



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

27th March, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club in the John Murray Room** on **27 March, 2012** commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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No Interest in the Matter

However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
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Disclosure and participation in meetings

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Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)

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Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

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**AGENDA**

1. **Opening of Meeting**
2. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**  
*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and I would also like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this Shire.*
3. **Apologies**
4. **Welcome to Visitors**
5. **Public Forum Presentations**  
*(Limited to five minute presentations, and must relate to items listed within the Business Paper)*
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**Apologies**

Nil

**Welcome to Visitors**

N/A

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

N/A

**Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising**



**MINUTES FOR  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**14 February, 2012  
Adjourned to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2012**

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# WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

## WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012 AT 10:07AM

PRESENT

Clr B Murray (Mayor)
Clr D Lane (Deputy Mayor)
Clr I Woodcock
Clr L Walford
Clr G Colless
Clr J Keir
Clr M Martinez
Clr R Greenaway
Don Ramsland (General Manager)
Mr Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering Services)
Mr Prafulla KC (Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)
Mr S Holland (Director Corporate Services)
Mr Matthew Goodwin (Director Planning & Regulatory Services)
Mrs J Campbell (Minute Secretary)
Miss J Farkas (Minute Secretary)

Welcome to Visitors

The Mayor welcomed all visitors to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Apologies

2/2012/1 Apologies – 6 March 2012

Resolution:

1. That apologies from Clr Smith be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Jasper Jones – Item 19 Grawin Postcode Request

Mr Jones addressed Council regarding the issues that are faced with Grawin residents by not declaring Grawin as a locality. He raised concerns particularly related to mail services as not many businesses or companies recognise Grawin on their systems. He further advised that prior to 1995, Grawin was listed under the postcode of 2832.

Mrs Jan Morgan – Item 19 Grawin Postcode Request

Mrs Morgan addressed Council regarding the receiving of mail issues that Grawin residents are currently facing. Mrs Morgan advised that the world has now become computerised and because Grawin is not recognised as a locality, they are unable to receive their mail through the system.

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She further advised that when you type in Grawin or 2832, only Walgett, Come by Chance and Cryon come up and there is no provision for Grawin on people's systems.

Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising

2/2012/2 Minutes of Council meeting – 20 December 2011

Resolution:

1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 December 2011 be confirmed.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

2/2012/3 Maintenance of Grounds – Collarenebri Racecourse

Resolution:

1. Council to discuss Option 2 with the Users Group at its next meeting.
2. Council advise Mr. Furnell formally regarding the decision

Moved: Clr Geenaway

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

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Mayoral Minutes

2/2012/4 Mayoral Minute December 2011/February 2012 Floods

Recommendation:

That Council

1. Make representations for the provision of flood gauges on the Thalaba Creel at the Alfedri Bridge and Avondale
2. Request the State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to review "minor," "moderate" and "major" flood classifications for the Barwon River at Collarenebri
3. Forward a letter of thanks to the Zell family at Pokataroo and local Council staff and SES volunteers.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

Motions of which Notice has been given

Nil

Presentation of Petitions

N/A

Councillors Questions From Last Meeting

Clr Smith

Question 1:

Local contractor at Collarenebri – Pokataroo is not being utilised to carry out lawn mowing and slashing around the highways and towns. He submitted his tender paperwork in June 2011 and when he followed it up; he was advised that it had been lost. He resubmitted the paperwork in November this year and still has not heard anything?

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advised that the local contractor concerned has been included on Council's Plant Hire Contractors list and is being engaged when appropriate.

Clr Keir

Question 1:

Just wanted put in a reminder about the bus stop at the Burren Preschool, I don't want it to be forgotten?

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Response:

The Director Engineering Services advised that the box culvert has been ordered and is waiting for its delivery. He further advised that the culvert was to be in Walgett about 3 weeks ago.

Clr Murray

Question1:

Has there been any further progress with the dump site at Burren Junction?

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that as soon as resources are available, an appropriate dump point will be designed and costed. A case will then be put to Council for funding.

Question 2:

Can all general correspondence and complaints receive a letter or email saying that their letter /email has been received and forwarded to the appropriate person?

Response:

The Director Corporate Services advised there is currently a standard response letter that should be used. However there is a need to revise Council's procedures to ensure all incoming correspondence items are captured (Letter, email etc) and appropriate responses sent.

Question 3:

Quarterly Shire Newsletter should be restarted?

Response:

The Director Corporate Services advised that the Monthly newsletter will be published at least quarterly in future and monthly where the need is identified.

Clr Colless

Question 1:

Have we had a State of Emergency declaration as yet?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he has applied for a declaration and is waiting for a response. Councillors have been advised of this. It should be noted that the two declarations have now been made by the minister for Emergency Services, the first on 19 January 2012 and the second on 14 February 2012.

Clr Woodcock

Question 1:

The Bore baths at Burren Junction are currently closed, is this correct and why?

Response:

The General Manager advised that the Bore Baths have been closed for summer as usually occurs. He further advised that he had spoken with Burren Junction Precinct Committee Member, Brett Stevens about the matter; Mr Stevens advised him that no one uses the baths over the Christmas season and it was not worthwhile keeping them open.

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure services further advised that the Burren Junction Bore baths are currently closed for the summer period and are scheduled to reopen 6/3/2012

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Reports of Delegates and Representatives

2/2012/5 Award Consultative Committee Minutes

Resolution:

1. That Council received and note the minutes of the Award Consultative Committee meeting for 8 November 2011.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

2/2012/6 Council Quarterly decisions Action Report – February, 2012

Resolution:

1. That the action register be received and noted

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

10.24am Clr Greenaway left the meeting

10.35am Clr Greenaway returned to meeting

2/2012/7 Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

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2/2012/8 Circular received from the Division of Local Government – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 11-37 to 11-42 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.
 - Circular to Councils 11/43 – Public Interest Disclosures – New reporting Requirements
 - Circular to Councils 12/01 – Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme Guidelines
 - Circular to Councils 12/02 – Procurement from Disability Employment Organisations
 - Circular to Councils 12/03 – Release of Swimming Pools as 1992 review discussion paper

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

2/2012/9 Monthly Calendar – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February 2012 to April 2012.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2012/10 Agreement for sourcing extractive materials - MOU

Resolution:

1. That the action taking by the General Manager in negotiating an MOU with the Department of Primary Industries for the sourcing of extractive materials for emergency road repairs be endorsed.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

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2/2012/11 Lightning Ridge Opal Mining Report - Submissions

Resolution:

1. That Council to invite both the Minister for Mining Resources and the Minister for Western NSW to meet with the full Council to consider what future action should be taken with regards the Wilcox Report

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

2/2012/12 Supplementary Report – Flood Recovery

Resolution:

1. For Council's Consideration
2. That an approach be made to the RFDS to see if they are interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge.
3. Expressions of interest from appropriately experienced operators interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge with a view to being able to demonstrate to the State Government that there are commercial operators interested in re-establishing services.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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2/2012/13 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from General Manager – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted.
 1. Tourism Conference - Gunnedah
 2. 2012-2012 Better boating Program
 3. ICAC – Corruption risks in NSW Government Procurement – The Management Challenge – December 2011 report
2. That Council accept the grant of \$79,200 for the 2011/2012 Better Boating Program for the upgrade of the Collarenebri Boat ramp, and that an income and votes expenditure for all income/expenses relating to the grant be created including a Council contribution of \$26,400
3. That Council write a letter to Maritime Services regarding a suspected snag in the Barwon river at Collarenebri just near the bridge.

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

2/2012/14 Report on Youth Development and Services – October 2011 – December 2011

Resolution:

1. That the quarterly report on Youth Development and Services for the period October 2011 – December 2011 be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

2/2012/15 Walgett Shire Council Libraries Quarterly Report October to December 2011

Resolution:

1. That the Walgett Shire Libraries quarterly report October – December 2011 be accepted

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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2/2012/16 Report on Walgett Library Building Extension

Resolution:

1. That Council endorse the submission of application to NSW Library Council for the extension of Walgett Library and that an amount of \$80,000 be considered for inclusion in the draft 2012/13 budget for the extension of the Walgett Library.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2012/17 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 December 2011

Resolution:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 December 2011 be received.

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Colless

CARRIED

2/2012/18 Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 January 2012

Resolution:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2012 be received.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

11:37am Council adjourned for a small break

11:54am Council returned from a small break, all previously present again in attendance

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2/2012/19 Quarterly Budget Review as at 31 December 2011

Resolution:

That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2011 and adopt the changes as follows:

| | EXPENSE | INCOME | TOTAL |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Asset Management Plan Grant | 30,000 | - 30,000 | |
| Healthy Living Communities | 566,000 | - 566,000 | |
| Interest Received from Investments | | - 150,000 | |
| Corporate Services Salaries and wages including on-costs | - 35,000 | | |
| Corporate Services administration staff contractors | 35,000 | | |
| General Legal Expenses | - 10,000 | | |
| Corporate Services Subscriptions - Journals & Publications | - 4,000 | | |
| Premium - Liability Effluent Re-use | - 25,000 | | |
| IT Licensing | 15,000 | | |
| IT Lease Payments | - 15,000 | | |
| Rates Consultancy Fees | - 5,000 | | |
| Rates - Discount Expenses | - 8,000 | | |
| Community Services Salaries and wages including on-costs | - 50,000 | | |
| Alive and Well project expense | 16,449 | | |
| Contribution to Regional Library | 122,000 | | |
| General Staff - Salaries & Wages - Public Order and Safety | - 13,000 | | |
| General Staff - Salaries & Wages - Planning | - 24,000 | | |
| TOTAL | 595,449 | - 746,000 | - 150,551 |
| Water | | | |
| Mains Emergency Repairs Natural Disaster | 25,000 | | |
| TOTAL | 25,000 | - | 25,000 |

| | Expense | Income | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Sale of Dwellings / Properties | | - 40,000 | |
| Walgett Levee Rehabilitation Grant | | - 72,500 | |
| Walgett Levee Upgrade | 95,809 | | |
| Footpath Replacement program | - 24,328 | | |
| Burren Junction Bore Baths works | 8,519 | | |
| Computer Equipment Replacement | - 10,000 | | |
| Authority upgrade | 20,000 | | |
| Reduction of Plant Sales income | | 180,000 | |
| | 90,000 | 67,500 | 157,500 |

Moved: Clr Keir
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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2/2012/20 Council Investment Policy and Procedures

Resolution:

1. That the action of the General Manager to place an additional \$500,000 with the National Australia Bank (NAB) be endorsed.
2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to invest up to \$2,000,000 with approved institutions to maximise the investment return to council

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

2/2012/21 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Corporate Services – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
 - * Healthy Communities – Walgett Shire Program
 - * September 2012 Local Government Election
2. That Council formally accept the Healthy Communities Program grant from the Department of Health and Ageing in the sum of \$566,042.00 for the purpose of delivering the Healthy Communities Program.
3. That Income and Expenditure Accounts be created in the 2011 / 2012 ledger for the Healthy Communities – Walgett Shire Program.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

CARRIED

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2/2012/22 Grawin Postcode Request

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to defer until its March Meeting the following recommendation:

1. Note Jan Morgan's request for the establishment of the Grawin opal fields as a locality to enable Australia Post to allocate it with a post code.
2. That the Director Planning and Regulatory Services prepare a report for the next Council meeting on a draft proposal for the proposed locality of Grawin and Council also write to GGSMA seeking an expression of opinion with regards to the Postcode issue.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Walford

CARRIED

2/2012/23 Report on Development Application Rural Subdivision

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolved to delete consideration of this matter until the 27th March, 2012 Meeting where the applicant will be able to attend.

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Martinez

Planning Division:

For: Clr Martinez, Clr Walford, Clr Lane, Clr Keir, Clr Woodcock, Clr Greenaway, Clr Colless, Clr Murray

Against: Nil

Note: Clr Smith was absent at this meeting

CARRIED

2/2012/24 Development and Complying Development Certificate Application

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificates applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during November and December 2011

Moved: Clr Greenaway
Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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2/2012/24 Policy for geological resource exploration on Council land

Resolution:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that no submissions have been received regarding the publicly exhibited policy titled "P&R – Geological Resource Exploration on Council Land".
2. Adopt the policy titled "P&R – Geological Resource Exploration on Council Land".

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

2/2012/25 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services

Resolution:

1. That the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

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2/2012/26 Application for Replacement Title – Lindberg Lot 8 DP 833122

Resolution:

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to execute a Statutory Declaration and Transfer to enable Mr and Mrs Lindberg to apply for a replacement Certificate of Title. For lot 8 DP 833122

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Greenaway

CARRIED

2/2012/27 Walgett Taxi Shelter – 2011/2012 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme

Resolved:

1. That Council formally accepts grant offer for the amount of \$14,409 from Minister of Transport to construct a Taxi Shelter, Fox Street Walgett
2. Council vote for income and expenditure to be included in the 2011/2012 budget for the Construction of the New Shelter be programmed for completion by 31 May, 2012

Moved: Clr Greenaway

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

2/2012/28 Maintenance work in Parramatta Road at Glengarry and Grawin by Glengarry, Garwin, Sheepyard Miners Association Inc.

Resolution

1. That Council approve the invoice from GGSMA in the amount of \$18,000 for payment and that the cost be charged against 2010 flood damage Programme.

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2012/29 Monthly report from Director Engineering Services – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That Council receive and note the monthly road and bridge report.

Moved: Clr Keir

Seconded: Clr Lane

CARRIED

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12.44pm Clr Walford left meeting
12.45pm Clr Walford returned to the meeting

2/2012/30 Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That Council receive and note the monthly February 2012 flood works report.

Moved: Clr Colless

Seconded: Clr Keir

CARRIED

2/2012/31 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director Engineering Services – February 2012

Resolution:

1. That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.

1. Black Bridge on Billybingbone Road – Future replacement Requirement

Moved: Clr Lane

Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

Reports of Committees

Nil

Questions for the next Meeting

Clr Woodcock

Question 1

There is a grader that is located at Collarenebri, why is it not being used?

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will investigate the matter

Clr Keir

Question 1

Can some gravel be placed on the road to the Carinda cemetery for people to attend a funeral, the surface is impassable during wet weather at present.

Question 2

Have we received the culvert for the bus stop at Burren Junction?

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Question 3

Is there a time frame when the money needs to be spent for the Roads to Recovery Programme?

Response:

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the money needs to be spent by 2014.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1

Has any steps been put into place to replace Trevor Campbell's position?

Response:

The General Manager advised that the position was advertised and we are currently waiting to interview applicants

Question 2

In last year's flood James Abel did some mapping and made a slide show of the floods, did he do that for this year's flood?

Response:

He was relieving in the role as SES controller at Lightning Ridge and did not have the chance to create one for the current floods

Clr Colless:

Question 1

What is the progress for Plant & truck?

Response:

The General Manager advised that Greg Leersen went to Lismore and Toowoomba to check on the progress of both the truck and trailer and they will be arriving in 2 weeks.

Question 2:

Can we please have signs erected at Gingie Road to have the road turn from two lanes to one lane, so that we can preserve the road condition?

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advised that he will investigate this matter.

Clr Martinez:

Question 1

The intersection at Opal and Pandora Street Lightning Ridge, needs assessing, could this please be looked into?

Question 2

The entrance into Khan's supermarket at Lightning Ridge has collapsed and needs repair on the Council

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2/2012/32 Move into Closed Session at 1:01pm

Resolution:

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

Moved: Clr Walford
Seconded: Clr Martinez

CARRIED

CARRIED

Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting

Clr Martinez

Question 1:

There was a job for Kerb and guttering for a program in Walgett where there was no advertising done, however quotes were sought. One local contractor provided a quote and was approached by a Council engineer who said that he would provide him with an order number for the job. In a further conversation with that Engineer the local contractor was told that he did not get the job and that was given to someone else.

Clr Martinez further advised that Council resolved a few months back that any works over \$3000 to be advertised to allow for local contractors to apply for the jobs.

Response:

The General Manager advised that he will investigate the matter further.

Resolved that Council move out of closed session

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded Clr Greenaway

Resolved that the report of the closed session be received and noted

Moved: Clr Lane
Seconded: Clr Greenaway

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 27 March 2012.

Mayor

General Manager

Minutes of Council meeting – 14 February Adjourned to 6th March 2012

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 February 2012 Adjourned to 6th March 2012 be confirmed.

Moved:

Seconded:

Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports

NIL

Mayoral Minutes

1. *WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL MAYORAL MINUTE – 2011/2012 FLOODS*

COUNCIL MEETING: 16 March 2012

SUBJECT: Appreciation to Council staff – 2011/2012 Floods

Summary:

To recognise the efforts of the Walgett Community Volunteers and Council staff during the 2011/2012 floods

Discussion (including issues and background):

It is timely to recognise the efforts of the Walgett community and in particular the volunteers both local and from other areas of the State who assisted during the recent flooding episodes across the Walgett Shire. All of our emergency services were involved. These include Police, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Ambulance Service, VRA and of course the principal response agency in the case of floods – the SES.

Severe flooding occurred in three river catchments – the Barwon, Namoi and Narran – and the flooding was the worst experienced for more than thirty years.

The efforts of Council's own staff at all levels is also to be commended, not only for their efforts during the actual flooding, but also during the resultant clean up and now undertaking repairs to the extensive damage caused to our local infrastructure.

It is proposed to forward letters of thanks to the various organisations involved and to also hold a staff barbeque as a tangible display of appreciation.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Disaster Plan

Stakeholders:

Walgett community
SES volunteers
Local emergency organisations
Council staff

Financial Implications:

Any costs for staff barbeques will be a charge against existing votes/allocations

Walgett Shire Council mayoral Minute 2011/2012 - Floods

Recommendation:

1. That Council endorse the action proposed to forward letters of thanks to the various organisations involved and to also hold a staff barbeque as a tangible display of appreciation.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

Motions of which Notice has been given

NIL

Presentation of Petitions

N/A

Councillors Questions From Last Meeting

Clr Woodcock

Question 1

There is a grader that is located at Collarenebri, why is it not being used?

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advised that there is a transmission problem with the grader and it is currently in progress of being repaired.

Clr Keir

Question 1

Can some gravel be placed on the road to the Carinda cemetery for people to attend a funeral, the surface is impassable during wet weather at present.

Response:

The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure that works are in progress

Question 2

Have we received the culvert for the bus stop at Burren Junction?

Response:

The Acting Director of Engineering Services advises that the culvert is on back order and will be installed immediately as soon as it is received, which will be by next week.

Question 3

Is there a time frame when the money needs to be spent for the Roads to Recovery Programme?

Response:

The Director of Engineering Services advised that the money needs to be spent by 2014.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1

Has any steps been put into place to replace Trevor Campbell's position?

Response:

The General Manager advised that the position was advertised and we are currently waiting to interview applicants

Question 2

In last year's flood James Abel did some mapping and made a slide show of the floods, did he do that for this year's flood?

Response:

General Manager advises he was relieving in the role as SES controller at Lightning Ridge and did not have the chance to create one for the current floods

Clr Colless:

Question 1

What is the progress for Truck & Trailer?

Response:

The General Manager advised that Greg Leersen went to Lismore and Toowoomba to check on the progress of both the truck and trailers and they will be arriving in 2 weeks.

Question 2:

Can we please have signs erected at Gingie Road to have the road turn from two lanes to one lane, so that we can preserve the road condition?

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advises that the signs were installed following the meeting.

Clr Martinez:

Question 1

The intersection at Opal and Pandora Street Lightning Ridge, needs assessing, could this please be looked into?

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advises that he inspected the above on Sunday 18 March 2012 and works are in progress for repair.

Question 2

The entrance into Khan's supermarket at Lightning Ridge has collapsed and needs repair on the Council

Response:

The Director Engineering Services advises that the work has been completed.

Reports of Delegates and Representatives

Reservation of items for Debate

Nil

Reports of Officers

2. COUNCIL DECISIONS ACTION REPORT – MARCH 2012

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/154

This schedule summarises the action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meeting of Council and includes any action from previous meetings still outstanding

Background:

Attached is the Resolution Register which summarises outstanding action in respect of all Resolutions as well as any other matters raised at the last Meeting which required action. The Resolution Register lists any matters from previous meetings (as of July 2011) that have not been finalised

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Current Position:

Details of Action taken/being taken are flagged for each motion.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Resolution Register 20 December 2011 Report to Council's Meeting.

Governance issues:

Standard procedure dictates that Council resolution should be implemented as soon as practicably be achieved.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Councillors and Executive Team

Financial Implication:

Nil

Conclusion:

That the Resolutions register be received and noted. It is requested that any queries be raised with the General Manager prior to meeting day facilitate proceedings at the meeting.

Council Quarterly Decisions Action Report – March 2012

Recommendation:

That:

1. The Resolutions Register be received and noted

Moved:

Seconded:

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|------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 22 November 2011 | 11/2011/31 | That Council adopt the following resolutions of the Closed Committee:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale of Land for Overdue Rates – Appointment of Agent/Auctioneer • Establishment of Internal Auditing Function Progress Report • 2012 Walgett Shire Council Elections • Onyx Bore pump Construction – Lightning Ridge Moved: Cnr Greenaway Seconded: Cnr Martinez | Governance | Action taken as appropriate | General Manager | 22 November 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/1 | 1. That apologies from Cnr Greenaway and Cnr Martinez be received and a leave of absence be granted.
2. That apology from Cnr Murray be received and that a leave of absence be granted until he arrives later today.
Moved: Cnr Walford Seconded: Cnr Keir | Governance | No Further Action Required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/2 | That the minutes of the Council meeting held 22 November 2011 be confirmed.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Lane | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/3 | 1. That urgent repairs be carried out on the Council residence behind the Collarenebri Agency and that it be cleaned out by Councils staff and ready for possible renting.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Smith | Urban Infrastructure Services | Ongoing maintenance | ADUIS | 29 February 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/4 | 1. That Council receive and note the minutes of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils held on 2 December 2011.
Moved: Cnr Walford Seconded: Cnr Keir | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/5 | 1. That the action register be received and noted.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Smith | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/6 | 1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 11-37 to 11-42 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular to Councils 11/37 - Council Procurement and Contract Management Practices - Contracts for Consultancy and Professional Services • Circular to Councils 11/38 - Dual Roles: Councilors as Members of Parliament in NSW- request for Submissions Discussion Paper • Circular to Councils 11/39 - NSW 2021- A plan to make NSW number one • Circular to Councils 11/40 - Release of The Draft Destination 2036 Action Plan • Circular to Councils 11/41 – Updated Guideline on the exercise of functions under the Companion Animals Act 1998 • Circular to Councils 11/42 – Developing a Council Community Events Policy – A Toolkit for NSW Councils Moved: Cnr woodcock Seconded: Cnr Colless | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/7 | 1. The information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.
Moved: Cnr Colless Seconded: Cnr Walford | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/8 | 1. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period December 2011 to February 2012.
Moved: Cnr Smith Seconded: Cnr Keir | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |

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|------------------|-------------------|---|------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/9 | 1. That Council endorse the proposal to conduct a workshop during January, 2012 to review the draft Destination 2036 Action Plan.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Keir | Governance | | | |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/10 | 1. For Council's information.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Walford | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/11 | 1. That Council endorse the action taken by the General Manager in notifying of a possible application for a special rate variation/increase under Sections 508 (2) or 508A for 2012/2013.
Moved: Cnr Colless Seconded: Cnr Keir | Finance | Application not required for 2012/13 | General Manager | 16 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/12 | 1. That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.
Moved: Cnr Lane Seconded: Cnr Walford | Finance | Noted | Director Corporate Services | 12 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/13 | 1. That the matters listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted.
1. RAAP-Application form -Round One - 2011-12
2. Polly Haley
3. Regional Development Australia Fund – Round Two - Expression of Interest
4. Review of the Role of the public number database
5. Correspondence Received - Statement by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke, MP - Murray Darling Basin reform
6. Correspondence – From Hon. George Souris MP – Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, Minister for the Arts
7. 2010/2011 Annual Report – Energy and Water Ombudsman
8. Expression of Interest - ALGWA
9. Operation hours of Commonwealth Bank
10. One Association Concept
11. Community Plan Think Tank
12. Walgett PCYC Proposal
13. Health Issues
14. New Depot Proposal
15. Community Welcome Functions
16. Australia Day Nominations
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Lane | Governance | Noted | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/14 | 1. That Walgett Shire Council contribute \$1000 towards the New South Wales Diving Country Championships on 21st & 22nd January 2012 at Lightning Ridge.
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Colless | Finance | Donation forwarded
Letter of Thanks received. | Acting Director
Corporate Services | 15 February 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/15 | 1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 30 November 2011 be received.
Moved: Cnr Lane Seconded: Cnr Smith | Finance | No further action required | Finance Manager | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/16 | 1. That the report be received and noted.
2. The General Manager be delegated authority to complete the required legal documentation and to affix the Council Seal where required.
Moved: Cnr Lane Seconded: Cnr Keir | Finance | Documentation Prepared | Director Corporate Services | 20 December 2011 |

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|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/17 | 1. That Council approve the Transfer of Lot 1 DP 13603 to Walgett Shire Council.
2. Council execute the Contract of Sale and Transfer documents in anticipation of exchange, settlement and registration by our solicitor, Mr. Nick Wilson of Booth, Brown, Samuels & Olney.
Moved: Cnr Keir Seconded: Cnr Lane | Finance | Document forwarded to Solicitor | Rates Clerk | 11 January 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/18 | 1. That Council note the applications for funding of the re construction and sealing of one kilometre of each of MR 457 Gundabloui Road and MR 426 Ridge Road and 5km of MR 7716 Come By Chance Road under the RTA Regional roads REPAIR Program.
Moved: Cnr Lane Seconded: Cnr Smith | Engineering Services | Application submitted on 6/12/2011 | Director Engineering Services | 6 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/19 | 1. That Council receive and note the regular Monthly December 2010 flood works
Moved: Cnr Woodcock Seconded: Cnr Walford | Engineering Services | No further action required | Director Engineering Services | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/20 | 1. That Council receive and note the regular Monthly Road & Bridge Report
Moved: Cnr Lane Seconded: Cnr Walford | Engineering Services | No further action required | Director Engineering Services | 20 December 2011 |
| 20 December 2011 | 12/2011/21 | 1. That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
1. Barwon Councils Strategic Roads Committee- Walgett Shire Road projects
Moved: Cnr Walford Seconded: Cnr Colless | Engineering Services | On Going | Director Engineering Services | 6 March 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | Local contractor at Collarenebri – Pokataroo (John Green) is not being utilised to carry out lawn mowing and slashing around the highways and towns. He submitted his tender paperwork in June 2011 and when he followed it up, he was advised that it had been lost. He resubmitted the paperwork in November this year and still has not heard anything?
Cnr Smith | Engineering Services | Hiring John Green for RR329 and other roads | Director Engineering Services | |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | Just wanted put in a reminder about the bus stop at the Burren Preschool, I don't want it to be forgotten?
Cnr Keir. | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | Has there been any further progress with the dump site at Burren Junction?
Cnr Murray | Urban Infrastructure Services | No Funds on going - previous design did not comply with Planning Regulations | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | Requesting Budget Financial Year 2012/13 |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | Have we had a State of Emergency declaration as yet?
Cnr Colless | Governance | Declaration made 19 January 2012 and 14 February 2012 | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | The Bore baths at Burren Junction have closed, is this correct and why?
Cnr Woodcock | Urban Infrastructure Services | Summer months - will re-open on 6/3/2012 | Director Engineering Services | No action required |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | What actions have been done for the Burren Junction Preschool Bus stop?
Cnr Murray | Engineering Services | Waiting for Box Culvert | Director Engineering Services | |
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | All general correspondence and complaints should be receiving a letter or email saying that their letter/email has been received and forwarded to the appropriate person?
Cnr Murray | Governance | In Progress - standard letter | Director Corporate Services | |

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|------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 20 December 2011 | Questions for the next Meeting | Quarterly Shire Newsletter should be restarted?
Cir Murray | Governance | Flood Newsletter to be adopted to as Monthly Newsletter | General Manager | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/1 | 1. That apologies from Cir Smith be accepted and leave of absense be granted.
Moved: Cir Greenaway Seconded: Cir Walford | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/2 | 1. That the minutes of the Council meeting held 20 December 2011 be confirmed.
Moved: Cir Woodcock Seconded: Cir Keir | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/3 | 1. Council to discuss Option 2 with the Users Group at it's next meeting.
2. Council advise Mr Furnell formally regarding the decision.
Moved: Cir Greenaway Seconded: Cir Walford | Urban Infrastructure Services | Meeting yet to be Organised | Director Ubran Infrastructure Services | Meeting scheduled on 22 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/4 | 1. Make representations for the provision of flood gauges on the Thalaba Creek at Ige Alfredi Bridge Avondale.
2. Request the State Emergency Service and Bureau of Meteorology to review "minor", "moderate" and "major" flood classifications for the Barwon River at Collarenebri.
3. Forward a letter of thanks to the Zell family at Pokataroo and local Council staff and SES volunteers.
Moved: Cir Greenaway Seconded: Cir Keir | Governance | 1. Letter Drafted
2. Letter Drafted
3. To be actioned at May 2012 Meeting | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/5 | 1. That Council recieved and the minutes of the Award Consultative Committee meeting for 8 November 2011.
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Woodcock | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/6 | 1. That the action register be received and noted.
Moved: Cir Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Keir | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/7 | That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Martinez | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/8 | 1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 11-37 to 11-42 from the Local Government Division Department of Priemer and Cabinet be recieved and noted.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular to Councils 11/43 – Public Interest Disclosures – New reporting Requirements • Circular to Councils 12/01 – Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme Guidelines • Circular to Councils 12/02 – Procurement from Disability Employment Organisations • Circular to Councils 12/03 – Release of Swimming Pools as 1992 review discussion paper. Moved: Cir Lane Cir Walford | Governance | Now implemented
Report to March meeting | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/9 | 1. That Council recieve and note the regular monthly calendar for the period February 2012 to April 2012.
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Keir | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |

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|-----------------|-------------------|---|------------|---|---|---|
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/10 | 1. That the action taking by the General Manager in negotiating an MOU with the Department of Primary Industries for the sourcing of extractive materials for emergency road repairs be endorsed.
Moved: C/r Woodcock Seconded: C/r Greenaway | Governance | MOU Drafted | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/11 | 1. That Council to invite both the Minister for Mining Resources and the Minister for Western NSW to meet with the full Council to consider what future action should be taken with regards to the Wilcox Report.
Moved: C/r Woodcock Seconded: C/r Lane | Governance | Letters Drafted | General Manager | 16 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/12 | 1. For Council's consideration.
2. That the approach be made to the RFDS to see if they are interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge.
3. Expressions of interest from appropriately experienced operators interested in establishing an RPT service in Walgett and Lightning Ridge with a view to being able to demonstrate to the State Government that there are commercial operators interested in re-establishing services.
Moved: C/r Woodcock Seconded: C/r Lane | | 2. Letter Drafted
3. Letter Drafted | General Manager
General Manager | 16 March 2012
16 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/13 | 1. That the matter listed by the General Manager for brief mention or information be received and noted.
1. Tourism Conference - Gunnedah
2. 2012-2012 Better boating Program
3. ICAC – Corruption risks in NSW Government Procurement – The Management Challenge - December 2011 report.
2. That Council accept the grant of \$79,200 for the 2011/2012 Better Boating Program for the upgrade of the Collarenebri Boat ramp, and that an income and votes expenditure for all income/expenses relating to the grant be created including a Council contribution of \$26, 400
3. That Council write a letter to Maritime Services regarding a suspected snag in the Barwon River at Collarenebri just near the bridge.
Moved: C/r Greenaway Seconded: C/r Lane | | 1. No Further Action Required
2. Response
3. No Further Action Required | General Manager
General Manager
General Manager | 6 March 2012
16 March 2012
6 March 2012 |

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| Date of Meeting | Resolution Number | Resolution | Department | Action Taken | Management Officer | Date Completed |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/14 | 1. That the quarterly report on Youth Development and Services for the period October 2011 - December 2011 to be received and noted.
Moved: C/r Clollies Seconded: C/r Martinez | Community Services | No further action required | Manager Community Services | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/15 | 1. That the Walgett Shire Libraries quarterly report October - December 2011 be accepted.
Moved: C/r Keir Seconded: C/r Lane | Community Services | No further action required | Manager Community Services | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/16 | 1. That Council endorse the submission of application to NSW Library Council for the extension of Walgett Library and that an amount of \$80,000 be considered for inclusion in the draft 01/2/13 budget for the extension of the Walgett library.
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: Keir | Community Services | To be included in Draft 2012/2013 Budget | Manager Community Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/17 | 1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 December 2011 be received.
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: C/r Colless | Finance | No further action required | Finance Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/18 | 1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 January 2012 be received.
Moved: C/r Woodcock Seconded Lane | Finance | No further action required | Finance Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/19 | 1. That Council note the quarterly budget review for the period to 31 December 2011 and adopt the changes as follows: | Finance | No further action required | Finance Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/20 | 1. That the action of the General Manager to place an additional \$500,000 with the National Australia bank (NAB) be endorsed.
2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to invest up to \$2,000,000 with approved institutions to maximise the investment return to Council.
Moved: C/r Greenaway Seconded: C/r Woodcock | Corporate Services | Revised Procedure in place | Finance Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/21 | 1. That the matters listed by the Director Corporate Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
* Healthy Communities - Walgett Shire Program
* September 2012 Local Government Election
2. That Council formally accept the Healthy Communities Program grant from the Department of Health and Ageing in the sum of \$566,042 for the purpose of developing the Healthy Communities Program.
3. That Income and Expenditure Accounts be created in the 2011/2012 ledger for the Healthy Communities - Walgett Shire Program.
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: C/r Woodcock | Corporate Services | | Director Corporate Services | |

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| Date of Meeting | Resolution Number | Resolution | Department | Action Taken | Management Officer | Date Completed |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/22 | 1. Note Jan Morgan's request for the establishment of the Grawin opal fields as a locality to enable Australia Post to allocate it with a post code.
2. That the Director Planning and regulatory Services prepare a report for the next Council meeting on a draft proposal locality of grawin and Council also write to GGSMA seeking an expression of opinion with regards to the Postcode issue.
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Walford | Planning & Regulatory Services | 1. No action required
2. Proposal in preparation | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 22/2012/23 | 1. That the Walgett Shire Council resolved to defer consideration of Development Application 2011/034 until the 27th March 2012 meeting where the applicant will be able to attend.
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Cir Martinez
Planning Division:
For: Cir Martinez, Cir Walford, Cir Lane, Cir Keir, Cir Woodcock, Cir Greenway, Cir Colless, Cir Murray
Against: Nil
Note: Cir Smith was absent at this meeting | Planning & Regulatory Services | Report resubmitted to 27 March 2012 Council Meeting | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/24 | 1. Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority during November and December 2011.
Moved: Cir Greenway Seconded: Cir Lane | Planning & Regulatory Services | No Action required | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/25 | 1. Note that no submissions have been received regarding the publicly exhibited policy titled "P&R - Geological Resource Exploration on Council Land".
2. Adopt the policy titled "P&R - Geological Resource Exploration on Council land".
Moved: Cir Greenway Seconded: Cir Lane | Planning & Regulatory Services | 1. No Action Required
2. Adopted Policy retained in TRIM 09/1409/0004 | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/26 | 1. That the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only, be received and noted.
Moved: Cir Colless Seconded: Cir Keir | Planning & Regulatory Services | No Action required | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/27 | 1. That Council authorise the General Manager to execute a Statutory Declaration and Transfer to enable Mr and Mrs Lindberg to apply for a replacement Certificate of Title for Lot 8 DP 833122
Moved: Cir Lane Seconded: Greenway | Urban Infrastructure Services | Statutory Declaration Prepared | Director Urban Infrastructure Services | 12 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/28 | 1. That Council formally accepts grant offer for the amount of \$14,409 from Minister of transport to construct a Taxi Shelter, Fox Street Walgett.
2. Council vote for income and expenditure to be included in the 2011/2012 budget for the Construction of the New Shelter be programmed for completion by 31 May, 2012
Moved: Cir Greenway Seconded: Cir Lane | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |

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| Date of Meeting | Resolution Number | Resolution | Department | Action Taken | Management Officer | Date Completed |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------|
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/29 | 1. That Council approve the invoice from GGSMA in the amount of \$18,000 for payment and that the cost be charged against 2010 flood damage Programme.
Moved: C/r Woodcock Seconded: C/r Keir | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/30 | 1. That Council receive and note the monthly road and bridge report.
Moved: C/r Keir Seconded: C/r Lane | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/31 | 1. That Council receive and note the monthly February 2012 flood works report.
Moved: C/r Colless Seconded: C/r Keir | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/32 | 1. That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted.
1. Black Bridge on Billybingbone Road - Future Replacement Requirement
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: C/r C/r Martinez | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | There is a grader that is located at Collarenebri, why is it not being used?
C/r Woodcock | Engineering Services | Investigate matter further | | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can some gravel be placed on the road to the Carinda cemetery for people to attend a funeral. The surface is impassable during wet weather at present.
C/r Keir | Urban Infrastructure Services | | | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Have we received the culvert for the bus stop at Burren Junction?
C/r Keir | Engineering Services | | Director Planning & Regulatory Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Is there a time frame when the money needs to be spent for the Roads to Recovery Program?
C/r Keir | Engineering Services | The money needs to be spent by 2014 | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Has any steps been put into place to replace Trevor Campbell's position?
C/r Greenaway | General Manager | The position was advertised and we are currently waiting to interview applicants | General Manager | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | In the last flood James Abel did some mapping and made a slide show of the floods, did he do that for this year's flood?
C/r Greenaway | General Manager | He was relieving in the role as SES Controller at Lightning Ridge and did not have the chance to create on for the current floods. | General Manager | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | What is the progress for Plant & Truck?
C/r Colless | Engineering Services | Greg Leerson went to Lismore and Toowoomba to check on the progress of both the truck and trailer and they will be arriving in two weeks. | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | Can we please have signs erected at Gingie Road to have the road turn from two lanes to one lane, so that we can preserve the road condition?
C/r Colless | Engineering Services | Investigate matter further | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The intersection at Opal and Pandora Street Lightning Ridge needs assessing, could this please be looked into?
C/r Martinez | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |
| 6 March 2012 | Questions for the next Meeting | The entrance into Khan's supermarket at Lightning Ridge has collapsed and needs repair on the Council side.
C/r Martinez | Engineering Services | | Director Engineering Services | |

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| Date of Meeting | Resolution Number | Resolution | Department | Action Taken | Management Officer | Date Completed |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 6 March 2012 | 2/2012/33 | That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:
Moved: C/r Walford Seconded: C/r Martinez | Governance | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | Question from Closed Meeting | There was a job for kerb and guttering for a program in Walgett where there was no advertising done, however quotes were sought. One local contractor provided a quote and was approached by a Council Engineer who said that he would provide him with an order number for the job. In a further conversation with the Engineer the local contractor was told that he did not get the job and that it was given to someone else.

C/r Martinez further advised that Council resolved a few months back that any works over \$3000 to be advertised to allow for local contractors to apply for the jobs.
C/r Martinez | General Manager | Investigate matter further | General Manager | |
| 6 March 2012 | Closed Meeting | Resolved that Council move out of closed session
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: C/r Greenaway | General Manager | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |
| 6 March 2012 | Closed Meeting | Resolved that the report of the closed session be received and noted
Moved: C/r Lane Seconded: C/r Greenaway | General Manager | No further action required | General Manager | 6 March 2012 |

3. CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATION OF NSW – MARCH 2012

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/615

Summary:

Copies of weekly circulars received from the Local Government and Shires Association since the December Council meeting have been distributed to Councillors.

Background:

The following items in each circular have been flagged by the General Manager as requiring particular attention of councillors:

2012

Issue 7

- Item 6 – Grants for Diversity and Social Cohesion
- Item 20 – Community Energy Efficiency Program
- Item 23 – ICAC Recommends Changes to the Planning System

Issue 8

- Nil

Issue 9

- Item 4 – ATO Class Ruling Application on new GST Regime
- Item 5 – NSW Local Government Industry Alcohol and other Drugs policy Guidelines and template Procedure
- Item 6 – Volunteer Assistance Package
- Item 11 – Review of planning for Bush Fire Protection
- Item 13 – NSW Long Term Transport master Plan Discussion Paper
- Item 14 – Regional Tourism Product Development Funding

Issue 10

- Item 8 – NSW Crime Statistics and Crime Trends
- Item 9 – Call for 2012 -13 Floodplain Management Grants
- Item 11 – Cost Shifting Survey for 2009/10
- Item 22 – Revised Route Assessment Guidelines
- Item 23 – Joint Study on Aviation Capacity for the Sydney Region

Issue 3 – 28 January 2011

- Item 18 – Countrylink Report and NSW Government Response
- Item 19 – IPART Info Sessions on Water Industry Competition Act

Issue 4 – 4 February 2011

- Item 15 – Royalties for regions – Special Meeting 23 February 2011
- Item 19 – Planning for Effective Public Participation (IAP2)
- Item 22 – New Conciliations/Arbitration System introduced for small DA's
- Item 24 – Amendments to Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Regulations
- Item 25 – IA – Review of Regional Water Quality and Security

Current Position:

Councillors need to peruse these circulars and raise any matters of interest with the General Manager prior to the Meeting.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Nil

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:

Any course attendance fees would need to be drawn from current budget allocations.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not Applicable

Conclusion:

Councillors need to consider the contents of the various circulars and determine what action, if any, needs to be taken.

Circulars received from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association of NSW – February 2011

Recommendation:

1. That the information contained in the weekly circulars from the NSW Local Government and Shires Association be received and noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

4. CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET – MARCH 2012

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/616

Summary:

Copies of circulars received 11-43 to 12-03 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information.

Background:

The General Manager has flagged the following circular as requiring the particular attention of councillors:

- Circular to Councils 12/04 – Analysis of Dog Attacks 2010/11

All circulars have been emailed to Councillors prior to Council meeting.

Current Position

Councils have an obligation to report any dog attacks to the Division of Local Government as soon as the occur.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Governance Issues:

All circulars have Governance implications. Where necessary the subject of particular circulars will be raised in following reports.

Copies of the briefing papers/discussion papers have been forwarded to all Councillors under separate cover. Councillors need to consider what the long term impacts may be on Local Government generally and Walgett Shire in particular.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:

Obviously some circulars will have a financial impact and where this is the case, Councillors particular attention will be drawn to them.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

Council will need to comply with the various requirements set out in the circulars.

Circular received from the Division of Local Government – March 2012

Recommendation:

1. That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 12-03 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

- Circular to Councils 12/04 – Analysis of Dog Attacks 2010/11



Circular No. 12-04
Date 12 March 2012
Doc ID.

Contact Glen Colley
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ANALYSIS OF DOG ATTACKS 2010/11

The purpose of this Circular is to advise councils of the release of the Dog Attack Report for the period 2010/11. The report presents analysis of information related to dog attacks which has been provided to the Division of Local Government by local councils. The report is available on the 'Publications' page of the Division's website.

Main findings

There was a 17% increase in the number of attacks reported by councils between 2009/10 and 2010/11. While council compliance with dog attack reporting requirements may have contributed to this increase, other relevant factors may include:

- o increasing public awareness of the importance of reporting dog attacks to councils, and
- o substantial increase in the number of dogs kept as pets (8% increase since 2009/10).

The report indicates that the key characteristics of attacks have remained largely unchanged since 2009/10. This includes the most common injury outcome in attacks on people (no injury), the most frequent action taken against attacking dogs (destruction), and the most frequent actions taken against the owners of attacking dogs (further investigation, followed by issuing a warning).

Ongoing compliance matters

Councils' compliance with the requirements of the Companion Animals Regulation 2008 to report dog attacks within 72 hours of receiving information about an attack has significantly increased the accuracy of information about dog attacks. This will assist councils to implement effective strategies to reduce dog attacks in their areas.

It is important that councils finalise the dog attack incidents they report on the Register. This ensures that accurate data is recorded on the outcomes of attacks.

The NSW Companion Animals Register includes a function for searching and viewing incidents and a detailed dog attack report for each local government area. These useful tools can assist council managers and authorised officers to manage dog attack investigations and determine the deployment of resources in their area.

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Since April 2009, the Division has also published on its website a summary of dog attacks reported by councils in the previous quarter.

These reports are published in accordance with the NSW Government's commitment to openness and transparency in public sector decision making. The information collected from councils assists the Division compile profiles of the nature of dog attacks in NSW. Accurate identification of the circumstances of dog attacks also assists in the development of appropriate policy and legislative responses aimed at reducing the incidence and minimising the impact of dog attacks on community safety

Your ongoing assistance in the timely and accurate reporting of dog attacks is appreciated.



Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet

5. MONTHLY CALENDAR – MARCH 2012

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/22

Summary:

Monthly calendar of Council activities

Discussion (including issues and background):

It was resolved at the 28 September 2010 Ordinary meeting of Council to produce a monthly in-house calendar as a central focus point to allow Councillors and senior management staff to plan their activities and spread their work load having regard to upcoming commitments.

It also avoids situations where some Councillors missed meetings or are not aware of when they have been scheduled. In addition, outside organisations have been requested to send meeting notice and minutes direct to Council's various representatives. Where notification is received meeting dates will be listed on the strategic tasks, events and meetings calendar and the representative(s) names flagged.

Current Position:

The calendar for the months of March 2012 to May 2012 is attached. Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meeting.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Nil

Governance issues:

Good governance centres in part on good communication and forward planning. Councillors are requested to advise the General Manager's Executive Assistant of any coming community or councillor function so as to avoid any clashes of commitments.

Environmental issues:

Not applicable

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:

Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not applicable

Conclusion:

Provided there are no changes it is appropriate to receive and note the information.

Monthly Calendar – March 2012

Recommendation:

2. That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March 2012 to May 2012.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Calendar for March 2012 to May 2012.

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STRATEGIC TASKS, EVENTS AND MEETINGS CALENDAR

March 2012

| Date of Meeting | Time | What | Who |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Thu 1 Mar | 7.00pm | Minister for Community Services Hon. Pru Goward | GM & Clr Keir |
| Fri 2 Mar | | | |
| Sat 3 Mar | | | |
| Sun 4 Mar | | | |
| Mon 5 Mar | 10.00am | LEMC – Recovery Planning | GM/LEMO & DCS |
| Tue 6 Mar | 10.00am | Council Meeting (postponed from 14 February) | All councillors and Exec Team |
| Wed 7 Mar | | Lightning Ridge Community Working Party
Castlereagh Macquarie County Council - Gilgandra | Mayor, Clr Walford, MCS & GM
Clr Woodcock & Greenaway & GM |
| Thu 8 Mar | 3.30pm | Health Advisory Council – Walgett Health Centre | Clr Keir, Mayor and GM |
| Fri 9 Mar | 8.00am
12 noon | RMCC Meeting
LEMC Recovery Meeting Rowena | GM, DES, DCS
GM |
| Sat 10 Mar | | | |
| Sun 11 Mar | | | |
| Mon 12 Mar | | Tourism Conference – Gunnedah (to 14 th March) | |
| Tue 13 Mar | | Internal Audit Workshop - Gilgandra | GM, DCS, DES, & M FIN |
| Wed 14 Mar | | | |
| Thu 15 Mar | | Outback Arts (AGM)- Warren
Local Area Traffic Committee - Walgett | Clr Keir & DCS
Clr Colless & Martinez DES & GM |
| Fri 16 Mar | 12 noon | Piliga Road Committee | Mayor, DES & GM |
| Sat 17 Mar | | | |
| Sun 18 Mar | | C Division Conference Dinner | |
| Mon 19 Mar | | C Division Conference – Wellington | GM, Mayor & D Mayor |
| Tue 20 Mar | | | |
| Wed 21 Mar | 9.30am | Community Strategic Plan Workshop | All Councillors, Management Team & Community Representatives |
| Thu 22 Mar | | | |
| Fri 23 Mar | | | |
| Sat 24 Mar | | | |
| Sun 25 Mar | | | |
| Mon 26 Mar | | | |
| Tue 27 Mar | 10.00am | Council Meeting – Lightning Ridge (Citizenship ceremony prior) | All councillors and exec team |
| Wed 28 Mar | | | |
| Thu 29 Mar | | | |
| Fri 30 Mar | | | |
| Sat 31 Mar | | | |

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STRATEGIC TASKS, EVENTS AND MEETINGS CALENDAR

April 2012

| Date of Meeting | Time | What | Who |
|------------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Sun 1 Apr | | | |
| Mon 2 Apr | | | |
| Tue 3 Apr | | | |
| Wed 4 Apr | | Lightning Ridge Community Working Party | Mayor, Clr Walford, MCS & GM |
| Thu 5 Apr | | | |
| Fri 6 Apr | | PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Good Friday | |
| Sat 7 Apr | | EASTER | |
| Sun 8 Apr | | EASTER | |
| Mon 9 Apr | | PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Easter Monday | |
| Tue 10 Apr | | | |
| Wed 11 Apr | | | |
| Thu 12 Apr | 3.30pm | Health Advisory Council – Walgett Health Centre | Clr Keir, Mayor and GM |
| Fri 13 Apr | | | |
| Sat 14 Apr | | | |
| Sun 15 Apr | | | |
| Mon 16 Apr | | | |
| Tue 17 Apr | TBA | Official Opening Day Care Dementia Center Lightning Ridge | |
| Wed 18 Apr | 10.00am | Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Meeting | Clrs Woodcock, Greenaway & GM |
| Thu 19 Apr | | OROC Meeting – Lightning Ridge | Mayor, D Mayor & GM |
| Fri 20 Apr | | OROC Meeting – Lightning Ridge | Mayor, D Mayor & GM |
| Sat 21 Apr | | | |
| Sun 22 Apr | | | |
| Mon 23 Apr | | | |
| Tue 24 Apr | 10.00am | Council Meeting – Collarenebri | All councilors and Exec Team |
| Wed 25 Apr | | PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Anzac Day | |
| Thu 26 Apr | | | |
| Fri 27 Apr | | | |
| Sat 28 Apr | | | |
| Sun 29 Apr | | | |
| Mon 30 Apr | | | |



STRATEGIC TASKS, EVENTS AND MEETINGS CALENDAR

May 2012

| Date of Meeting | Time | What | Who |
|-----------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tue 1 May | | | |
| Wed 2 May | | | |
| Thu 3 May | | | |
| Fri 4 May | | | |
| Sat 5 May | | | |
| Sun 6 May | | | |
| Mon 7 May | | | |
| Tue 8 May | | | |
| Wed 9 May | | | |
| Thu 10 May | | | |
| Fri 11 May | | | |
| Sat 12 May | | | |
| Sun 13 May | | | |
| Mon 14 May | | | |
| Tue 15 May | 10.00am | Special Meeting – Council Budget | All Councillors & Senior Staff |
| Wed 16 May | | | |
| Thu 17 May | | | |
| Fri 18 May | | | |
| Sat 19 May | | | |
| Sun 20 May | | | |
| Mon 21 May | | | |
| Tue 22 May | 10.00 | Council Meeting | All Councillors & Exec team |
| Wed 23 May | | | |
| Thu 24 May | | | |
| Fri 25 May | | | |
| Sat 26 May | | | |
| Sun 27 May | | | |
| Mon 28 May | | | |
| Tue 29 May | | | |
| Wed 30 May | | | |
| Thu 31 May | | | |

6. 2012 FLOOD RECOVERY COMMITTEE – UPDATE.

REPORTING SECTION: Executive
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 12/13

Summary:

To consider 2012 Flood Recovery Committee Report #2

Background:

Following the severe flooding across the Shire between late November 2011 and February 2012, a detailed series of flood recovery reports are being prepared to keep Council up to date with the recovery process.

Current Position:

Flood Recovery Committee Report #1 (1 March 2012) was circulated at the deferred meeting on 6 March 2012 and Flood Recovery Committee Report #2 is attached for information and consideration. It deals with the preparation, response and initial recovery phases.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

RTA Natural Disaster Arrangements December 2008
Commonwealth 2007 Ministerial Determination for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRAA)

Governance issues:

Natural Disaster declarations were made on 19 January 2012 and 14 February, 2012 respectively. Confirmation has now been received that the most recent declaration includes a C Category declaration.

Environmental issues:

Environmental issues are yet to emerge and will be fully assessed at a future time.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Shire resident and Ratepayers
Walgett LEMC
Various State and Federal Government Agencies

Financial Implications:

Yet to be assessed.

Damage to Council's road network is yet to be fully assessed but at this stage has been conservatively assessed at in excess of \$20M.

Private property crop and stock losses are expected to be in the order of millions of dollars.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

An ongoing local recovery committee structure has now been established rather than establishing various flood recovery centres. Whilst a State Recovery Co-ordinator has been appointed, it would be preferable for a similar position to be set up in the North Western Region as there will be a huge

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volume of work for the State Recovery Co-ordinator now that severe flooding has also occurred in Southern NSW.

Conclusion:

Flood Recovery Committee Report #2 has been prepared as an ongoing response to the recent flooding crisis and will serve to keep Councillors regularly apprised of the recovery process.

| 2012 Flood Recovery Committee Update |
|--|
| <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>3. That Council receive and noted Flood Recovery Committee Report #2 and adopt the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>Moved:
Seconded:</p> |

Attachments:

Walgett Shire Flood Recovery Committee Report #2

Walgett Shire Council - Flood Recovery Report - # 2 – 20 March 2012

Summary

Following heavy general rain of up to 200mm between late November 2011 and early February 2012 Walgett Shire has been impacted by severe flooding along the Barwon, Namoi and Narran Rivers. This flowed on from

- (a) flooding at Moree in late January 2012 in the Mehi and Gwydir Rivers following heavy rain in the upstream catchment
- (b) Flooding at Gunnedah, Narrabri and Wee Waa in late January 2012 in the Namoi River following heavy rain in the upstream catchment
- (c) Flooding at St. George on 8 December 2011 in the Balonne River following heavy rain in the upstream catchment

1. Flooding Impacts - Rural and Town Residences

Pokataroo

Extensive flooding limited only by temporary levee constructed by Zell family

Ongoing

Merrywinebone

Extensive flooding resulting in damage to Cotton Gin, Grain Corp facility and local residences

Ongoing

Rowena

Extensive flooding in rural area

Ongoing

Collarenebri

Township isolated. Flood prevention works put in place

Ongoing

Walli Village

Town isolated

Ongoing

Come-by Chance

Locality isolated

Burren Junction

Town isolated

Cryon

Locality isolated

Ongoing

Walgett

Town isolated

Ongoing

Namoi Village

Village evacuated on 13 February. 48 persons (18 Adults and 30 Children) airlifted to Dubbo.

Evacuation Order lifted on 28 February 2011

Ginghie Village

Village isolated from ?? to ??
Ongoing

Lightning Ridge

Town isolated from ?? to ??
Ongoing

Grawin/Sheep Station/Glen Garry

Access to area cut.

Further rain on 16/17 has caused further access problems along alternative access. More direct route needs to be investigated with Western Lands

Ongoing

Carinda

Access cut to Walgett
Ongoing

2. Business Impacts – Town and Rural

There are clear indications that farming and cropping operations across the Shire have been severely impacted with the most significant damage identified so far being in the area surrounding Rowena, Pokataroo and Merrywinebone.

Commercial undertakings in the various towns/villages have also been affected by flooding and the following assessment is made in respect of the larger population centres

Collarenebri

Yet to be assessed. Ongoing

Walgett

Yet to be assessed. Ongoing

Lightning Ridge

Yet to be assessed. Ongoing

Rural Landholders

Damage conservatively estimated in the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars involving both crop and stock losses has been caused across Walgett Shire. The worst hit area seems to be around Rowena.

3. Transport Issues – Disruption

The following disruption has occurred to State Highways and Regional Roads within the Shire

State Highway 12 – Gwydir Highway

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

State Highway 29E – Kamilaroi Highway (east)

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

State Highway 29W – Kamilaroi Highway (west)

Road closed by period by flood waters at various intervals within Walgett Shire. Emergency repairs have been effected in respect of Dangar Bridge approaches and

the section between Walgett and Gingie Road turnoff has re-opened. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed. Road in Brewarrina Shire remains closed. Two Councils investigating carrying out road repairs near shire boundaries using gravel available with Walgett Shire. This could speed up repairs as sourcing and carting gravel within Brewarrina Shire could cause further damage to roads estimated in the order of \$2M. Focus needs to be on re-opening this road by end of March because of the need for access to the Lightning Ridge Festival being held on Easter Weekend.

State Highway 18S – Castlereagh Highway (south)

Road closed to all but high clearance vehicles and Essential and Emergency Services traffic. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed

State Highway 18N – Castlereagh Highway (north)

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

Regional Road 329 – Collarenebri – Burren Junction

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Road open between Collarenebri and Pokataroo. Emergency repairs have been effected between Merrywinebone and Rowena. Major damage on several sections. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed. There is a need to endeavour to carry out emergency works to get this road open quickly because of need to haul cotton seed and grain

Regional Road 402 – Gingie Road

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

Regional Road 426 – Shermans Way

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

Regional Road 457 -Gundabloui Road (Collarenebri –Mungindi)

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

Regional Road 7716 – Come By Chance Road

Road closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs have been effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed.

Other Regional Roads

Various other regional roads have been closed for a period by flood waters. Emergency repairs are being effected. Full cost of damage yet to be assessed. As roads dry out Council will be able to commence damage assessments. Priority is being given to black soil/gravel roads which are school bus routes. Negotiating with Gosford City to provide engineering staff assistance.

Local Road Network

Major disruption has also been caused to the Shire's local road network. Most roads are still open to local traffic only. Emergency repairs and full cost of damage yet to be estimated.

**4. Public Infrastructure Damage/Repairs
Rail Infrastructure**

Major damage has also been caused to the rail network between Burren Junction and Merrywinebone and Burren Junction and Walgett. Cost of repairs yet to be assessed.

J V Holland are the contractors responsible for repairs. Early advice is that repairs may take up to four weeks.

Ongoing

Air Infrastructure

Lack of an RPT air service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge has severely hampered an appropriate level of response to external transportation issues.

Council has resolved that

1. That an approach be made to the RFDS to see if they are interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge.
2. Expressions of interest be invited from appropriately experienced operators interested in establishing an RPT service into Walgett and Lightning Ridge with a view to being able to demonstrate to the State Government that there are commercial operators interested in re-establishing services.

Ongoing

CountryLink Services

Services disrupted leaving Shire with no alternate form of public transport.

5. Animals

Temporary pound established at Walgett. Ongoing

6. Communications

Disruptions to telecommunications occurred in the Come-by Chance area on 7 February 2012

Local ABC broadcasts in Walgett on FM105.9 were disrupted on 11 February 2012 when power was cut because low level cables.

Ongoing

7. Electricity

Electricity was cut to the Namoi Village on 8 February 2011 necessitating evacuation of local residents

Ongoing

8. Water and Sewerage Operations

The following impacts resulted at the major population centres:

Collarenebri

Sewerage system inlets/outlets sandbagged.

Boiled water alert issued 1 March 2011.

Boiled water alert continues to be in place. First satisfactory *E coli* reading results received on Thursday 15 March, further samples to be taken Tuesday 20 March.

Power failure at plant caused "essential purposes only" restrictions to be imposed on Tuesday 13 March. Lifted on Friday 16 March.

Yet to be assessed. Ongoing

Walgett

Yet to be assessed. Ongoing

Lightning Ridge

**Work on the installation of the new town bore was fast tracked following an unscheduled power outage. Worked planned for completion by 23 March
Ongoing**

9. Waste Management Services

The following impacts resulted at the major population centres:

Collarenebri

Services disrupted. Ongoing

Walgett

Access to Walgett Landfill closed. Temporary domestic and green waste sites established. Domestic waste transported to Coonamble and Lightning Ridge until landfill facility reopens.

Temporary sites closed on 9 March.

Arrangements made for access roads within tipping area to be gravelled

Ongoing

Lightning Ridge

Domestic refuse from Walgett transport to Lightning Ridge Landfill.

Ongoing

Burren Junction

Services disrupted. Ongoing

Carinda

Services disrupted. Ongoing

10. Disaster Recovery Centre

Decision taken that the establishment of a recovery centre is warranted as there were no major evacuations of residential property. However mechanisms put in place to ensure individuals are fully aware of assistance available to them from various State and Federal Government Agencies.

DPI arranged meetings at Walgett and Lightning Ridge on 7 March and Rowena on 9 March.

11. Disaster Recovery Committee

Decision taken because of the likely length of the recovery phase of this widespread flooding event that a recovery committee based loosely on the membership of the LEMC be established to service the Shire as a whole. First meeting held Monday 12 March. Initially meetings to be weekly and then reviewed.

12. Disaster Recovery Co-ordinator

Mr Ross O'Shea, Department of Premier and Cabinet, has been appointed NSW Disaster Recovery Co-ordinator.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is suggested that in view of extent of flooding now occurring in Southern NSW that an additional person with widespread knowledge of departmental procedures and protocols as well as contacts with regional departmental heads, particularly at a State level, be appointed as either a regional (Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke Shires) recovery co-ordinator for Northern NSW

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITING FUNCTION - PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Executive
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 00/0000

Summary:

To recommend the appointment of the second independent member of Council's Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Background:

The establishment of Council's Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee was covered by reports to Council's meetings in October and November 2011 respectively.

Current Position:

Applications for the second independent member of the OROC group of Councils Audit and Risk Management Committee were invited in February, 2012 and following interview Mr. David Honner has been recommended for appointment by OROC.

The Internal Auditors, Morse and Co., will be visiting Walgett on Thursday and Friday 29/30 March 2012 to commence the internal auditing function.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Departmental Circular10-22
Internal Audit Guidelines
Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Management Guidelines (6 OROC Councils)

Governance issues:

As previously advise, the new (revised) requirements are aimed at improving the openness and transparency of councils. The internal Audit requirements focus more on internal controls and management issues, whereas the external audit has the prime aim of being an independent, external review of a Council's financial activities over a given period and at a particular point in time.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Council
Council staff
Residents and ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Council has made appropriate provision for the internal audit function in the 2011/2012 Budget.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Council has committed to joining with other OROC council's to make a joint appointment with regards the internal audit function to minimise the costs involved.

Conclusion:

The most effective solution for introducing an internal audit function is through a joint appointment with other OROC Councils.

It is now appropriate for Council to support the course of action agreed to at an OROC level and support the appointment of the second independent member of the Internal Audit and Risk management Committee

Establishment of Internal Auditing Function Progress Report

Recommendation:

4. That Mr David Honner be appointed as the second independent member of Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil.

8. RV FRIENDLY SCHEME FOR WALGETT SHIRE TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

REPORTING SECTION: Economic Development
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 00/0000

Summary:

To further consider the applying for Burren Junction, Collarenebri, Walgett and Lightning Ridge being designated as "RV Friendly Towns" as well as Carinda and Rowena being designated as "RV friendly Locations".

Background:

This matter was at Council's October 2011 meeting when it was resolved: "put in resolution"

Current Position:

Subsequently the proposal was advertised in the local media during November, 2011 and submissions invited. At the closing date for public input no submissions had been received.

Accordingly, it is now appropriate for Council to further consider the proposal.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

RV Friendly Towns Scheme Assessment Form
RV Friendly Locations Scheme Assessment Form

Governance issues:

Council has followed an open and transparent approach to this issue by advertising the proposal and inviting submissions. None were received within the timeframe allowed.

Environmental issues:

As previously indicated it is far more preferable for designated "camping areas" to be identified and appropriately supervised and maintained rather than the current haphazard approach which could result in various problems, particularly those associated with health issues.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA)
Communities of Burren Junction, Collarenebri, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena.

Financial Implications:

Any signage costs will be funded from existing tourism allocations.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing
Erect signage prohibiting overnight camping on roads and reserves.

Conclusion:

That Council further consider applying for Burren Junction, Collarenebri, Walgett and Lightning Ridge to be designated as "RV Friendly Towns" as well as Carinda and Rowena to be designated as "RV friendly Locations

RV Friendly Scheme for Walgett Shire Towns and Villages

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the report in relation to RV Friendly Town Schemes within Walgett Shire.
2. That Council endorse all 5 applications including Burren Junction, Collarenebri, Carinda, Rowena and Walgett and supports the establishment of signage once Walgett Shire Council has received approval from CMCA.
3. That Council advise the CMCA of the proposals and seek approval to establish appropriate signage.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

9. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 00/0000

Summary:

Owing to time constraints the following reports will be prepared as supplementary items:

1. Review of Tourism Function
2. Matters for Brief Mention.

| Title of Report |
|--|
| <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>5. That the advice be received and noted.</p> <p>Moved:
Seconded:</p> |

Attachments:

Nil

10. NSW LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL SCHEME

REPORTING SECTION: Finance
AUTHOR: Stephen Holland – Director Corporate Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/599

Summary:

The local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) is administered by the Division of Local Government (DLG) and provides an incentive to councils to make greater use of loan funding to accelerate a reduction in infrastructure backlogs. The scheme provides an interest subsidy of 4% for loans of \$1 million or greater over a period of 10 years. Applications for the 2012/2013 round close on 30 March 2012. A maximum of two projects may be submitted with each project considered a separate application.

This report provides details of three projects considered appropriate for submission under LIRS. It is recommended that the Walgett Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment Project the replacement of Wangan Bridge and the Areodrome Reseal Project be considered for submission for the 2012/2013 round and that the Walgett/Lightning Ridge Consolidated Waste Management Facility be submitted in the 2013/2014 round when this project has been further scoped and developed.

Background:

Walgett Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment Project:

This project involves refurbishment of the existing 8.7km levee and a 3.2km extension of the levee to protect Council's sewerage treatment plant and the Walgett landfill site. Planning for the project commenced in July 2004, with the first four stages through to Design and Documentation being completed. The estimated project cost is \$8.5m with approximately \$600,000 being spent to date. The remaining stage is construction which will attract a subsidy of 6:1 resulting in a Council contribution of approximately \$1.2m. A meeting with Office of Water and Public Works representatives is scheduled for 28 March to discuss project administration options for the project to proceed to construction.

Wangan Bridge Replacement Project:

This project involves the soil testing , preparation of review of environmental factors, removal of the existing structure, placement of concrete floor and placement of pre cast concrete box culverts, guard railing, approach road and Reno mattress works. The Proposed box culvert will have 15 Pre cast units of 3000mm (width) x 2500mm (Height) and length will be approximately 47m .The estimated cost of the project is \$ 1000,000.

An advertisement has been placed for expression of interest for REF (Review of Environmental factors), Engineering Surveys and preparation of tender drawing. Council will be involved in design, estimation and project management.

Walgett Aerodrome Reseal Project:

This project involves the soil test, pavement design and construction of the new pavement. The total estimated cost is \$3.2 million.

The project has been divided to three stages and an estimated cost for the first stage is \$1,000,000 an application for a 50% subsidy has been lodged to Department of Infrastructure and Transport

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This project involves the upgrade of the existing runway of 493.74 m x 35 m with 200 mm thick hot seal pavement. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000 and an application for a 50% subsidy has been lodged.

Walgett/Lightning Ridge Consolidated Waste Management Facility:

There has been some preliminary work undertaken on this project with initial cost estimates being in the order of \$3-5 million. For this project to proceed a determination is required in relation to a suitable site after which the scope and design of the facility can be determined along with associated costs. On this basis it is recommended that this project be considered for submission under the 2013/2014 LIRS round.

Current Position:

The Walgett Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment project, Wangan Bridge and Aerodrome Reseal are infrastructure projects that have been identified as ones that could be progressed on 2012/2013 with loan funding supported by the LIRS

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

File 175/03/02/00 contains the records relating to the Walgett levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment project.

File 175/03/02/00 contains the records relating to the Wangan Bridge Project.

File 030/03/02/86 contains the records relating to the Aerodrome Reseal Project

File 09/1505-02 contains the records relating to The Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment Project

Governance issues:

Council direction is sought in relation to whether it wishes to progress two of these projects with funding assistance by way of an interest subsidy through the LIRS (maximum of two projects).. A further decision of Council would subsequently be required to take up actual loan finance to fund the projects.

Environmental issues:

Advice from the Director of Planning & regulatory Services is that Development Approval is not required for the levee, Bridge and Aerodrome projects. A review of environmental factors is yet to be undertaken for the Wangan Bridge project. No approvals are required for the Walgett Aerodrome Reseal Project, with this aspect of the Walgett levee project having been completed.

Stakeholders:

A number of other agencies and the wider Walgett community are considered to be the relevant stakeholders.

Financial Implications:

The Walgett levee rehabilitation and Refurbishment Project is estimated to cost \$8.5m. The project is eligible for a subsidy of 6:1 after which Council's contribution would be approximately \$1.21m if the project was done as one stage. The interest subsidy under the LIRS would equate to a saving in the order of \$48,400 in the first year.

The Wangan Bridge Project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000. The interest subsidy under the LIRS would equate to a saving in the order of \$40,000 in the first year.

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The Walgett Aerodrome Reseal Project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000. The interest subsidy under the LIRS would equate to a saving in the order of \$40,000 in the first year

Legal issues:

Required approvals from the Division of Local Government and TCorp would be sought with the required loan documentation executed under seal by the General Manager.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Council may wish to further prioritise the projects and submit only one under LIRS in 2012/2013. Also the Walgett Levee project could be staged over a number of years. Loan funding is the preferred method of financing large capital infrastructure works and the alternative of funding projects out of revenue over an extended period is not supported.

Conclusion:

The LIRS provides an opportunity for Council to undertake major infrastructure projects with a significant reduction in loan servicing costs. The Division of Local Government has indicated that there will be a further round under LIRS in 2013/2014 at which time the Walgett/Lightning Ridge Consolidated Waste Management Facility could be considered. It is recommended that the Wangan Bridge and Walgett Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment Project and the Walgett Aerodrome Reseal Project be considered under the 2012/2013 round of the LIRS.

NSW Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme

Recommendation:

That Council determine two of the following Projects for the submission under the 2012/2013 round of the LIRS.

1. Walgett Levee Rehabilitation & Refurbishment Project
2. Wangan Bridge Replacement Project
3. Walgett Aerodrome Reseal Project

Moved:

Seconded:

11. REQUEST FOR DONATION

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services
AUTHOR: Stephen Holland – Director Corporate Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/77-10

Summary:

Council has received a request from Guy & Janell Yeomans on behalf of their sons Jack & Ned, for a financial contribution towards the cost of Jack & Ned attending the Global Youth Leaders Conference in July 2012. Jack and Ned will have the option of attending in either the USA, China or Europe.

The letter advised that tuition costs for each child are \$3,900 and seeks some assistance from Council in defraying these costs.

Background:

Both Jack and Ned Yeomans were nominated by their School to represent Australia at the Global Youth Leaders Conference (GYLC) to be held in July 2012. Having grown up in Walgett, Mr & Mrs Yeomans believe that not only would this be a great personal achievement for their sons, but also serve as a demonstration to the wider youth community of what is possible to achieve at a personal level.

Current Position:

Council has a Sec 356 Community Assistance Scheme whereby non-profit community groups and organisations based in, or affiliated with Walgett Shire are able to apply for financial assistance.

Under Section 356 (1) of LGA 1993:

356 Can a Council financially assist others?

(1) A Council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.

(2) A proposed recipient who acts for private gain is not ineligible to be granted financial assistance but must not receive any benefit under this section until at least 28 days' public notice of the Council's proposal to pass the necessary resolution has been given. The objectives of the scheme do not provide for assistance to individuals.

(3) However, public notice is not required if:

(a) the financial assistance is part of a specific program, and

(b) the program's details have been included in the Council's draft management plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and

(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the Council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and

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(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the Council's area or to a significant group of persons within the area.

(4) Public notice is also not required if the financial assistance is part of a program of graffiti removal from work.

The objectives of the scheme do not provide for assistance to individuals.

Relevant Reference Documents:

AFM – Request for Assistance Policy
AFM – Financial management Control Policy

Governance issues:

Sec 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 does provide for Council to assist individuals but would require that 28 days public notice be given of its intention to pass the necessary resolution. If the Council had a policy and program that provided for donations to individuals for personal achievement, the 28 day public notice period would not be required.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Stakeholders in this matter are the applicants and their family and the wider Walgett community as it relates to the equitable application of Council policies.

Financial Implications:

Due to the ineligibility of this particular request to be funded under the "Request For Assistance Policy", no funds are available within the 2011/2012 Budget.

Legal issues:

Council is required to conform to the provisions of Sec 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 should it wish to make a donation to the applicants.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

That the family explore other funding and sponsorship arrangements through their school, Local Member and philanthropic entities.

Conclusion:

Jack and Ned Yeomans are to be congratulated on achieving their invitation to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference, however the Council's current policies do not provide for any financial assistance.

The report recommends that Mr & Mrs Yeomans be advised that the Council regrets that it is unable to accede to their request for financial, assistance to Jack and Ned to attend the 2012 Global Young Leaders Conference. It is further recommended that letters from the Mayor be sent to both Jack and Ned Yeomans, congratulating them on their success in being invited to attend the 2012 Global Young Leaders Conference.

Request for Donation

Recommendation:

6. The Mr & Mrs Yeomans be advised that Councils Request for Assistance Scheme does not provide for financial assistance to individuals.
2. Letters from the Mayor be sent to Jack and Ned Yeomans congratulating them on their achievement in being invited to attend the 2012 global Young Leaders Conference

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

12. CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services
AUTHOR: Shane Roberts – Senior Finance Officer
FILE NUMBER: 09/1460

Summary:

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 29 February 2012.

Background:

Walgett Shire Council operates one primary transaction account with the Commonwealth Bank and invests surplus funds to its operational requirements. The level of funds held in the account at any time reflects the outlook in terms of payments to be made in the short term.

Current Position:

As at 29 February 2012 the operational bank account's balance was \$615,319.87. The reconciliation of this balance is:

Operational Account Bank Reconciliation As at 29 February 2012

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| | \$ |
| Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 February 2012 | 806,455.21 |
| Add: Receipts | 2,353,849.81 |
| Add: Recalled Investments | |
| Less: New Investments | |
| Less: Payments | (2,544,985.15) |
| Closing Ledger Balance as at 29 February 2012 | 615,319.87 |
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| Balance as per Bank Statement as at 29 February 2012 | 609,033.85 |
| Add: Receipts not banked | 12,915.63 |
| Less: Payments not presented | (6,629.61) |
| Closing Balance of Bank Account | 615,319.87 |

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Comments:

1 Term Deposit valued at \$500,000.00, was recalled in February 2012.

2 New Term Deposits total value of \$750,000.00, were made in February 2012.

No transfers were done from the 24hour online account in February 2012.

No transfers were made to the 24hour online account in February 2012.

As at 29 February 2012 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$8,000,430.13.

The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

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| Term Deposits | \$8,000,000.00 |
| Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) | \$ 430.13 |

The values disclosed for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values as at 31 December 2011 and were supplied by the ANZ Group.

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 24 Hour Online Account Balance | \$1,250,000.00 |
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Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

| | |
|----------------|--|
| 09/1772/0019 | February 2012 bank reconciliation ledger 11.5010 |
| 09/1460-02/008 | Investments Report To Council 2011-2012 |

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Residents of Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

As per report

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

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Conclusion:

As at 29 February 2012 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$9,865,750.00 represented by:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Reconciled Operational Account Balance | \$615,319.87 |
| Investments | \$8,000,430.13 |
| 24 Hour Online Saver Account | \$1,250,000.00 |

CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2012

Recommendation:

7. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 29 February 2012 be received.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

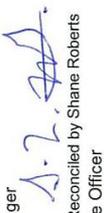
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| <u>Investment Institution</u> | <u>Type of Investment</u> | <u>Term (days)</u> | <u>Rate %</u> | <u>Ref</u> | <u>Reset Date</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Term Deposits | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 189 | 5.85 | 735/12 | | 02-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bankwest | Term Deposit | 147 | 5.70 | 736/12 | | 23-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bankwest | Term Deposit | 112 | 5.60 | 741/12 | | 07-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMB | Term Deposit | 82 | 5.65 | 743/12 | | 14-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Queensland | Term Deposit | 182 | 5.80 | 745/12 | | 30-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit Union Australia | Term Deposit | 91 | 5.75 | 746/12 | | 07-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suncorp | Term Deposit | 91 | 5.76 | 747/12 | | 07-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suncorp | Term Deposit | 91 | 6.00 | 748/12 | | 14-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 126 | 5.99 | 749/12 | | 18-Apr-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CBA | Term Deposit | 98 | 5.20 | 750/12 | | 21-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IMB | Term Deposit | 91 | 5.90 | 751/12 | | 02-Mar-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 133 | 6.10 | 752/12 | | 21-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit Union Australia | Term Deposit | 329 | 5.83 | 754/12 | | 05-Dec-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Queensland | Term Deposit | 182 | 6.00 | 755/12 | | 11-Jul-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bankwest | Term Deposit | 98 | 6.00 | 756/12 | | 18-Apr-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 126 | 5.88 | 757/12 | | 23-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit | 84 | 5.71 | 758/12 | | 11-Apr-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bankwest | Term Deposit | 154 | 5.70 | 759/12 | | 04-Jul-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit | 91 | 5.81 | 760/12 | | 09-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Newcastle Permanent Building Society | Term Deposit | 91 | 5.78 | 761/12 | | 16-May-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suncorp | Term Deposit | 182 | 6.00 | 762/12 | | 15-Aug-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit Union Australia | Term Deposit | 322 | 5.95 | 763/12 | | 09-Jan-13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suncorp | Term Deposit | 322 | 5.80 | 764/12 | | 09-Jan-13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Australia Bank | Term Deposit | 182 | 5.88 | 765/12 | | 22-Aug-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank of Queensland | Term Deposit | 182 | 5.85 | 766/12 | | 29-Aug-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Credit Union Australia | Term Deposit | 210 | 5.96 | 767/12 | | 26-Sep-12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zircon Finance Ltd | Floating Rate CDO | | 0.00 | | 20-Mar-12 | 20-Sep-14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan Stanley Aces SP | Floating Rate CDO | 91 | 6.950 | | | 20-Jun-15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hellum Capital Ltd | Floating Rate CDO | | 0.0000 | | | 23-Jun-14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | \$9,250,430.13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note that this is a separate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account
Investment Report as at 29 February 2012
 I hereby certify that the investments shown herein have been invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, associated regulations and in accordance with Council's Policies and Procedures.
 Signed

Susie Jones
 Finance Manager

 Prepared and Reconciled by Shane Roberts
 Senior Finance Officer


13. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services
AUTHOR: Jane Farkas – Administration Services Officer
FILE NUMBER: 11/209/0020

Summary:

This report identifies requests for financial assistance from Council through the Community Assistance Scheme 2011/2012 and under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993

This is the second (of two) rounds of requests for financial assistance for the 2011/2012 financial year.

Background:

Applicants must be non-profit organisations and based in, or affiliated with, Walgett Shire. Donations are generally in the region of \$500-\$1000, and are limited to one donation per organisation per year, unless there are surplus funds in Round 2.

The Community Assistance Scheme objectives are to:

- Support charities and community projects, events and activities which occur within the Walgett Shire area, and are a benefit to the community;
- Foster or support new services, initiatives and resources within the Shire;
- Improve awareness and use of community services and resources within the Shire;
- Encourage increased participation in local community events within the Shire.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

WSC Procedures – AFM – Requests for Assistance
Section 356 Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2009 – 2014

Governance issues:

As it has been some time since the guidelines were reviewed, it would be timely for this to be done prior to the calling of 2012/2013 applications.

Council might also like to consider timing payment of financial assistance to co-incide with Local Government Week and hold a special presentation ceremony.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Various community organisations

Current Position:

Applications have been received from community organisations for financial assistance under the Community Assistance Scheme. The scheme was advertised Shire wide, with applications closing 4 February 2012.

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The following organisations received donations in 2011/2012 - round 1:

| Organisation | Project | Cost of Project/Activity | Amount Requested | Recommended Amount | Beneficiaries |
|--|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Collarenebri Jockey Club | Ambulance costs for Annual race meeting 17 September 2011 | \$43,000.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | Collarenebri Community members and Race Enthusiasts |
| Lightning Ridge IBC | Improvement, upkeep and maintenance of the Gem Garden's and handicapped play equipment | \$24,443.96 | \$1,534.87 | \$1,000.00 | Lightning Ridge Community members and visitors |
| Goodooga-Lightning Ridge CWA | Annual Wool Day Fundraising Lunch | \$3,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | Children with special needs and women and children in crises and youth |
| Anglicare - Northern Inland, Moree | Counselling Service to Lightning Ridge 2 days per month | \$11,270.00 | \$4,750.00 | \$500.00 | Lightning Ridge Community members |
| Cubbaroo Campdraft Club Inc | Replace High Gravity Fed Tank on Sports ground which supplies water to stock. Currently has 3 leaks causing safety hazard and uncertainty of water supply | \$1,800.00 | \$1,804.00 | \$900.00 | Burren Junction Community by continuing to attract visitors to spend locally |
| Burren Junction Pre-School | Purchase pop up marquee, folding tables, BBQ tools, extension cords and power boards for community events | \$1,370.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | Burren Junction Community and Walgett Shire by running catering facilities |
| Collarenebri Rodeo Inc | Sponsor Junior Ride or Advertising sign for Rodeo | \$1,000.00 | \$500.00 | \$250.00 | Collarenebri Community by attracting visitors to spend locally |
| Barwon Aboriginal Corporation | Walgett Rugby League Knockouts 17/9/2011 | \$23,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$500.00 | Walgett Community members of all ages |
| Isolated Children's Parent's Association Walgett Branch | Contribution to guest speaker Murray Hartin at a dinner, to raise money to send delegates to a conference to relate Walgett issue | \$1,500.00 | \$500.00 | \$250.00 | Walgett Shire Youths and Parents |
| Yuuwirri painters - Auspiced by Lightning Ridge Neighbourhood Centre | Produce an exhibition to celebrate work of local artists | \$1,000.00 | \$500.00 | \$250.00 | Local students in the older age group, 2 being disabled |
| Totals | | | \$13,588.87 | \$5,650.00 | |
| | | | | \$15,600.00 | |
| | | | | \$9,950.00 | |

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Financial Implications:

An amount of \$15,600.00 has been provided for in the 2011/2012 Budget in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. This is to be utilised between the two rounds of funding as well as a nominal amount to be utilised in the advertising of the scheme.

There is no necessity for Council to allocate the complete budget in any one year. Any savings could be carried forward as a reserve for future years.

Alternate Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

All applications for funding from the Community Assistance Scheme are of benefit to the Walgett Shire Communities.

Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 1 2011/2012

Recommendation:

8. That Council applies funds for financial assistance under section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the second round of 2011/2012 as set out in the attached schedule.
9. That the Financial Assistance Fund Guidelines be reviewed prior to the round 1 applications being called in 2012/2013.
10. Council consider holding a presentation ceremony in conjunction with Local Government Week.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Community Assistance Spreadsheet

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| Organisation | Project | Cost of Project/Activity | Amount Requested | Recommended Amount | Beneficiaries | Comments |
|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Lightning Ridge Mens Shed | Provide Reverse Cycle Air Conditioner | \$2,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$500.00 | Lightning Ridge Community members and visitors | |
| Lightning Ridge Miners' Association | National Symposium provides a forum to disseminate the latest research outcomes, marketing initiatives and the state of the opal industry. | \$26,660.00 | \$5,000.00 | nil | Walgett Shire, particularly Lightning Ridge and Grawin areas, it also enhances the tourism industry | receives other annual contributions - Opal Queen award - \$3,000 and Jewellery Design award - \$3,500 |
| Anglicare - Northern Inland, Moree | Counselling Services | \$10,800.00 | \$4,500.00 | nil | Lightning Ridge and surrounding Community | Received a donation in round 1 |
| Lightning Ridge Gymnastics Club | Teach basic Cheer Leading Skills | \$528.00 | \$528.00 | \$268.00 | Youth of Lightning Ridge | |
| St Peter's Anglican Church - Walgett | Assistance with cost of Public Liability | \$2,084.00 | \$2,084.00 | nil | St Peters' Anglican Church and Public | operational expense - outside guidelines |
| Sing Australia - Walgett | Purchase of Piano/Keyboard | \$1,199.97 | \$1,199.97 | \$500.00 | Community and Church goers | |
| St Johns' Anglican Church - Collarbrenebri | Assistance with cost of Public Liability | \$1,788.00 | \$1,788.00 | nil | St Johns' Anglican Church and Public | operational expense - outside guidelines |
| Walgett Painting Group | 24 Hour Heart Monitor for Doctor's Surgery- Walgett | \$6,900.00 | \$2,500.00 | nil | Walgett & surrounding Communities | outside guidelines - recipient would be commercial operator |
| Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Council Inc | 1.Awning and cover cage to hold two kilns, work table & chairs.
2.Prize Money | \$3000.00
\$4000.00 | \$1500.00
\$500.00 | \$500.00
nil | 1. Helps local Artists to share their work from the surrounding communities
2. Surrounding communities and tourists viewing their work | 2. Outside guidelines - prize money |
| Yawarra Meamei Woman's Group Inc | Networking with Service Providers on Mental Health Issues | \$900.00 | \$500.00 | \$450.00 | Walgett Shire | |

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|--|---|------------|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Lightning Ridge & Region Transcultural Community Council Inc | Community Event - Harmony Day, Seniors Picnic Day | \$1,640.00 | \$600.00 | \$500.00 | Lightning Ridge and surrounding Communities |
| Totals | | | \$19,699.97 | \$2,718.00 | |
| ANNUAL BUDGET | | | \$15,600.00 | | |
| Round 2 | | | \$5,650.00 | | |
| Remaining if approved | | | | \$7,232.00 | |

14 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, RURAL SUBDIVISION

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Director of Planning & Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin
FILE NUMBER: DA2011/034

Summary:

A Development Application has been lodged for a rural subdivision at Lightning Ridge. It is recommended that Council resolve to refuse the development application.

Background:

Walgett Shire Council has received a Development Application from Graham Lees for the subdivision of lot 2470, DP 764433 at the end of Borehead Road (Shire Road 45) Lightning Ridge. The application proposes that three lots be created.

This Development Application was previously considered by Walgett Shire Council at a meeting held on 6 March 2012 where it resolved to defer consideration of the matter until the meeting schedule for 27 March 2012. The decision to defer the matter was based on a verbal request from the applicant who had indicated they wanted to speak in support of their application at the public forum preceding the Council meeting, but had been prevented from doing so due to medical commitments in Mudgee.

Current Position:

A development assessment report has been prepared and is included as Attachment A. This report was held over from the previous meeting to allow the applicant to be in attendance when Council considers the application.

Relevant reference documents/Policies:

- * Application documents for DA2011/034.
- * Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- * Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.
- * Interim Development Order Shire of Walgett 1968.
- * State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008.

Governance issues:

Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 requires a division to be called when a motion for a planning decision is put at a meeting of the Council, and the names of Councillors voting for and against the motion must be recorded.

Environmental issues:

See the attached Development Application assessment report.

Stakeholders:

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Walgett Shire Council, community, applicant and neighbours.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Alternative solutions/options:

Conditional approval:-The proposed development does not comply with the land use planning principles in State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008, hence it would be difficult to justify issuing conditional development consent.

Conclusion:

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Refuse Development Application 2011/034 by Graham Lees on lot 2470 DP 764433 on the basis that the proposal:
 - (a) Involves rural land fragmentation which is likely to have an adverse impact on agriculture by reducing the availability of land for agricultural use.
 - (b) Involves rural land fragmentation which would facilitate conflict between proponents of residential and agricultural land use.
 - (c) The site is not suitable because the lots will not have ongoing direct access to a public road in a context where such access is warranted.
 - (d) Includes a 40 hectare flood prone lot with two dwellings, which could only be used for residential purposes. The land is not suitable for a predominantly residential land use

Attachments:

A – Development Assessment Report – DA2011/034

ATTACHMENT A – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

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| DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT |
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APPLICATION DETAILS

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Application number | 2011/034 | Lodgement date | 7/11/2011 |
| Application is for | Rural subdivision | Value of development | N/A |
| Land address | Borehead Rd. | Lot/sec/DP | 2470//764433 |
| Applicant name | Graham Lees | Ass | 28373 |
| Owner name | Graham John Lees & Peter John Brusaschi. | | |
| Land zoning | 1. Non-Urban (a) | | |
| Current use /development | Dwelling, grazing, cropping. | | |
| Assessment report author | Town Planner, Matt Clarkson, and Director Planning & Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin | | |
| Statutory days | Deemed refusal after 40 days (Cl. 113 EPAR2000) | | |

PROPOSAL

Subdivision to create three lots with areas of 40, 80 and 1110 hectares.

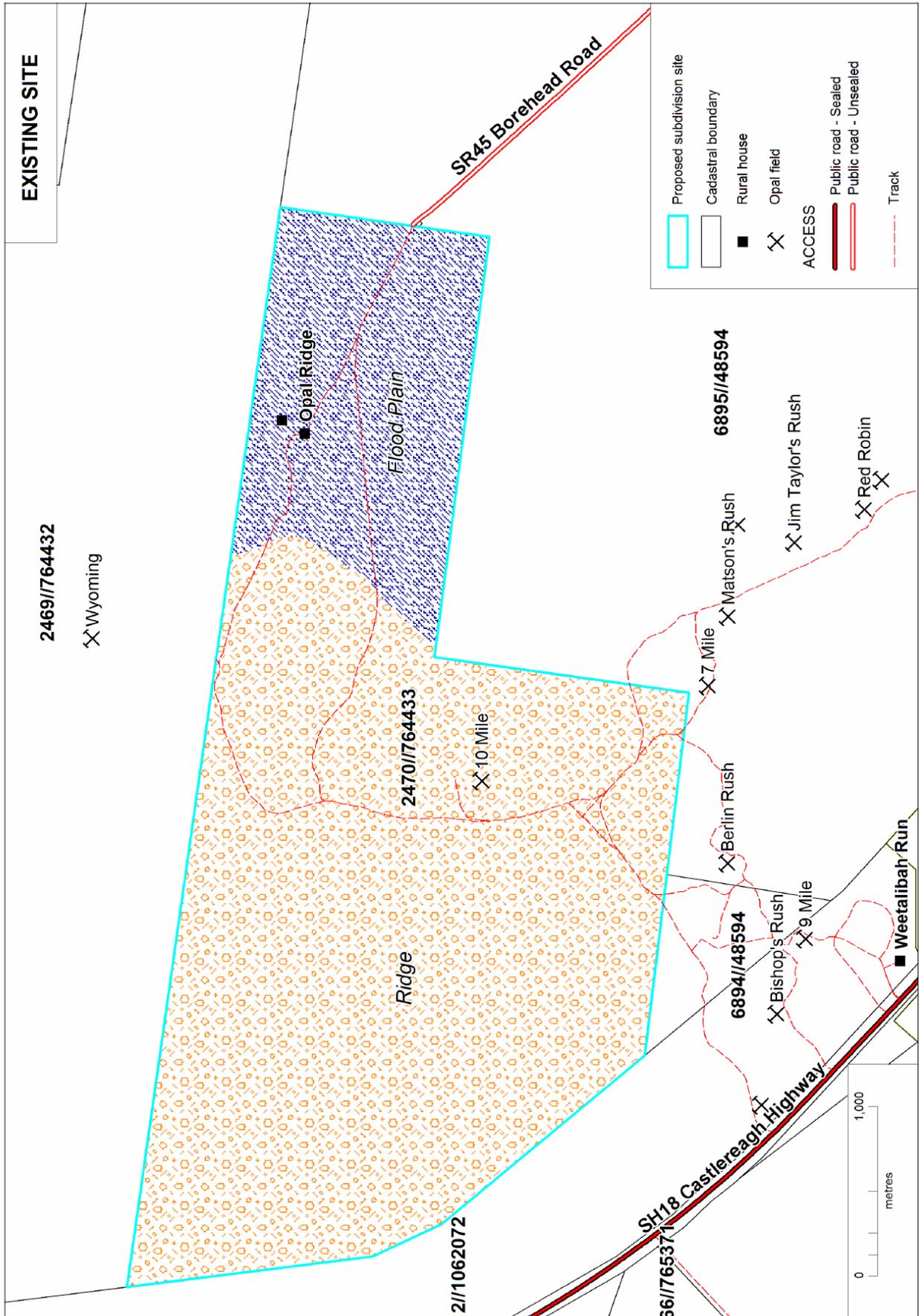
SUBJECT SITE AND LOCALITY

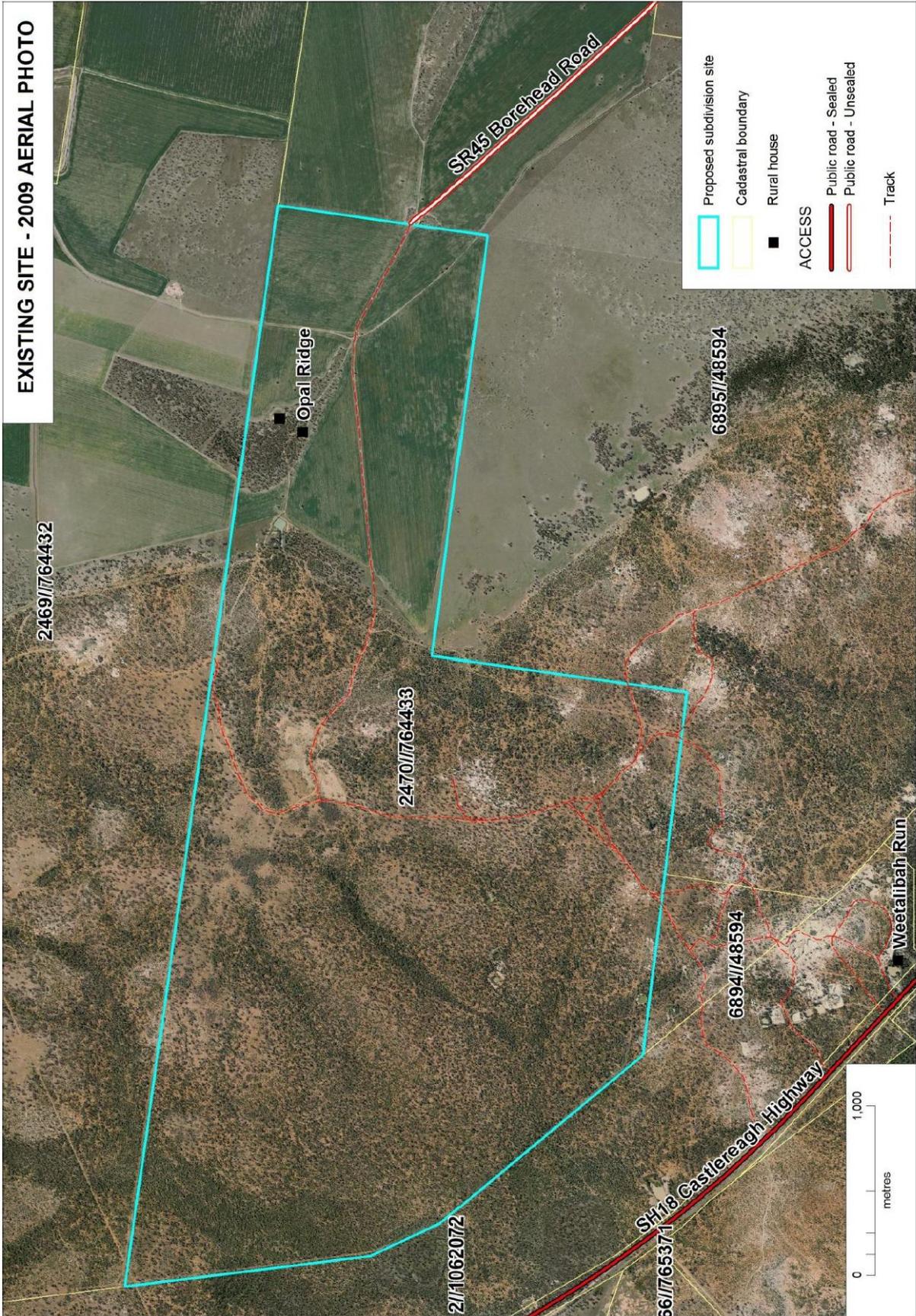
An inspection of the site and surrounding area was undertaken on 15/11/2011 by Matt Clarkson.

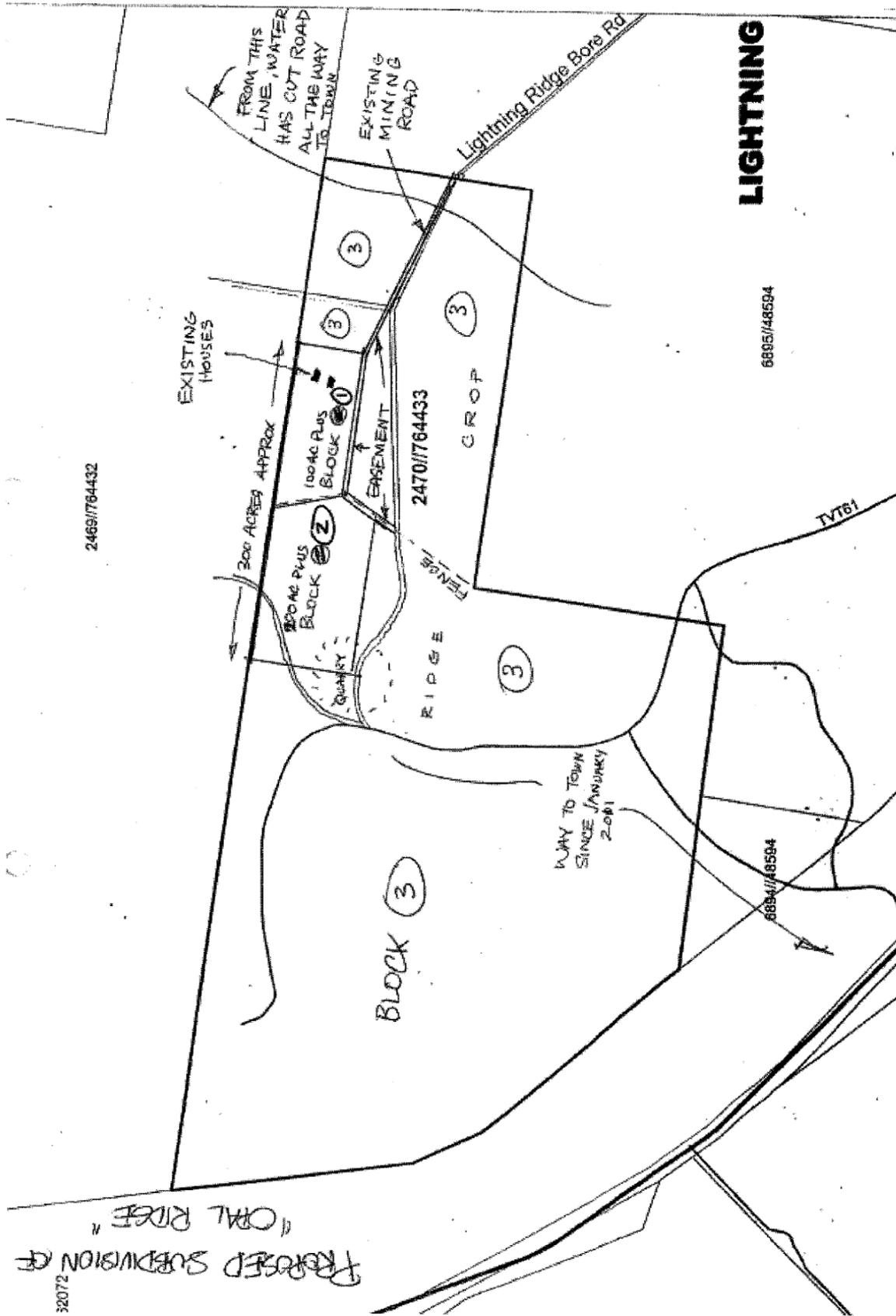
The site has a total area of 1230 hectares and is used for grazing and cropping. It has two completed dwellings and various sheds associated with agricultural production.

Opal mining and gravel extraction is also undertaken on the land by third parties. Similar uses occur on surrounding land, as shown in the aerial photograph below.

The dwellings are located on a flood plain as shown in the site plan and aerial photograph below.







DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SITE HISTORY

Previous consents:

None found.

Previous use/development:

Grazing, cropping, mining, gravel extraction for more than 20 years.

Previous enforcement action:

None known.

REFERRALS

| REFERRALS/NOTICE | ADVICE / RESPONSE / CONDITIONS |
|--|--|
| <p>NSW Department of Primary Industries</p> | <p>Flood water periodically cuts off vehicle access to the land via Shire Road 45 Borehead Road for up to a year, or more. In that context a query was raised by Council staff with DPI (Catchment & Lands) regarding whether legal access was possible via the Castlereagh Highway through adjoining lot 6894, DP 48594 and lot 2, DP 1062072 which are also held under a Western Lands Lease (WLL).</p> <p>In a response e-mail dated 10-11-2011 (Trim record DA2011/034/0011) the DPI advised that the only legal access to the property or a subsequent subdivision would remain Borehead Rd Lightning Ridge. Also that the "access currently being used by the lessees" "is a "Track In Use" which allows the leaseholders to use the track by virtue of a condition within the lease".</p> |

SECTION 79C EVALUATION

Consideration of the matters prescribed by section 79C are summarised below.

79C(1)(a)(i) the provisions of any environmental planning instrument

| | Applicable Clauses | Compliance |
|--|---|--|
| State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) | | |
| State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008 | 8(a) the minimisation of rural land fragmentation. | Non-compliant. The proposed subdivision would result in the fragmentation of rural land with no significant positive agricultural outcomes. |
| | 8(b) the minimisation of rural land use conflicts, particularly between residential land uses and other rural land uses | <p>Non-compliant. The proposed subdivision includes a 40 and 80 hectare lot which will not be viable for any significant agricultural activity, hence the primary use of those lots is likely be residential. Both lots will include and adjoin areas that have a history of broad acre cereal cropping and grazing.</p> <p>Cropping can generate dust, herbicide drift and noise for significant periods, hence there is significant potential for conflict between future proponents of residential and agricultural land use in this context where there will be minimal separation between uses.</p> |

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| | Applicable Clauses | Compliance |
|---|---|--|
| | 8(d) the consideration of the natural and physical constraints and opportunities of land | Non-compliant. Virtually all of the proposed 40 hectare lot is located on flood plain. Flood water can remain on parts of this flood plain for more than a year at a time. |
| | 8(e) ensuring that planning for dwelling opportunities takes account of those constraints | Non-compliant. Approval of the subdivision would create new dwelling opportunities in a context where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cropping and grazing land would be fragmented. • There is a significant risk of land use conflict. • Some of the land is flood prone. |
| Regional Environmental Planning Policies (deemed SEPPs) | | |
| Nil | Nil | N/A |
| Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) | | |
| Interim Development Order No 1 – Shire of Walgett 1968 (a deemed LEP) | Clause 3 and the zoning table. | The proposed land use requires development consent. |
| | Clause 5 of the Model Provisions for the IDO require Council to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character of the development & locality. • Size & shape of land, siting & area of development. • Etc. | These matters are effectively addressed under the assessment under section 79C of the Act below. |
| | Clause 11 of the IDO requires that land within Zone No.1(a) or 1(b) not be subdivided where: each separate allotment to be created thereby has an area of not less than 40 hectares. | This clause does not apply to land under the management and control of the Western Lands Commissioner. |

79C(1)(a)(ii) the provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument

| | Applicable Clauses | Compliance |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| Draft State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) | Nil. | N/A. |
| Draft Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) | Nil. | N/A. |

79C(1)(a)(iii) any development control plan

Not applicable. There are no current Development Control Plans in Walgett Shire.

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79C(1)(a)(iv) any matters prescribed by the regulations

Any matters prescribed by the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

| Applicable Clauses | Compliance |
|---|---|
| 92(1)(b) Demolition | N/A – No demolition proposed. |
| 93 Fire safety and other considerations | N/A – No change of building use for an existing building proposed. |
| 94 Consent authority may require buildings to be upgraded | N/A - No rebuilding, alteration, enlargement or extension of an existing building proposed. |
| 94A Fire safety and other considerations applying to temporary structures | N/A – No temporary structure proposed. |
| 95 Deferred commencement consent | N/A – Not proposed or required. |
| 97A Fulfilment of BASIX commitments | N/A - Not a residential development. |

79C(1)(b) the likely impacts of that development

| Likely impacts | Acceptable impact or steps taken to mitigate impact discussed in the "Assessment – Key Issues" section of the report |
|---|--|
| Fragmentation of rural land & land use conflict | See analysis in the 'Assessment – key issues' section. |
| Vehicle access | See analysis in the 'Assessment – key issues' section. |
| Mineral resource sterilisation | See analysis in the 'Assessment – key issues' section. |

79C(1)(c) the suitability of the site for the development

| | Summary of site suitability issues |
|---|--|
| Does the development fit into the locality | No. Proposed use is effectively likely to be residential, which is inconsistent with the dominant existing agricultural land use. |
| Are the site attributes conducive for the development | No. The proposed lots will not have ongoing direct access to a public road and there are significant potentially adverse impacts on rural land use, as noted previously. Significant parts of the land are also flood prone. |

79C(1)(d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the Regulations

Proposal is only local development therefore there is no formal opportunity for submissions under the Act or Regulations.

79C(1)(e) the public interest

| | Summary of any detrimental impacts |
|--|--|
| Federal, state or local government interests | None known or expected. |
| Community interests | Creation of additional lots in this location may require additional utilisation of emergency services during flood events, especially the SES which is predominantly staffed by volunteers. Any action which exacerbates demands on these resources during crisis periods presents as an unreasonable opportunity cost to the community. |

SECTION 79BA EVALUATION

Development consent cannot be granted for the carrying out of development for any purpose (other than a subdivision of land that could lawfully be used for residential or rural residential purposes or development for a special fire protection purpose) on bush fire prone land unless the consent authority is satisfied that the development conforms to the specifications and requirements of the document entitled Planning for Bush Fire Protection published in 2006 by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Parts of the land have been mapped as bush fire prone by the NSW Rural Fire Service but the existing two dwellings are located more than 1.5km away from bush fire prone vegetation. In that context the current proposal complies with the requirements of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection'.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public notification was undertaken via letters dated 7 November 2011 to:

- The Lightning Ridge Working Party.
- The Lightning Ridge Precinct Committee.
- Four nearby land owners.

As of 4 January 2012 no submissions have been received regarding the Development Application.

ASSESSMENT – KEY ISSUES

Fragmentation of rural land & land use conflict

As noted previously, the proposed subdivision does not comply with several of the Rural Subdivision Principles in clause 8 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008. In summary, the subdivision would create new dwelling opportunities in a context where:

- Cropping and grazing land would be fragmented without significant positive benefits.
- There is a significant risk of land use conflict between proponents of agricultural and residential land use.

In summary, the proposed 40 and 80 hectare lots are quite small, hence they can only be used primarily for residential land use. Fragmentation and land use conflict in this context will have adverse impacts on the existing predominant agricultural land use in the vicinity.

Vehicle access

Two out of three proposed lots will not have direct access to a public road. The applicant proposed access is via:

- Borehead Road and a new right of way (marked as easement on the proposed plan).

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- The Castlereagh Highway through adjoining lot 6894, DP 48594 and lot 2, DP 1062072 which are also held under a Western Lands Lease (WLL). This access route would be required during flood events that prevent access via the Borehead Road for 12 months or more.

It is poor planning practice in this context to permit new lots that do not have direct access to a public road.

Flooding

The two existing dwellings are located on the flood plain were surrounded by flood water and became isolated during the Lightning Ridge record flood event early in 2011. Approval of the subdivision would create:

- One lot that is exclusively composed of flood prone land and has two existing houses.
- Two lots that include significant areas of flood prone land which will have dwelling entitlements.

Given that the proposed lot with two dwellings will be isolated on flood prone land, the primary use of the land could only be described as residential. Permitting subdivision for residential land use on flood prone land would not be in the public interest because it would be likely to compound the demand on emergency services during flood events and the site is not suitable for that land use as the dominant use.

Mineral resource sterilisation

The ridge country within the development site has been subject to opal mining and exploration, as well as gravel extraction. Although proposed lots 2 and 3 do not currently have any dwellings, the act of subdividing the lots will create a dwelling entitlement for each lot under the provisions of the Interim Development Order No 1 – Shire of Walgett. New dwellings within the ridge country would inevitably reduce future opportunities for exploration and development of any mineral resources in those areas.

Conclusion

Ultimately the proposed subdivision would create lots with an area of 40, 80 and 1110 hectares in a context where it would be inappropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council refuse the application on the basis that the proposal:

- Involves rural land fragmentation which is likely to have an adverse impact by reducing the availability of land for agricultural use.
- Involves rural land fragmentation which would facilitate conflict between proponents of residential and agricultural land use.
- The site is not suitable because the lots will not have ongoing direct access to a public road in a context where such access is warranted.
- Includes a 40 hectare flood prone lot with two dwellings, which could only be used for residential purposes. The land is not suitable for a predominantly residential land use.

X  Town Planner

Date 4.1.2012.

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INTERNAL REFERRALS

Summary of responses from Council staff referrals, where applicable.

SENIOR HEALTH AND BUILDING SURVEYOR

Comments Agree with Planners. recommendations

Recommendation Refuse

Signature [Signature] Date 05/01/2012

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Comments NO ACCESS DURING FLOOD

Recommendation Refuse

Signature [Signature] Date 05/01/2012

REFERRAL

This application is referred to Walgett Shire Council for determination because it is outside of my delegations to refuse an application. It is recommended that Council refuse the application for the reasons stated above.

X [Signature] Director Planning & Regulatory Services Date 9.1.2012

15 COLLARENEBRI EARL PARK (R78775) RESERVE TRUST

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure
AUTHOR: Susan Hillier – Lands Officer
FILE NUMBER: 09/1746

Summary:

This report recommends that a separate expense ledger be generated for \$4890 grant received from the Minister of Lands, NSW for the installation of a new deluxe sheltered aluminium park setting in Collarenebri Earl Park.

Background:

Walgett Shire Council is the Trust Manager for Crown Reserve R78775 containing the Collarenebri Earl Park.

In July 2011 Council applied for a grant for a deluxe sheltered aluminium park setting for this reserve. Council was successful and awarded \$4890 as a grant. The grant amount \$4890 is exclusive of GST.

Current Position:

Council obtained a quote from Felton Industries and this was the basis of the grant application. Council will now seek formal quotations in accordance with Council Policy

Relevant Reference Documents:

Land and Property Management Authority Trust Handbook
Grant Application

Governance issues:

The expenditure for this project should be kept separate from other expenses related to parks and reserves. Once the project is completed, Council will report on the expenditure in the Crown Reserves Report to Land and Property Management Authority.

The estimated time of project completion is end of June 2012.

Environmental issues:

N/A

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Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Land and Property Management Authority
Residents of Collarenebri

Financial Implications:

Council has received the money and deposited the funding into a miscellaneous account awaiting the setup of an expense ledger.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

N/A

Conclusion:

Collarenebri Earl Park (R78775) Reserve Trust

Recommendation:

1. That Council formally acknowledge receipt of the Grant of \$4,890 for Aluminium Park Setting for Earl Park Collarenebri and appropriation provisions be made for income and expenditure votes for this project.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Letter from LPMA dated 16 February 2012 with loan terms – Annexure A



The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP

Minister for Primary Industries
Minister for Small Business

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16 FEB 2012

Mr D Ramsland
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mrs Hiller

I have approved a grant of \$4,890 (ex GST) to Walgett Shire Council, as corporate trust manager of the Earl Park Reserve Trust towards the cost of purchase and installation of seating within the reserve.

Provision of the grant is subject to the trust undertaking to meet the balance of funds required to complete the project.

The financial assistance is offered on the terms set out in Annexure A and will be electronically paid to the trust once bank and ABN details are confirmed.

Receipt of the funding should be acknowledged by the trust in its next annual report and copies of the financial statements submitted online in the Crown Reserve Reporting System (CRRS) or via a paper form sent to CRRS, Crown Lands Division, Department of Primary Industries, PO Box 2185, Dangar NSW 2309, within three months following the close of the trust's financial year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Hodgkinson', written over a thin, wavy horizontal line.

Katrina Hodgkinson MP
Minister for Primary Industries

**16 MONTHLY FLOOD WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES – MARCH 2012**

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services
AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services
FILE NUMBER: 11/211

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the December 2010 flood works in the period since the last report was prepared in February 2012.

Background:

RTA – Flood work programs

Shire Roads

| Item No | Description of Works | Amount to be contributed by RTA | Amount to be contributed by Council | Total to date 4-11-2011 | % Budget used | Completed Y/N |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| SR5 | Croyon Rd | \$40,956 | | \$40,881.57 | 99.82 | N |
| SR7 | Pampas Rd | \$21,696 | | \$4,918.97 | 22.67 | N |
| SR17 | Tareela Lane | \$27,050 | | \$17,954.97 | 66.38 | Y |
| SR19 | Springs Rd | \$6,149 | | \$159.39 | 2.59 | N |
| SR21 | Meadow Plains Rd | \$69,216 | | \$66,072.35 | 95.46 | Y |
| SR24 | Marlbone Rd | \$23,134 | | \$15,235.37 | 65.86 | N |
| SR25 | Wombo Lane | \$23,462 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR26 | Hardies Lease Rd | \$7,313 | | \$1,796.15 | 24.56 | N |
| SR27 | Colrose Road | \$17,217 | | \$957.47 | 5.56 | N |
| SR28 | Wingadee Rd | \$3,850 | | \$3,500.00 | 90.91 | Y |
| SR30 | Nilma Rd | \$3,041 | | \$2,064.55 | 67.89 | N |
| SR31 | Gungalman Rd | \$48,888 | | \$32,020.33 | 65.50 | N |
| SR38 | Wanourie Ck Rd | \$3,663 | | \$291.98 | 7.97 | N |
| SR40 | Ginghet Rd | \$57,936 | | \$53,305.48 | 92.01 | Y |
| SR43 | Bushs Rd | \$25,434 | | \$27,124.17 | 106.65 | Y |
| SR45 | Borehead Rd | \$4,620 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR46 | Bonanza Rd | \$14,971 | | \$9,590.39 | 64.06 | N |
| SR48 | Boorooma Rd | \$18,787 | | \$423.17 | 2.25 | N |
| SR51 | Millencowbah Rd | \$17,110 | | \$15,785.05 | 92.26 | Y |
| SR53 | Koomalah Rd | \$38,175 | | \$35,494.54 | 92.98 | Y |
| SR55 | Burrans Rd | \$8,236 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR57 | Epping Rd | \$12,900 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR58 | Regans Rd | \$7,222 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR60 | Marra Ck Road | \$12,404 | | \$11,919.84 | 96.10 | Y |

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|-------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|---|
| SR64 | Wimbledon Rd | \$2,139 | | \$2,139 | 100 | Y |
| SR66 | Perrottets Lane | \$27,821 | | \$3,149.36 | 11.32 | N |
| SR70 | Lone Pine Rd | \$27,214 | | \$458.7 | 1.68 | N |
| SR71 | Rossmore Lane | \$7,509 | | \$8,031.80 | 106.96 | Y |
| SR72 | Middle Route Rd | \$2,633 | | \$2,907.5 | 110.43 | Y |
| SR73 | Miralwyn Rd | \$28,616 | | \$28,814.75 | 100.69 | Y |
| SR75 | Gidginbilla Rd | \$31,804 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR76 | Maroubra Rd | \$30,982 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR77 | Nedgera Rd | \$34,522 | | \$22,028.80 | 63.81 | N |
| SR81 | Mac Masman Rd | \$23,818 | | \$21,625.16 | 90.79 | Y |
| SR82 | Prctors Rd | \$9,768 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR83 | Drilool Rd | \$15,986 | | \$4,327.27 | 27.07 | N |
| SR88 | Fabians Rd | \$7,913 | | \$5,818.18 | 73.53 | Y |
| SR95 | Banarway Crossing Rd | \$14,497 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR98 | Lorne Rd | \$25,772 | | \$13,632.75 | 52.90 | N |
| SR101 | Wilby Wilby Rd -
To Be Assessed | \$500,000 | | \$63,500.25 | 12.70 | N |
| SR102 | Angledool Rd | \$35,467 | | \$13,140.91 | 37.05 | Y |
| SR103 | Bugilbone Rd | \$59,547 | | \$60,680.17 | 101.90 | Y |
| SR112 | Brewon Rd | \$19,317 | | \$20,556.31 | 106.42 | Y |
| SR113 | Binghi Road | \$12,296 | | \$6,163.78 | 50.13 | Y |
| SR114 | Bogewong Rd | \$31,086 | | \$30,394.55 | 97.78 | Y |
| SR115 | Aberfoyle Rd | \$34,542 | | \$19,056.67 | 55.17 | N |
| SR116 | Goangra Rd | \$65,198 | | \$66,308.69 | 101.70 | Y |
| SR117 | Beanbri Rd | \$224,562 | | \$12,125.62 | 5.40 | N |
| SR118 | Yarralool Rd | \$16,007 | | \$2,857.48 | 1.79 | N |
| SR119 | Hollywood Lane | \$5,454 | | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| SR121 | Pian Ck Road | \$92,689 | | \$68,318.88 | 73.55 | N |
| SR122 | Old Burren Rd | \$11,549 | | \$10,750.07 | 93.08 | Y |
| SR124 | Dundee Rd | \$16,146 | | \$1,634.48 | 10.12 | N |
| SR125 | Glen Eden Rd | \$24,651 | | \$24,459.37 | 99.22 | Y |
| SR126 | Purtles Rd | \$34,344 | | \$4,581.81 | 13.34 | N |
| SR128 | Camerons Lane | \$21,301 | | \$11,577.91 | 54.35 | Y |
| SR131 | O'neils Rd | \$24,515 | | \$15,405.60 | 62.84 | N |
| | Emergency Works | \$276,717 | - | \$277,670.87 | 100.34 | Y |
| | Council's Contribution | -\$29,000 | \$29,000 | \$0.00 | NA | |
| | TOTALS | \$2,280,812 | \$29,000 | \$1,159,472.80 | | |

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Regional Roads

| Item No | Description of Works | Amount to be contributed by RTA | Total to date 4-11-2011 | % Budget used | Completed Y/N |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| MR329 | Burren - Collarenebri | \$75,254 | \$80,364.25 | 106.79 | Y |
| MR333 | Walgett - Carinda Road | \$138,154 | \$81,910.22 | 59.29 | N |
| MR383 | Pilliga - Coonamble Road | \$153,139 | \$18605.54 | 12.15 | N |
| MR402 | Walgett- Cumborah-Lightning Rd | \$33,938 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | N |
| MR426 | Collarenebri To Lightning Road | \$62,023 | \$1022.46 | 1.65 | N |
| MR457 | Collarenebri To Mungindi Road | \$191,180 | \$165,425.29 | 86.53 | N |
| MR7716 | Walgett - Pilliga Road | \$317,780 | \$299,434.67 | 94.23 | Y |
| | Emergency Works | \$82,947 | \$83,149.54 | 100.24 | N |
| | | | | | |
| | TOTALS | \$1,054,415 | \$729,911.97 | | |

Current Position:

Most of the roads are still under water and flood assessment is in progress

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Nil

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Flood water

Stakeholders:

Council and Users

Financial Implications:

WSC Management plan 2011/2012

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

The program is required to be finalised by the end of May 2012.

Monthly flood works Report from Director Engineering Services – March 2012

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the monthly March 2012 flood works report.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

17 MONTHLY REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – MARCH 2012

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services
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FILE NUMBER: 11/211

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress and issues relating to Roads and Bridges in the period since the last report was prepared in February 2012.

Background:

RMCC – Road Maintenance Council Contract

State Highway

| Road no. | Road Name | Activities | |
|----------|---|--|---|
| SH12 | Gwydir (Walgett - Collarenebri-Moree) | Shoulder Grading, Routine patching works
routine inspections, signs, guideposts, litters & debris | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb2012 flood has impacted the road and was kept in close due to water over the road in several sections. Some emergency works had been carried out to open the road. <p>Continuation of Regular Inspections</p> |
| SH18 | Castlereagh (Coonamble-Walgett Lightning Ridge) | Shoulder Grading, Routine patching works
routine inspections, signs, guideposts litters & debris | Same as above |
| SH29 | Kamilaroi (Narrabri-Walgett-Brewarrina) | Shoulder Grading, Routine patching works
routine inspections, signs, guideposts litters & debris | Same as above |

All the State Highways, Regional and Shire roads have been impacted by February 2012 flood event significantly and detail inspections are on progress.

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Regional and Shire Roads

| Road no. | Road Name | Activities | Comments |
|----------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| MR457 | Collarenebri To Mungindi Road | Gravel filling in pot hole near little weir,
Grading
Reinstatement the washed out portions | Emergency work is in progress |
| SR12 | Millie Road | Gravelling and grading work | Emergency work has been completed |
| SR13 | Clarkes Lane | Gravelling and grading work | Emergency work is in progress |
| SR64 | Wimbledon Road | Grading | Emergency work is in progress |
| SR61 | Cambo Road | Gravelling in causeway and grading work | Emergency work is in progress |
| SR5 | Cryon Road | | Inspection is in progress and has been delayed due to water over the road |
| SR16 | Mercadool Road | Grading | Emergency work is in progress |

Current Position:

Most of the roads are still under water. Emergency works are on progress in some roads

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Nil

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Flood water

Stakeholders:

Council and Users

Financial Implications:

A programme for flood damage works is currently being assessed in cooperation with Roads and Maritime Services.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Council is endeavouring to secure additional engineering staff with flood damage assessment experience through our Sister City- Gosford City Council.

Conclusion:

All the regional roads and Shire roads have been affected by Feb 2012 flood. Once the site inspection completed, a new maintenance programme will be developed.

Monthly Report from Director Engineering Services – March 2012

Recommendation:

2. That Council receive and note the monthly road and bridge report.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

Reports of Committees

Nil

Questions for the next Meeting

Confidential Reports/Closed Council meeting

Nil

Close of Meeting