that he would let everyone know in good time and set up will occur on the Friday prior to the event
- Eric raised the issue of the potholes in the parking area and whether we could get council to bring and spread some gravel around
 21/8/22 - Eric has approached Service NSW to supply gravel from the roadworks and will ask BMD if they can spread it
 22/9/22 – Jason advised that BMD have rung and would be happy to assist
- We have seven sponsor letters replied to. J Scott gave an update on who the where and will follow up as required
- Chris asked about the raffle prizes. Jason gave the committee an update of were it is at
 21/8/22 – Raffle prizes so far are, 150 litre esky, 2 Sheep, 1 Pig if we can get one, Swag from Leah.
 Jason to follow up with Fritsch Bros regarding a fridge
 Mirrool Hotel to donate \$400 to fridge
 22/9/22 – Ongoing spreadsheet updated
- J Scott to send Access Trading a sponsor letter.
 21/8/22- Access have agreed to sponsor \$1500
 22/9/22 – Money received. Leah raised whether Adam Perry's Thomas the Tank Engine ride would be allowed to operate on the day for kids. Need to clarify with the council regarding this. Jason to let Leah know the outcome
- BFB to sponsor the tug of war. Jason to contact Stuart Wienke to organise
 21/8/22 – Jason has spoken to Stuart and they have agreed to \$1000
- J Scott to follow up with Grainflow.
 21/8/22 - Cargill's Cropping for Communities has agreed to sponsor \$5000. Will provide advertising signs and Matt Wallace will be here on the day.
 22/9/22 – Cheque in the mail
- Leah Maxwell will donate a swag for the auction and try to get some netballs
- The pig that was to have been donated does not exist. Jack Fisher to follow up a supplier
 22/9/22 – Jack to follow up
- Calls made to reinstate the Boggi race but this is not allowed anymore so have decided to continue with the horse races
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New Business

- Chris has made contact with Scott Reardon but has not replied
- J Scott has created and entered all relevant documents for the silo kick onto the silo kick computer
- Temora Truck and Trailer – J Scott to follow up emails
- Discussion was had around sponsors being able to put up banners and advertising material and it was agreed that they could.
- Committee needs to set prize money for each
- Pigs and Sheep donated by , Andrew Maguire, Val & Erick Robinson, Mat Dart, Brett O'Hare, Brett & Peter Prentice
- Gas Bottles can be refilled by Mirrool Hotel
- Amenities Cleaning – Dylan & Dee who are working at Mirrool Hotel have taken on the cleaning midweek while Rosie is away. They will be leaving on Oct 23 so must be paid prior. Weekend cleaning is still the responsibility Liz Walsh.
- Jason to follow up on a coffee van for the day
- Jason to confirm with Jenny Fisher that she will take on the secretary duties on the day

NEXT MEETING – 29/09/2022 @ 19.00 at Mirrool Hotel

No more business – Meeting closed 20.15