



WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

19 DECEMBER 2006

Stephen McLean
General Manager



12 December 2006

Administrator
Walgett Shire Council
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held in the Walgett Shire Council Chambers on **Tuesday, 19 December 2006, commencing at 10.00am.**

AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS

(limited to five minute presentations, and must relate to items listed within the Business Paper, with two speakers, speaking for the item and two speakers, speaking against the item to be considered)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

(recognising the original Aboriginal caretakers of the lands covered by the Shire)

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 21 NOVEMBER 2006

The Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21 November 2006 were distributed to Council's Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No:

Subject:

Author:

File No:

No Reports Submitted

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 1

Subject: Vehicle Policy

Author: Stephen McLean – General Manager

File No: 023/09/01/06

Report to be tabled at the Meeting

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 2

Subject: Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Inc. Subsidy Agreement

Author: Stephen McLean – General Manager

File No: 020/01/01/00

Summary:

Council has been negotiating an agreement with the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated for the subsidy to operate the Public Baths facility in Lightning Ridge. A suitable agreement has been signed by the Association and needs to be countersigned under seal by the Walgett Shire Council.

Comments (including issues and background):

The original agreement for subsidy was signed in 2000 and has now expired. Council held a meeting with the Association in Lightning Ridge on the 21 November 2006 in order to finalise an existing draft document that was acceptable to both parties.

This agreement has now been signed and returned to Council by the Association and requires Council's signature and seal to be affixed.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Agreement for subsidy – Walgett Shire Council and Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated

Financial Implications:

As set out in the subsidy agreement

Recommendation:

That the General Manager and Administrator be authorised to sign and affix the Council Seal to the subsidy agreement made between Walgett Shire Council and the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated dated 5 December 2006.

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Item No: 3
Subject: Monthly Management Report to 30 November 2006
Author: Emma Darcy – Acting Manager Corporate Services
File No: 180/08/00/00

Summary:

This report is prepared to report on the operational performance against adopted estimates for the period ending 30 November 2006.

Comments (including issues and background):

Department of Local Government Report, recommendation 31, requires monthly reports to be submitted to Council reporting on significant differences. The report analyses the financial performance of Council for the period ending 30 November 2006 comparing actual expenditure and revenue against the budget. The Council's position at this time is within budgetary expectations with a surplus of \$1,735,094 compared to a budgeted \$147,916.

General Budgetary Position

This review analyses the financial performance of the Council for the period ending 30 November 2006, comparing actual expenditure and revenue against the budget. Council's budgetary position for the period ending 30th November 2006 is financially sound. The Budgeted surplus was \$147,916 and at the end of November the surplus based on actual's was \$1,735,094.

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The total Variance is summarised as follows:

<i>Management Review as at 30th November 2006</i>						
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual (Committed)	Budget Available Current Year	
Members & Executive Expenditure	(713,329)	(623,829)	(232,607)	(231,220)	(480,722)	33%
Corporate Services Revenue	157,000	157,000	(22,235)	(22,235)	179,235	-14%
Corporate Services Expenditure	(871,865)	(871,865)	(490,166)	(519,952)	(381,699)	56%
Marketing & Promotions Revenue	20,000	20,000	13,666	13,666	6,334	68%
Marketing & Promotions Expenditure	(306,098)	(306,098)	(155,019)	(154,612)	(151,079)	51%
Financial Services Revenue	6,626,881	6,661,644	5,540,276	5,540,276	1,086,605	84%
Financial Services Expenditure	(1,298,187)	(1,298,187)	(659,399)	(667,796)	(638,788)	51%
Governance Revenue	41,500	41,500	25,919	25,919	15,581	62%
Governance Expenditure	(429,500)	(429,500)	(193,133)	(193,133)	(236,367)	45%
Community Services Revenue	252,100	252,100	28,860	28,860	223,240	11%
Community Services Expenditure	(619,442)	(654,442)	(355,986)	(359,957)	(263,456)	57%
Planning & Regulation Revenue	178,850	60,850	22,772	22,772	156,078	13%
Planning & Regulation Expenditure	(864,110)	(760,610)	(274,200)	(273,097)	(589,910)	32%
Engineering Services Revenue	68,000	68,000	32,781	32,781	35,219	48%
Engineering Services Expenditure	(492,667)	(492,667)	(250,365)	(250,185)	(242,302)	51%
Council Plant & Properties Revenue	2,281,134	2,281,134	811,134	811,134	1,470,000	36%
Council Plant & Properties Expenditure	(2,145,000)	(2,145,000)	(1,045,250)	(1,137,305)	(1,099,750)	49%
Roads & Bridges Revenue	5,895,813	5,914,259	1,416,428	1,416,428	4,479,385	24%
Roads & Bridges Expenditure	(5,342,813)	(5,342,813)	(3,414,258)	(4,133,117)	(1,928,555)	64%
Recreation & Community Assets Revenue	140,000	140,000	165,018	165,018	(25,018)	118%
Recreation & Community Assets Expenditure	(2,199,404)	(2,199,404)	(1,020,066)	(1,102,736)	(1,179,338)	46%
Domestic Waste Revenue	751,687	751,687	707,777	707,777	43,910	94%
Domestic Waste Expenditure	(693,950)	(693,950)	(254,925)	(416,906)	(439,025)	37%
Public Order & Safety Revenue	46,000	46,000	0	0	46,000	0%
Public Order & Safety Expenditure	(213,405)	(213,405)	(73,960)	(104,999)	(139,445)	35%
Water Services Revenue	1,119,528	1,119,528	1,164,915	1,164,915	(45,387)	104%
Water Services Expenditure	(1,241,574)	(1,241,574)	(233,035)	(239,865)	(1,008,539)	19%
Sewerage Services Revenue	576,450	576,450	561,861	561,861	14,589	97%
Sewerage Services Expenditure	(668,892)	(668,892)	(81,709)	(97,172)	(587,183)	12%
	54,707	147,916	1,735,094	587,120		

Variance of Income Compared to Expenditure					
			Budget YTD	Actual YTD	% of Budget
Income			18,090,152	10,469,172	58%
Expenditure			(17,942,236)	(8,734,078)	49%
Variance			147,916	1,735,094	

Members and Executive

- Nil Variance to Report

Corporate Services

- River Towns Project is now fully operational, however funds of \$23,655 have been returned to the Premiers Department being balance funds unspent. This money has been allocated as a refund of Income.
- Legal expenses is at \$31,433 compared to \$15,000 originally budgeted. As previously reported this has been due to legal costs incurred two (2) cases relating to the termination of previous Manager's.
- The full contribution of \$100,000 has been committed to Lightning Ridge opal and Fossil Museum. A further \$25,330 has been paid to the Museum being grant funding received from NSW Ministry of Arts.
- Human Resources Staff Training is 65% spent and staff replacement is 50% committed due to recent advertising in the Sydney Morning Herald for three (3) new positions and the recently advertised Manager Corporate Services position.

Marketing & Promotions

- Nil variance to Report

Financial Services

- The full amount of rates revenue has been raised this period.
- Fifty Percent (50%) of the Federal Assistance Grant has been received.
- Over fifty (50) % of Interest income has been received to date.
- Additional revenue received for the following:
 1. \$9,284 – Incentive Bonus Public Liability.
 2. \$203,934 – Statewide Cover – Workers Compensation review.
 3. \$21,962 – Incentive Bonus Property Insurance.
 4. \$28,800 Emergency Management – Local Grants Funding.
- All insurance premiums have been finalised for 2006/2007.
- Civica Managed Service was originally budgeted at \$156,000. It is expected that the costs associated with the managed server will be in excess of \$250,000 for 2006/2007. This is due to additional seven (7) users and additional direct costs not included in the original contract.
- Rate Collection/Recovery Costs are over budget due to Council's current extensive debt recovery commitments.

Community Services

- The full contribution to Northern regional Library has been paid. It was originally believed that the contribution for 2006/2007 was \$142,500 but the final amount payable was \$150,628.
- No grants have been received to date from Department of Community services, Vacation care, Youth Development Officer and Library Subsidy.

Planning & Regulations

- Nil variance to report.

Engineering Services

- Nil Variance to Report

Council Plant & Properties

- All Council Properties Rates have been levied.
- Library Expenditure has increased due to continual vandalism on the Library and Internet centre.

Roads & Bridges

- Half the Financial Assistance Grant has been received.
- Additional Expenditure on Sealed Urban Roads.
- Additional Expenditure on Unsealed Shire Roads.
- Regional Roads Sealed expenditure 51% expended due to early maintenance and anticipated RTA works later in the financial year.
- RTA SIC Maintenance Payments due to Walgett Shire Council \$84,000 and Ordered Work Payments \$700,000 due to Walgett Shire Council.

Recreation & Community Assets

- The Grant for Airport Security of \$141,162 was received.

Domestic Waste Management

- The full amount of Domestic Waste charges have been raised.
- Additional expenditure at Walgett Tip Operations is due to the commitment to Geotech study.
- Additional expenditure has also been committed for the installation of power at the Walgett site.

Public Order and Safety

- Nil Variance to Report

Water Services

- The full amount of rates revenue has been raised this period..

Sewer Services

- The full amount of rates revenue has been raised this period.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Monthly Management Report for the period ending 30 November 2006
- Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2006-07

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Overall, the results of the monthly review indicate that the financial position of Council is satisfactory and continues to operate within budgetary constraints.

Recommendation:

That Council note the Management Report for the period ending 30 November 2006.

MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006
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Item No: 4

Subject: “Bugger the Drought” Evening

Author: Emma Darcy – Acting Manager Corporate Services

File No: 125/01/00/00

Summary:

Walgett has been drought declared for over four (4) years. A committee of people have organised a dinner on 20 January 2007 to promote assistance and awareness about mental health and provide a fun, informal gathering. They are seeking Council support through fees associated with the hire of Walgett Showground.

Comments (including issues and background):

A dinner has been organised for 20 January 2007. This evening is open Walgett Shire residents affected by drought whether living in town or on properties and is expected to attract approximately 300 people.

The dinner is being promoted as an informal gathering to increase awareness of mental illness and the assistance available for health related issues. The evening includes a quest speaker, dinner, music, children’s activities, drought bag, and a show case for sponsors and mental health workers’.

The committee has booked Walgett Showground to hold this event and has requested that Council waive all fees associated with hiring the venue.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Letter dated 4 December 2006
- Walgett Showground Fees and Charges 2006/2007

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Residents

Financial Implications:

The costs to hire Walgett Showground are as follows:

Bond – Showground (Refundable)	\$1,000.00
Bond – Microphone (Refundable)	\$ 250.00
Hire – Showground	\$ 50.00
Hire – Cool Room	\$ 35.00
Hire – Microphone	\$ 10.00
Hire – Lights	\$ 15.00
Hire – Electricity	\$ 25.00
Temporary Licence Fee	\$ 100.00

Recommendations:

- 1. That Council waive the Bond of \$1,000.00 for use of Walgett Showground by Bugger the Drought Committee on 20 January 2007.**
- 2. That Council waive the Bond of \$250.00 for use of Travelling Microphone by Bugger the Drought Committee on 20 January 2007.**
- 3. That the hire fees totalling \$235.00 for use of Walgett Showground (\$50.00), Cool Room(\$35.00), Microphone (\$10.00), Lights(\$15.00), Electricity(\$25.00) and Temporary Licence Fee (\$100.00) be donated to Bugger the Drought Committee through Section 356 Donation and applied against all fees associated with the use of Walgett Showground on 20 January 2007.**

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Stephen McLean
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
WALGETT NSW 2832

4 December 2006

Dear Stephen

As you are aware Walgett Shire has been drought declared under Exceptional Circumstances for over 4 years. Although Walgett has a strong community the long period of drought is wearing people down.

A committee of interested people have got together to organise a dinner to:

- ◆ *Provide a fun, informal gathering to relieve stress and promote relaxation.* This is an opportunity for families to have a night out away from their businesses and homes for little or no cost.
- ◆ *Increase awareness* - provide messages about depression and other health issues that people may not be aware of.
- ◆ *Promote available assistance* - It is well known that men in particular can be very reluctant to seek help about health related issues. The evening would allow people to be introduced to health providers in a relaxed setting and to access information about drought support.

The evening would include:

- ◆ High profile guest speaker to offer inspiration and motivation as well as information/experiences about depression/mental health – Mathew Johnstone (author of “Living with the Black Dog”)
- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Jumping castle and movies for the kids
- ◆ Drought bag – filled with contacts and information about drought assistance
- ◆ Opportunity for sponsors to display their information and mix with the crowd
- ◆ Opportunity for local mental health workers to mix with crowd and introduce themselves.

The evening is open to all in Walgett Shire affected by drought whether living in town or on properties and it is hoped will attract about 300 people. (You may be familiar with similar events held at Warren Crookwell that attracted 500-600 people.)

The Walgett Showground has been booked for the event on the 20 January 2007. We are asking the Walgett Shire to waive fees associated with hiring this venue as a contribution to supporting the Walgett community through Exceptional Circumstance drought. Funding is already secured to pay for the guest speaker and catering.

This dinner is a proactive and fun way for the Walgett Community to take positive action about mental health, debunk myths and promote available assistance.

Many thanks for considering this application.

Kind regards

Robyn Walters

Robyn Walters *per*
Bugger the Drought Committee

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**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
19 DECEMBER 2006**

Item No: 5

Subject: Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated –
Agreement for Subsidy

Author: John Burke – Finance Officer

File No: 020/01/01/00

Summary:

Council has met with the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated and an Agreement for Subsidy has been drawn up between both parties, for the Lightning Ridge Public Baths Reserve.

The agreement states that Council will contribute to the insurance cost for the 2006/2007 financial years, for property and contents of the Olympic Pool, Theme Park, Multi Purpose Centre, Diving Tower and Pool.

Comments (including issues and background):

With the appointment of the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Inc as land managers of the Lightning Ridge Public Baths Reserve, the Association is responsible for the insurance cover on the buildings and contents of the Olympic Pool, Theme Park, Multi Purpose Centre, Diving Tower and Pool.

Quotations have been sought by the Association from insurance brokers, and the accepted quotation, by the Association, is for an amount of \$17,571.53 inclusive of all charges.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Quotations from Driessen Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd
- Agreement for Subsidy

Stakeholders:

- Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated.
- Department Of Natural Resources

Financial Implications:

\$17,571.53 inclusive of all charges from Council's current budget

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council make a one-off additional payment to the Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Inc in the amount of \$17,571.53 in recognition of the liability incurred by the change of land management of the Lightning Ridge Public Baths Reserve.

AGREEMENT FOR SUBSIDY

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this day of 2006
BETWEEN WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL Fox Street Walgett (hereinafter called
"the Council") and LIGHTNING RIDGE OLYMPIC POOL ASSOCIATION INC
(hereinafter called "the Association")

RECITALS

1. The Association is the Reserve Trust Manager of a Crown Reserve titled Lightning Ridge Public Baths Reserve (R230055) and operates thereon an aquatic facility consisting of an Olympic Pool, a Water Theme Park including a wave Pool, a Diving Pool currently only partly constructed (hereinafter called "the Aquatic Centre") and an Indoor Sporting Centre.
2. The Council is a Local Government Authority constituted under the Local Government Act 1993 the area of which includes the Township of Lightning Ridge.
3. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 empowers the Council to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions which in accordance with Section 23A of the Act includes the provision of recreational facilities
4. In November 2000 the Council and the Association entered into an agreement under which \$200,000 was advanced by Loan to the Association for the purpose of "Construction of Diving Platform and Diving Pool" in accordance with agreement made 15 November 2000.
5. The Diving Platform and Diving Pool have been partly constructed but the construction remains incomplete.
6. The Parties have come to an agreement under which the Council has agreed to exercise its powers under the Local Government Act to provide financial assistance by way of subsidy.

NOW THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE

TERM

1. This Agreement shall commence on the date abovementioned and shall continue until 30 June 2007. The Agreement is extended on a year by year basis subject, whilst ever the Association continues to be Reserve Trust Manager of Lightning Ridge Public Baths Reserve (R230055) up to a maximum of a total of five years.

SUBSIDY

2. In respect of the financial year 2006/2007 the Council shall pay to the Association a subsidy of the amount of \$208,639.00 (GST exclusive) and the break-up is as follows;

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Olympic Pool	\$97,077.00 (excl GST)
Theme Park	\$30,201.00 (excl GST)
Sporting Complex	\$79,361.00 (excl GST)
Total	\$208,639.00 (excl GST)

The subsidy is a taxable supply under the Goods and Services Taxation Legislation and the Association shall claim the subsidy by submitting to the Council a Tax Invoice which shall include the Goods and Services Tax.

The payment for this and subsequent years shall be made to the Association in two equal instalments:-

- (a) The first instalment shall be made in July of each year.
- (b) The second instalment shall be made in January of each year.

3. The first instalment for 2006/2007 was paid in July of this year. The Association shall be entitled to the second subsidy payment of \$104,319.50 due in January 2007 to finance operation and maintenance of the Olympic Pool, Theme Park and Sporting Complex.

4. The use of the Council provided subsidy may be adjusted for use in capital projects subject to the provision of supporting budgetary documentation and determination by Council.

For the financial year 2006/2007 only, Council will pay the cost of "Major Maintenance" of the Olympic Pool and the Pool's Fixtures and Plant Room Associated with the Theme Park. For this purpose "Major Maintenance" shall mean any maintenance work in respect of which the cost exceeds \$2,500.00. Any allowance for major maintenance after 1 July 2007 needs to be included in the association estimates for each financial year.

The insurance levy for the 2006/2007 financial year will be contributed by Council to the Association prior to 11 December 2006 and there after considered as part of the association estimates for each financial year.

5. For the financial year 2007/2008, the subsidy will be paid by the Council to the Association for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned shall be determined by the Council taking into account the provision of Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet for the financial year 2006/2007 and Budgetary Forecast for the financial year 2007/2008 of the Association Incorporated and the position of Council's finances at that time. The minimum annual amount will be \$208,639.00 (excluding GST) plus the consumer price index increase, unless a lesser amount is sought by the association.

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6. The Association Shall submit to the Council a Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the financial year 2005/2006 and Budgetary forecast for the financial year 2007/2008 no later than the 31 March 2007 and for each subsequent year for the 5 year period.

7. As stated in the loan agreement dated the 15 November 2000 for the amount of \$200,000 "The borrower must repay the principal sum by three equal instalments twelve monthly in arrears form the date of completion of the Diving Pool project of \$66,666.66."

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED BY THE SAID PARTIES

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

LIGHTNING RIDGE OLYMPIC POOL ASSOCIATION INC.



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QUOTATION

CLASS: **Industrial Special Risks**

THE INSURED: **Lightning Ridge Olympic Pool Association Incorporated.**

and subsidiary or controlled entities now or previously existing or hereafter formed or acquired.

THE BUSINESS: Principally local sports & recreation property owners & occupiers & any other occupation incidental thereto, or in which the Insured has been or may become involved.

PERIOD OF INSURANCE: (a) From 4.00pm on TBA
To 4.00pm on TBA
(b) Any subsequent period, for which the Insured shall pay or agree to pay and the Insurer(s) shall agree to accept, a renewal premium.

THE SITUATION AND/OR PREMISES: Principally Harlequin & Gem Streets, Lightning Ridge NSW

and any situations within Australia where the Insured has property, carries on business or has goods or other property stored or being processed or has work done and worldwide in respect of suppliers' / customers' premises extension.

INSURED INTEREST: Section 1 - Property Damage

All tangible property both real and personal of every kind and description belonging to the Insured for damage to which property the Insured is legally responsible or which the Insured has assumed responsibility to insure prior to the occurrence of any damage, and including more specifically money. Property Insured includes all such property acquired after the commencement of the Period of Insurance.

Section 2 - Consequential Loss

Loss (as defined) resulting from Damage insured under Section 1.



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DECLARED VALUES: Section 1 - All Property Insured
\$9,781,900

Section 2 - Not Insured

LIMITS OF LIABILITY:

Section 1
Material Damage \$9,781,900
Section 2
Consequential Loss Not Insured

SUB LIMIT(S) OF LIABILITY: The liability of the Insurer(s) shall be further limited in respect of any one loss or series of losses arising out of any one event at any one Situation as set out hereunder and it is understood and agreed that such Sub-Limit(s) shall not increase the liability of the Insurer(s) beyond the Limit(s) of Liability expressed above but the Sub-Limit(s) shall only be applied in excess of the relevant deductible.

Loss or destruction of or damage by/to:

Section 1 - Material Loss or Damage

	(\$)
Accidental Damage	100,000
Burglary &/or Theft	50,000
(excl. Money & Theft of Property in the Open Air)	
Theft of Property in the Open Air	10,000
Money (incl. whilst in Transit)	Nil
Glass	Replacement Value
Liability to Make Enquiries	20,000
Extra Cost of Reinstatement	100,000
Removal of Debris	250,000
Landscaping	20,000
Rewriting of Records	25,000
Personal Property of Directors / Employees / Members	20,000
Loss of Land Value	100,000
Fire Extinguishment Costs	25,000
Cost of Temporary Protection	50,000
Cost of Replacing Keys & Locks	25,000



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Section 2 - Consequential Loss

Not Insured

Deductible:

Earthquake, Subterranean Fire or Volcanic Eruption	(a) \$20,000 or (b) an amount equal to 1 per cent of the total declared value for property at the situation(s) where the damage occurs, whichever is the lesser
Personal Property	\$250
Any Other Peril or Circumstance	\$1,000

* ASSET SCHEDULE:

Facility	Building \$	Contents \$
Sports Centre * Brick with steel frame & roof * Courts & Stage - timber * Other flooring - tiled	2,100,000	200,000
Outdoor Swimming Pools * 50 metre Pool * Wading Pool * Pool Entrance / Kiosk / Shop - Besser Blocks	1,378,000 98,000 220,000	
* Amenities Block - Besser Blocks * Plant Room (incl. contents) - Besser Block	266,700 200,000	
* Residence - Fibro * Other Equipment	189,200 130,000	



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QUOTATION:

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**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
19 DECEMBER 2006**

Item No: 6
Subject: Debt Recovery Progress Report
Author: Renee Reynolds-Customer Service Officer-Finance
File No: 180/01/00/00

Summary:

This report provides a summary of Council's progress in the collection of outstanding rates and charges.

Comments (including issues and background):

The total amount of rates outstanding as at 30 June 2006 was \$1,617,000 with a provision for doubtful debts of \$595,000. The rates and charges outstanding percentage was 15.94%. Any percentile above 9% is considered to be unacceptable by the Department of Local Government and several strategies were put in place to address the debt recovery procedure and collection of outstanding rates and charges. Strategies in place are as follows:

- I. Walgett Shire Council has engaged the services of a new debt recovery agency, Outstanding Collections Pty Ltd. Outstanding Collections offers an interactive website to offer more effective communication between Walgett Shire Council and themselves and provides a comprehensive list of all assessments listed with them for legal action.
- II. Damien Ingle from Ingle and Associates has conducted training in the implementation of the Debt Recovery Module within the Authority System. This module has provided a quick and effective way to keep up to date with debt recovery progress on individual assessments.
- III. A revised list of land for sale under Section 713 of Local Government Act (1993) has been drafted and presented at November 2006 Council Meeting. The next upcoming auction is scheduled for April 2007. A total of thirteen (13) properties will be listed for sale with a combined debt of \$129,235.81 owing on these properties.
- IV. A further eight (8) properties with an amount outstanding of \$42,586.46 in total are listed for sale with Kelly's Property Sales in Walgett. These properties failed to sell at the previous 713 auction held in April 2006. Under Local Government Act Section 716(2) Council can sell by private treaty and land which fails to sell at public auction.

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- V. As of 5/12/06 a total of 105 assessments with total arrears of \$448,775.17 are on a repayment agreements for their outstanding rates and charges. Payments are made weekly, fortnightly, or monthly to Council to address their arrears. A report is printed at the end of each month of those assessments who have defaulted on the agreed payment plan. These ratepayers are contacted in writing of their default and sent to Outstanding Collections for further legal action if no contact by the ratepayer is made.
- VI. Each assessment with arrears is individually assessed and investigated when required and the appropriate action taken.

As of 12/12/06 a total of **\$523,963.77** has been recovered from outstanding rates and charges. This represents a percentage of 32.4% of arrears collected. The rates arrears outstanding is now at \$1,052,408.99 as indicated below:

Rates arrears as at 12th December 2006

Under \$500	\$	26,742.57
\$501 - \$5,000	\$	339,842.74
\$5,001 - \$10,000	\$	259,082.12
\$10,001 - \$20,000	\$	140,996.64
Over \$20,000	\$	285,744.92

\$ 1,052,408.99

Council is committed to continue with these strategies to ensure that rates arrears are minimised to an acceptable level.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Manager Corporate Services Report 17 August 2006- Debt Recovery
- Debt Recovery Policy.

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Council Ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Legal costs incurred by Walgett Shire Council are initially funded by council and are added onto the Outstanding Rates and Charges of each individual assessment. These costs are recoverable in the settlement of arrears.

Recommendations:

That Council recognise the strategies in place and being utilised to reduce outstanding rates arrears.

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Item No: 7

Subject: Community Assistance Scheme Donation –
Royal Flying Doctors, Lightning Ridge Sub Branch

Author: Emma Darcy – Acting Manager Corporate Services

File No: 180/08/00/00

Summary:

This report identifies a request from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lightning Ridge Branch for financial assistance from Council through the Community Assistance Scheme 2006/2007 and under Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Comments (including issues and background):

Applications were received from community organisations, for financial assistance, under the Community Assistance Scheme, which were advertised Shire wide, with applications closing on 31 July 2006.

An application was received from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lightning Ridge Branch seeking assistance in the amount of \$500.00, however, was not included in the Report to the September Council Meeting.

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Royal Flying Doctors Service, Lightning Ridge Branch

Financial Implications:

An amount of \$15,000.00 has been provided for in the 2006/2007 Budget in accordance with Section 356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Recommendation:

That Council allocate an amount of \$100.00 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lightning Ridge Branch to assist with costs associated for the rental of the grounds for the Trash and Treasure Markets in Lightning Ridge.

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Item No: 8

Subject: Report on Rates and Charges – 30 November 2006

Author: Katie Hook – Rates Clerk

File No: 180/09/00/00

REPORT ON RATES AND CHARGES - 30 November 2006

	Nov-06	Nov-05
Arrears as at 30 June	1,618,773.48	1,395,484.94
Adjusted Levy	6,142,908.51	5,514,091.88
Interest	39,152.08	27,964.09
Payments	(3,835,391.93)	(3,172,277.69)
Adjustments	(29,208.39)	(5,321.52)
Discount	(59,264.50)	(52,574.14)
Legal Fees	21,959.48	1,012.22
Total Outstanding	\$ <u>3,898,928.73</u>	<u>3,708,379.78</u>

COMPARISON WITH 2004/2005

	Nov-06	Nov-05
Current	2,784,060.25	2,502,956.11
Arrears	755,251.11	860,304.55
Interest	293,393.89	284,155.54
Legals	66,223.48	60,963.58
Total Outstanding	\$ <u>3,898,928.73</u>	<u>3,708,379.78</u>

Total YTD Collected

	Nov-06	Nov-05
Collected YTD % of Arrears and Levy	49%	47%
Collected YTD % of Levy	62%	59%

Recommendation:

That the Report on Rates as at 30 November 2006 be received.

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Item No: 9
Subject: Voluntary Rebates – Rates and Charges
Author: Katie Hook – Rates Clerk
File No: 180/09/00/00

Summary:

This report identifies annual requests for rates and charges rebates from Council's operating budget.

Comments (including issues and background):

The Management Plan for 2006/2007 financial year has an allocation of \$9,500.00 for the purpose of donations under Section 356, *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council has annually over a number of years granted the following rebates to the listed community organisations: -

100% Non-rateable Charges

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| • Anglican Church Carinda (Ass 3109) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Anglican Church Collarenebri (Ass 3132) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Anglican Church Walgett (Ass 3091) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Australian Indigenous Ministries (Ass 3072) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Catholic Church Walgett (Ass 3088) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Catholic Church Collarenebri (Ass 3123) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Catholic Church L/Ridge (Ass 3155) | <i>Application received</i> |
| • Catholic Church Rowena (Ass 3175) | Application not received |

Others as indicated

- | | |
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| • Cumborah Community Inc (Ass 1218) | 100% Ordinary Rate |
| • CWA Collarenebri (Ass 1159) | 100% Ordinary Rate & Charges |
| • CWA Burren Junction (Ass 777) | 50% Ordinary Rate |
| • CWA Walgett (Ass 726) | 50% Ordinary Rate |

Application received from all.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Letters of request from Community Groups
- Council minutes dated 21 April 2005

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Various Community Organisations

Financial Implications:

Request for rebates for 2006/2007 financial year total \$9,372.98 and are to be met from councils operating budget.

Recommendations:

1. That Council applies funds for voluntary rebates to community organisations through the operating Budget as follows:

• Anglican Church Carinda (Ass 3109)	\$ 309.65
• Anglican Church Collarenebri (Ass 3132)	\$1,006.65
• Anglican Church Walgett (Ass 3091)	\$1,221.75
• Australian Indigenous Ministries (Ass 3072) -	\$ 950.65
• Catholic Church Walgett (Ass 3088)	\$1,221.75
• Catholic Church L/Ridge (Ass 3155)	\$1,156.75
• Catholic Church Collarenebri (Ass 3123)	\$1,006.65
• Catholic Church Rowena (Ass 3175)	\$ 349.65
• Cumborah Community Inc (Ass 1218)	\$ 140.00
• CWA Collarenebri (Ass 1159)	\$1,637.75
• CWA Burren Junction (Ass 777)	\$ 191.73
• CWA Walgett (Ass 726)	\$ 180.00
Total	\$9,372.98

2. That consideration be given for voluntary rebates to community organisations in the 2007/2008 Management Plan based on Council's budgetary restraints.

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Item No: 10

Subject: Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates – Lot 1, DP 263351
Nobby Road, Lightning Ridge

Author: Renee Reynolds-Customer Service Officer-Finance

File No: 025/05/01/77

Summary:

This report outlines the property of Lot 1 DP 263351 Nobby Road Lightning Ridge 2834 as being eligible for sale of Land for unpaid Rates under Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Comments (including issues and background):

Under Section 713 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act (1993) Council may “*sell any land (including vacant land) on which any rate or charge has remained unpaid for more than 5 years from the date on which it became payable*”.

Under Section 713 (3), the General Manager or public officer must certify in writing

- (a) *What rates and charges (including overdue rates and charges) are payable on the land*
- (b) *when each of those rates and charges was made and how it was levied*
- (c) *when each of those rates and charges became payable*
- (d) *what amounts are payable by way of overdue rates and charges on the land*
- (e) *what amounts are payable by rates and charges (other than overdue rates and charges) on the land*

and advertise these details in the Government Gazette and in at least one (1) newspaper circulating in the area prior to the auction proceeding.

The General Managers Certificate has now been prepared containing the relevant information and Council’s authorisation is now sought to proceed with the sale of the property listed.

The property was purchased from Walgett Shire Council in 1984. Between the years 1995-1997 a total of \$3,350.00 was paid on this assessment for rates and charges.

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Many unsuccessful attempts were made to recover outstanding amounts including a proposed auction of the property which was aborted due to a payment being received.

Legal proceedings against the ratepayer began in 2001. The matter was heard in an arbitration. After preliminary arguments, the arbitrator rejected the defendant's cross claim and proceeded to read the evidence in relation to this matter and the arbitrator found in favour of the Shire and made an award totalling \$38,042.00. The ratepayer applied to have the matter re-heard before a magistrate and a call-over was listed 20 February 2002. There was no appearance by the Defendant and the defence was struck out.

After receiving legal advice from Forbes Dowling Solicitors, Council was advised the best way to recover the awarded funds was to apply for bankruptcy proceedings to commence. This was successful and date of bankruptcy was 2nd July 2004.

Worrells Solvency and Forensic Accountants were appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy to act on behalf of the bankrupts' estate. Walgett Shire Council provided Worrells with all information required for Proof of Debt in 2005.

The most recent correspondence from Worrells is an Update to Creditors Report on 27th April 2006 stating that "no recoveries are expected in this estate to enable a dividend to creditors and it is suggested that all creditors write off their debts".

Council received legal advice from our current Solicitor Michael Murphy on 6 December 2006 and he has advised Council to list the property for sale under Section 713 of the Local Government Act (1993). Currently the amount owing in Outstanding Rates and Charges is \$83,304.58. A revaluation in 2003 valued the land at \$126,000.00.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Local Government Act 1993. Section 713.
- Property / Assessment File 1763

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Sale of land for overdue rates effectively reduces the amount of rates and charges outstanding to Council, with any remaining balance of sale proceeds being returned to the owner.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the parcel of land Lot 1 DP 263351 Nobby Road Lightning Ridge be accepted for sale by public auction.**
- 2. That the land be added to the current list of properties for sale at the next Section 713 sale in April 2007.**
- 3. The auction sale be conducted by a licensed auctioneer and should the lot be unsold at the auction that it be listed for sale by private treaty.**
- 4. The reserve price for the lot be set at the valuation determined by a registered valuer.**

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Item No: 11
Subject: Youth Off the Streets
Author: Gai Richardson – Community Liaison Officer
File No: 180/09/20/00

Summary:

Youth off the Streets (YOTS) is proposing a twelve month Walgett-based pilot project to coordinate and run youth outreach services. They have requested that Council commit to this project that is currently being developed by YOTS.

Comments (including issues and background):

YOTS has been providing services to disadvantaged youth since 1991. They have identified needs in Walgett for this service and would like to work as a leading agency in working with “highly marginalised and traumatised youth”. They aim to work in partnership with Walgett Shire Council through the Community Liaison Officer and Youth Sub-committee of the Walgett Interagency.

Services such as Best Employment, Walgett Police and Walgett Community College have indicated in-principle support of YOTS.

YOTS propose to the development of an action research and community knowledge model that encompasses community consultation and research indicating a lack of service coordination, lack of responsive youth services, overcrowding in public housing, domestic/family violence and family problems.

Walgett Shire Council currently operates within Council of Australia Governments (COAG) Trial. This trial aims at pooling the community together to collectively work for the betterment of its residents. YOTS should be advised that it is a requirement within this process that the Community Working Party is involved in decisions affecting the aboriginal community.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Youth off the Streets EOI December 2006

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Youth
- Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendations

1. That Council agree in principle with Youth Off the Streets Expression of Interest.
2. That Youth off the Streets be advised of the Council Of Australia Governments Trial and the manner in which Council works within this trial.

Expression of Interest to Walgett Shire Council from Youth Off The Streets

Coordination of Youth Services

Youth Off The Streets (YOTS) is proposing a twelve month Walgett-based pilot project to coordinate and run youth outreach services, with a view to rolling out the model across the Shire according to a mutually agreed time line. YOTS anticipates that a time-line, Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference outlining the mutual roles and responsibilities of the lead participating agencies (YOTS and Walgett Shire Council) would be developed to frame any agreement for our ongoing work on behalf of the Council.

The project will be evaluated at six month intervals and reports provided to Council and other stakeholders as required. We aim to start the project in February 2007.

Background

YOTS has been providing services to homeless, marginalised, abused and drug and alcohol affected youth since 1991. We are a non-denominational and non-discriminatory not-for-profit organisation. In response to identified need within our services we have made a significant effort to develop culturally appropriate programs for the increasing numbers of Aboriginal youth in our care. We now have 8 dedicated Aboriginal staff.

In addition we work on a strengths-based model that includes the use of specific social, educational, therapeutic and clinical interventions to support severely traumatised and abused children and young people. Most of our recent new initiatives have developed as a result of being invited into communities, as evidenced by our work in Airds, Macquarie Fields (South Western Sydney) and now in Walgett, NSW. YOTS has visited Walgett several times in the last year to consult with the community and explore options to support their young people at risk.

YOTS is supported by a volunteer Board and led by Father Chris Riley our CEO. Father Riley leads a team of senior personnel with strong credentials in their chosen professional areas. In June this year we appointed a Chief Operating Officer and expanded our Administrative, Human Resource and Finance areas to improve accountability, support our teachers, clinical teams, youth workers and front-line staff. We manage report on and undertake financial acquittals for a wide range of Funding Agreements with all levels of government in addition to managing contracts and relationships with major corporate donors, private foundations and trusts. Our work is supported by appropriate policies and is compliant with government requirements and legislation in regard to working with children, duty of care, OH & S, privacy, insurance and volunteers.

Youth Off The Streets, EOI, Walgett Shire Council, December 2006

The Context

Our project will meet identified need by working as a lead agency in close partnership and collaboration with other services in Walgett. YOTS has been invited into the community because of its proven expertise in working with highly marginalised and traumatised youth. Discussions with police and other service providers have noted the difficulties that some local government agencies have in providing supportive public services at the same time as monitoring the “compliance” of individuals and families for mutual obligation (in relation to welfare payments, work for the dole, unemployment payments etc) as well as with law and order. For example, the difficulty police have in taking a lead role in developing supportive activities for youth in small communities where they also have to take an active role in cautioning, arrests and local court activities.

YOTS would aim to work in partnership with the Walgett Shire Council through the Community Development Officer and the *Youth Sub-committee of the Walgett Interagency*, chaired by Ms Wendy Spencer, Project Manager of the Dharriwaa Elders Group. In addition we have already had discussions with a wide range of youth focused services including: Best Employment, the Walginnam Community Development Employment Program, the Superintendent of Walgett Police, the Principal of Walgett Community College and local community members, including young people and young families. These services and individuals have indicated in-principle support of YOTS and a willingness to work with us on a youth initiative in Walgett.

Proposal

This project will respond to the expressed needs of the local community. We will do this using an action–research and community development model. Community consultations and research indicate that lack of service coordination, lack of responsive youth services (providing services at the times and in the locations needed by the young people), overcrowding in public housing, significant levels of domestic/family violence, and family problems relating to poverty, including gambling and alcohol abuse put many children and young people in Walgett at potential risk of overall poor life outcomes.

This project hopes to strengthen the capacity of individuals and the community to improve their resilience, motivation, employability, parenting and social skills, pride and self-esteem. The project would aim to achieve the following in partnership with Walgett Shire Council and other local services:

- Our project will focus on improving and increasing **communication, collaboration and cooperation** with and between local services. We will partner with and build relationships between Aboriginal, government and non-government, local business and residential property owners, as well as with talented individuals such as performers, artists and crafts people.

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Youth Off The Streets, EOI, Walgett Shire Council, December 2006

- We will use an **action research and community development** model that starts with low key activities and builds up to more structured and specific activities as trust and commitment grows from within the community. Our action research will be guided by the involvement of an external evaluation team, preferably one associated with a regional university and/or a reputable professional research body.
- In the process of implementing and delivering the project we will **research, identify and adapt other best-practice models** to increase the likelihood of success.
- Our project will contribute to building stronger **social capital** within the community and stronger **partnerships and linkages** to increase local infrastructure as well as improve outcomes for the local community, including business.
- Coordinate youth and family activities in partnership with local services and community to build the self-esteem, pride, resilience, motivation and skills of young people and young families. The project will centre around an outreach model that focuses on providing a safe space with relevant structured activities coordinated by YOTS youth and family workers. In a process of community and service providers consultation (already commenced) local services will be involved in coordinating strategies and activities and run them where possible from the centre, providing ease of access in a safe and supportive context.
- Encouraging volunteerism within the centre will be a priority and will be supported by realistic initiatives such as providing nourishing food, and a safe alcohol-free zone for the whole centre as well as access to art and craft materials and classes.
- We hope to increase the number of "Culture Camps" the town is able to run for its youth in order to develop knowledge, pride and cultural understanding and partnerships.
- In addition we will work to identify young people who show motivation and promise and can be trained as peer-mentors. From this group we also aim to identify young people who will be actively supported and assisted to further their education and skills development as Youth Workers in anticipation of the fact that others will want to follow.

**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
19 DECEMBER 2006**

Item No: 12

Subject: Walgett Shire Community Services Report

Author: Gai Richardson – Community Liaison Officer

File No: 003/05/01/00

Summary:

This report includes a summary of activities for the past three (3) months for Council's Community Services Sector

Comments (including issues and background):

YOUTH

More programs are currently being implemented in the Shire from external service providers supporting youth of all ages, and in some instances including support for parents. Service providers include Mission Australia, Families First and Police Programs such as Blue Light Disco and Blue Reelers. A representative from the Smith Family (Australia) visited recently with the view of establishing support services for youth by working with existing programs. There are also numerous community based programs running from the Community College in Walgett. Programs are also now being regularly offered through the Department of Sport and Recreation. The Lightning Ridge Community Facilitator has conducted numerous meetings and community consultations in Lightning Ridge. As a result all the service providers for children aged 0-5 have agreed to work together. This will provide easier access to information and services within in that community.

Council is actively working with the following programs:

PCYC

This pilot project has completed its first 6 months of a 12 month pilot working from a mobile van every second Thursday and Friday. The project is held at the three schools in Walgett during the day and from varying locations in the evening. The van visited two outlying communities during the last school holidays and plans to visit two more over the coming school holidays. The project has been very successful from the youth attendance perspective with over fifty children participating in activities each evening. It will operate from the Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool during the summer months due to excessive heat in this region. Local statistics from the Police show that youth crime rates have fallen on the nights the PCYC van is in Walgett. Council staff and the Department of Sport and Recreation Officer have provided the main support with the local High School now having teachers rostered to work when the van is parked at the Multi Purpose Hall at the High School on Thursday evenings. Community volunteers have assisted with the Sausage Sizzle on most Friday evenings.

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS

Visits to the Walgett Community have continued with representatives from Youth off the Streets (YOTS). At their last visit it was suggested that they approach Council with the offer to run a pilot program commencing early in the New Year using two of their staff who will be based in Walgett, to train and work with the current Youth Workers employed by Council. They are aware that Council provides youth services in other locations in the Shire – but at this stage are only prepared to work at the Walgett location to ascertain if it is feasible that they establish ongoing programs for youth throughout the Shire. They have informed Council that they are looking at a 5 year plan – pending on the availability of funds through current grant submissions.

COUNCIL YOUTH CENTRES

Structured programs are now in place in the Youth Centres in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri with new programs to be introduced next year which will include cultural specific activities.

The Youth Development Officer has attended training in Bathurst and Dubbo since his appointment two months ago. His appointment has seen more long term and structured programs being planned and implemented for the Youth of the community.

A 'Happy Families are Best' Calendar Launch and Christmas party is scheduled for December at the Walgett Youth Centre. This was made possible by working in partnership with Barwon Cottage. This cottage is the Women's Refuge and they supplied all funding for this project which involved the children doing paintings depicting happy families which were used on the calendars.

A Harmony Day is planned for January which involves youth from all over the Shire meeting at the Walgett Swimming Pool for planned activities. Funding was secured for this from grants from numerous organisations.

The partnerships Council has with the Department of Sport and Recreation and the PCYC are ongoing and proving very successful with planned programs and regular activities.

Vacation Care Programs are planned for the Christmas School Holidays at the Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri Centres. Grawin Vacation care does not operate during the summer holidays. Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service runs the Vacation Care Program for Walgett during School holidays

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

UPDATED CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

The Crime Prevention Committee has asked for input from community members to update the current plan. The new plan must be endorsed by Council and the Attorney General's Department before further funding can be sought for Crime Prevention Programs. Funding rounds are in February and September 2007.

MUSIC, ART AND DRAMA (MAD) PROJECT

The final presentation and completion of this Attorney General Department's funded project is scheduled for 20 and 21 December, 2006. This project has engaged the youth in the community and was to focus on issues related to the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

PRINCIPLES OF MULTICULTURISM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT PILOT

This pilot project worked with the Department of Local Government and the Community Relations Commission to introduce the Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement into Local Government's Management and Social Plans. Walgett Shire Council was the lowest in population, the most rural and remote Council with the least number of staff available to work on this project selected for the pilot. We are now waiting on the final evaluation and report from this project.

UNIVERSITY OF N.S.W. – FACULTY OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROPOSAL

Consultations have occurred between Council staff, community groups and staff and students from this faculty for a proposal to allow students to plan and design built environment facilities in a community in a rural and remote location. After numerous consultations and tours around the community with relevant Council staff and Aboriginal Elders, Walgett as eventually chosen as the site for a Community Design Studio. One concept the students have worked on is Town Beautification and includes a design for business house window security screens which would allow the replacement of the current bars and screens with a design which lifts up during the day.

LIBRARIES

Deposit stations have been established in business houses in Carinda and Burren Junction. Plans are under way to establish deposit stations in other outlying villages early in 2007.

Regular activities at Walgett Library include:

Story Time for 0-4 year olds, visits by Koolyangara and Walgett Pre Schools, visits by students from St. Joseph's School. Walgett Distance Education Centre Students visit to learn how to research books and indexes.

Library staff deliver Books to the Walgett Pre-School, Playgroup and to housebound patrons on a monthly borrowing system which has proved very popular to patrons who can not visit the library.

Creating a lot of interest in the library are the newly introduced monthly displays, quick pick selections and book of the week.

Plans for the coming year include starting a book club with the local CWA members.

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New furniture for both Walgett and Lightning Ridge libraries has boosted book storage capacity and enhanced the children's corners.

Lightning Ridge statistics show that it has the second highest lending rate of all the Northern Regional Libraries. The Northern Regional Library Annual Report also shows that Walgett Shire libraries have the least opening hours per week of all member libraries.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Northern Regional Library Annual Report 2005-2006
- Report by Students from the UNSW Walgett Studio

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the Community Liaison Officer's Report.

**MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING
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Item No: 13

Subject: Expressions of Interest for Legal Services

Author: Emma Darcy – Acting Manager Corporate Services

File No: 230/01/00/01

Report will be tabled at the meeting.

MANAGER PLANNING AND REGULATIONS REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006
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Item No: 14

Subject: Comprehensive Local Approvals Policy

Author: Matthew Goodwin - Manager Planning and Regulation

File No: 315/01/02/21

Summary:

Recently the Department of Planning wrote to Council and stated that it is not consenting to the exemption provisions contained within the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy. This report recommends that Council make further amendments as suggested by the Department, and once more seek the Department's consent for the relevant exemption provisions.

Comments (including issues and background):

Since a meeting held on 20 October 2005, Walgett Shire Council has been seeking consent for the exemption provisions contained in the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy (LAP). Consent was obtained for certain exemptions (D1, D2, D4, D5, E2 and F7) from the Director General of the Department of Local Government in a letter dated 12 January 2006.

However, the Department of Local Government also advised Council that the Director General of the Department of Local Government had delegated their authority to approve LAP exemptions associated with building and planning matters to the Director General of the Department of Planning. Accordingly exemption provisions relating to building or planning related matters had been referred to the Department of Planning for consideration.

In a letter dated 20 March 2006 the Executive Director of the Department of Planning indicated that the Department did *"not grant consent to Council adopting a LAP that includes the exemption provisions in section 2.2.1 of Part 1 of the Draft LAP"*. It suggested that certain matters associated with that section be reviewed if Council wished to continue to seek the exemptions.

At a meeting held on 20 April 2006 Walgett Shire Council resolved to adopt a version of the draft Local Approvals Policy that had been revised in accordance with the suggestions of the Department of Planning. The revised policy was posted to the Department on 21 April 2006. In a letter dated 27 November 2006 (as reproduced below), the Department declined to give its consent for the exemption provisions and has made further suggestions regarding exemptions for A1 and A2 activities (temporary structures and public entertainment).



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Mr Stephen McLean
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27 NOV 2006

Re: Walgett Shire Council Draft Local Approval Policy

Dear Mr McLean

I refer to your letter seeking consent pursuant to section 162 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) to the exemption provisions in respect of activities A1 and A2 in Part 1 of a resubmitted version of Draft Walgett Shire Council Draft Local Approval Policy (Draft LAP) (Council Document Reference: LAP - Local Approvals Policy Apr2006 FINAL.doc). The delay in this reply is regretted.

Following review of the resubmitted Draft LAP by the Department of Planning, I have to advise that consent is still not granted to Council adopting a LAP that includes the exemption provisions in Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of Part 1 of that Draft LAP. The Department considers further changes need to be made to the subject activity A1 and A2 proposed exemption provisions before any consent is granted.

Suggestions for changes and additions to the subject proposed provisions are set out in an Attachment. The suggested amendments relate to safety and amenity (restriction of exempt POPEs in buildings to ground floor level, and setting some limits on hours of use) and to providing greater consistency across the proposed provisions.

It is requested that Council revisit the subject provisions in draft LAP having regard to the suggestions in the Attachment, and submit a further revised version of that document to the Department with a request for consent under section 162 of the LG Act to the relevant exemption provisions. The Department will then expedite a decision in this matter.

If Council has any enquiries in relation to this letter, please contact the Department's Tony Miller, Senior Planner, Planning Reform Unit on 02 9228 6428 (telephone) or tony.miller@planning.nsw.gov.au (e-mail).

Yours sincerely

Kim Cull
Executive Director
Corporate Governance and Support Services
Encl.

Attachment

Suggested Changes to Proposed 'Exemption' Criteria in 2.2 of Part 1 of Draft Walgett Shire Council LAP¹**2.2.1 Exemptions – Temporary structure (A2 Activity)****Item (k)**

Issue: 2.2.1 relates to the installation of temporary structures, not to the erection of buildings.

Suggestion: Review whether the reference to "buildings" is needed in this item.

2.2.2 Exemptions – Public entertainment (A3 Activity)**Temporary structure****Possible Additional Items**

Issue: Unlike 2.2.1, 2.2.2 contains no proposed exemption criterion to the effect that the Council retains a right to issue written revocation of an exemption status for failure to comply with the terms of the exemption requirements, and that a written appeal can be made to the Council against any decision of that type.

Suggestion: Council should add a proposed exemption criterion corresponding to Item (n) of 2.2.1.

Issue: No limit on hours of operation has been proposed as a criterion for a POPE to be exempted from the need for approval.

Suggestion: Council should place some limit on the hours during which the temporary structure may be used as a POPE.

Building**Possible Additional Items**

Issue: Unlike 2.2.1, 2.2.2 contains no proposed exemption criterion to the effect that the Council retains a right to issue written revocation of an exemption status for failure to comply with the terms of the exemption requirements, and that a written appeal can be made to the Council against any decision of that type.

Suggestion: Council should add a proposed exemption criterion corresponding to Item (n) of 2.2.1.

Issue: In order to facilitate an adequate level of fire safety in the building, it is considered that if any part of the proposed POPE would be located other than at ground floor level in the building, the fire safety measures contained or proposed in the building should be checked by the council, and accordingly that requiring an application under s.68 of the LG Act for the POPE would be appropriate in those cases.

Suggestion: Add a proposed exemption criterion to the effect that no part of the POPE is located other than at ground floor level in the building.

Issue: No limit on hours of operation has been proposed as a criterion for a POPE to be exempted from the need for approval.

Suggestion: Council should place some limit on the hours during which the building may be used as a POPE.

¹ Council's document reference: LAP – Local Approvals Policy Apr2006 FINAL.doc

The draft LAP has been reviewed in accordance with the additional suggestions of the Department of Planning. Relevant sections of the draft Local Approvals Policy are reproduced below. Amended or new points are marked with a bold arrow.

2.2 WHAT EXEMPTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THIS LAP?

By virtue of this Local Approvals Policy, a person, company or organisation is exempt from the need to obtain a particular approval of the Council in the circumstances specified below, in addition to any exemptions available under the regulations.

2.2.1 Exemptions – Temporary structure (A2 Activity)

Exemption from approval to install a temporary structure on land (Activity A2) is available for a tent or marquee in the circumstances specified below:

- (a) The structure is only used for a private function.

NOTE: *Examples of private functions include weddings or birthday party where attendance is by private invitation only.*

- (b) The structure is installed:



- (i) On a Crown Reserve, with the prior written consent of the Reserve Trust and in accordance with any leases or licences that may be necessary for the use of the land, OR;
- (ii) On freehold land owned by Council with the prior written consent of the Council, OR;
- (iii) On privately owned land with the consent of the landowner.

- (c) Any necessary approvals that may be required from any state government agencies are obtained prior to the event.

NOTE: *Examples of approvals that may be required include a liquor licence issued through the Licensing Court, via the Licensing Court Registry (Local Court House) or fireworks approvals from the Workcover Authority of NSW.*

- (d) The structure is no larger than 150m² in floor area and it is not used for human habitation.
- (e) The structure must not be installed as an alteration, addition or extension to an existing permanent building.
- (f) The ground or surface supporting a temporary structure must be sufficiently firm and stable so as not to become dangerous by reason of its slope, irregularity or some other factor.
- (g) The structure must resist loads determined in accordance with Australian Standard 1170 – Minimum Design Loads on Structures.
- (h) Adequate sanitary and washing facilities must be provided in accordance with Part F of the Building Code of Australia.
- (i) Any liquid waste must be drained to a public sewer main or a Council approved sewage management system in accordance with Australian Standard 3500.2 – National Plumbing and Drainage Code.
- (j) There must be no emission of “offensive noise” as defined in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- (k) The party undertaking the activity must ensure that Council staff have full access, on demand, to all structures and documents associated with any exemption claimed under this policy so that compliance with the conditions of exemption can be verified.
- (l) If the activity is being undertaken on Crown Land or freehold land owned by the Council, then the party undertaking the activity must maintain a current public liability insurance policy, with a minimum insured value of \$10,000,000 that covers the activities involved and the context in which they will be undertaken.

- (m) Council accepts no liability for any injury or damage associated with any activity undertaken, or purportedly undertaken, under the provisions of this exemption.
- (n) Walgett Shire Council retains the right to issue a written revocation of an exemption status for any failure to comply with the terms of the exemption requirements. A written appeal can be lodged with Council against any decision to revoke an exemption.

NOTE: *Under some circumstances the erection and/or use of a temporary structure could require development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*

2.2.2 Exemptions – Public entertainment (A3 Activity)

Temporary structure

Exemption from approval for the use of a **temporary structure** as a place of public entertainment or permit its use as a place of public entertainment (Activity A3) is available in the circumstances specified below:

- (a) The proposed activity is undertaken:
 - (i) by a non-profit community based organisation for less than three days; OR,
 - (ii) by a company, individual or organisation to provide entertainment for the general community for less than three days.

NOTE: *An example of a relevant activity is a play or band performing within a marquee.*

- (b) The activity occurs:
 - (i) On a Crown Reserve, with the prior written consent of the Reserve Trust and in accordance with any leases or licences that may be necessary for the use of the land, OR;
 - (ii) On freehold land owned by Council with the prior written consent of the Council.
- (c) Any necessary approvals that may be required from any state government agencies are obtained prior to the event.

NOTE: *An example of an approval that may be required is a liquor licence issued through the Licensing Court, via the Licensing Court Registry (Local Court House).*

- (d) The temporary structure is no larger than 150m² in floor area and it is not used for human habitation.
- (e) The structure must not be installed as an alteration, addition or extension to an existing permanent building.
- (f) The ground or surface supporting a temporary structure must be sufficiently firm and stable so as not to become dangerous by reason of its slope, irregularity or some other factor.
- (g) The temporary structure must comply with relevant provisions of Part B1 and NSW Part H102 of Volume One of the Building Code of Australia.
- (h) The structure must resist loads determined in accordance with Australian Standard 1170 – Minimum Design Loads on Structures.
- (i) Adequate sanitary and washing facilities must be provided in accordance with Part F of the Building Code of Australia.
- (j) Any liquid waste must be drained to a public sewer main or a Council approved sewage management system in accordance with Australian Standard 3500.2 – National Plumbing and Drainage Code.

- (k) The use of a temporary structure as a place of public entertainment must comply with the relevant use and management provisions in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
- (l) Entertainment is not provided during the hours from midnight through to 10.00AM.
- (m) There must be no emission of “offensive noise” as defined in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- (n) The party undertaking the activity must ensure that Council staff have full access, on demand, to all structures and documents associated with any exemption claimed under this policy so that compliance with the conditions of exemption can be verified.
- (o) If the activity is being undertaken on Crown Land or freehold land owned by the Council, then the party undertaking the activity must maintain a current public liability insurance policy, with a minimum insured value of \$10,000,000 that covers the activities involved and the context in which they will be undertaken.
- (p) Council accepts no liability for any injury or damage associated with any activity undertaken, or purportedly undertaken, under the provisions of this exemption.
- (q) Walgett Shire Council retains the right to issue a written revocation of an exemption status for any failure to comply with the terms of the exemption requirements. A written appeal can be lodged with Council against any decision to revoke an exemption.

Building

Exemption from approval for the use of a building as a place of public entertainment or permit its use as a place of public entertainment (Activity A3) is available in the circumstances specified below:

- (a) The proposed activity is undertaken:
 - (i) by a non-profit community based organisation for less than three days; OR,
 - (ii) by a company, individual or organisation to provide entertainment for the general community for less than three days.
- NOTE:** *An example of a relevant activity includes a play or band performing within a community hall.*
- (b) The activity occurs:
 - (i) On a Crown Reserve, with the prior written consent of the Reserve Trust and in accordance with any leases or licences that may be necessary for the use of the land, OR;
 - (ii) On freehold land owned by Council with the prior written consent of the Council.
- (c) Any necessary approvals that may be required from any state government agencies are obtained prior to the event.
NOTE: *An example of an approval that may be required is a liquor licence issued through the Licensing Court, via the Licensing Court Registry (Local Court House).*
- (d) The building, or that part of the building being used for public entertainment, is no larger than 150m² in floor area.
- (e) The building is only one storey.
- (f) The building must comply with relevant provisions of Part B1 and NSW Part H101 of Volume One of the Building Code of Australia.
- (g) The use of a building as a place of public entertainment must not reduce the fire protection or structural capacity of the building.

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- (h) The use of a building or as a place of public entertainment must comply with the relevant use and management provisions in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
- (i) Adequate sanitary and washing facilities must be provided in accordance with Part F of the Building Code of Australia.
- (j) Entertainment is not provided during the hours from midnight through to 10.00AM.
- (k) There must be no emission of “offensive noise” as defined in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.
- (l) The party undertaking the activity must ensure that Council staff have full access, on demand, to all buildings, structures and documents associated with any exemption claimed under this policy so that compliance with the conditions of exemption can be verified.
- (m) If the activity is being undertaken on a Crown Reserve or freehold land owned by the Council, then the party undertaking the activity must maintain a current public liability insurance policy, with a minimum insured value of \$10,000,000 that covers the activities involved and the context in which they will be undertaken.
- (n) Council accepts no liability for any injury or damage associated with any activity undertaken, or purportedly undertaken, under the provisions of this exemption.
- (o) Walgett Shire Council retains the right to issue a written revocation of an exemption status for any failure to comply with the terms of the exemption requirements. A written appeal can be lodged with Council against any decision to revoke an exemption.
- 2.2.3 Exemptions – Trade or business on community land (D1 Activity)**

The Department of Planning also informally noted that there are references to “Crown Land” within the policy. It was observed that this could be taken to include areas such as State Forests or Nature Reserves. Informally it was suggested that Council should consider whether it wanted the exemption provisions within part 2.2 of the policy to apply to such areas. In that context it has been proposed that the draft policy should be amended so that all references to “Crown Land” contained in part 2.2 of the policy are changed to only relate to Crown Reserves.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Local Government Act 1993 – particularly Chapter 7.
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.
- Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2005.
- Department of Local Government Practice Note 14 issued March 1996 titled Local Approvals Policies.
- Council file 315/01/02/21 - Corporate Management, Policy, Local Approvals Development.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council and the public.

Financial Implications:

Nil

Recommendations:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note the Department of Planning has not consented to the exemption provisions contained in sections 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy endorsed by Council on 20 April 2006.
2. Amend the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy as per the suggestions provided by the Department of Planning in its letter dated 27 November 2006.
3. Amend the draft Walgett Shire Council Local Approvals Policy by changing all references to “Crown Land” within exemption provisions contained in part 2.2 of the policy to only relate to Crown Reserves.
4. Determine that the amendments are not substantial, hence no further public consultation will be undertaken.
5. Write to the Department of Planning seeking their Director General’s endorsement for the revised Local Approvals Policy exemption provisions that relate to that Department.
6. If the Director General’s endorsement is received, then give public notice of the adoption of Local Approvals Policy by Walgett Shire Council. That notice will be via advertisements in the Walgett Spectator, Black Opal Advocate and Ridge News.

**MANAGER PLANNING AND REGULATIONS REPORT TO COUNCIL
MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006**

Item No: 15

Subject: Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications

Author: Matthew Goodwin, Manager Planning and Regulation

File No: 315/01/00/00

Summary:

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently dealt with by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager under delegated authority.

Comments (including issues and background):

The following tables provide a summary of Development (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during November 2006.

DA	DEVELOPMENT	DECISION	DATE	LAND (lot/sec/DP)	LOCATION	ZONING
2006030	Carport	Approved	03-Nov-06	131//45077	Lightning Ridge	2 Village
2006031	House extension	Approved	15-Nov-06	17//39545	Lightning Ridge	2 Village

CDC	DEVELOPMENT	DECISION	DATE	LAND (lot/sec/DP)	LOCATION	ZONING
2006029	Front fence	Approved	16-Nov-06	14//837866	Lightning Ridge	2 Village
2006031	Pre-fabricated shed	Approved	21-Nov-06	10/14/758317	Cumborah	2 Village
2006032	Verandah	Approved	13-Nov-06	29//803512	Lightning Ridge	2 Village
2006033	Double garage	Approved	16-Nov-06	2//1085107	Walgett	2 Village
2006034	Front fence	Approved	16-Nov-06	A//26256	Walgett	2 Village
2006035	Patio cover	Approved	16-Nov-06	199//775242	Walgett	2 Village
2006036	Security fencing	Approved	21-Nov-06	1//658850	Walgett	2 Village
2006037	Boundary fence	Approved	23-Nov-06	4//803866	Walgett	2 Village
2006038	BBQ shelter	Approved	23-Nov-06	7//701284	Walgett	2 Village

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Respective Development Application and Complying Development Certificate files.

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Stakeholders:

Public and applicants.

Financial Implications:

Nil.

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Manager Planning and Regulation and General Manager during November 2006.

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Item No: 16

Subject: Development Application 2006034 – Gleeson Surveying

Author: Janet Babic – Town Planner

File No: DA 2006034

Summary:

Gleeson Surveying has lodged a Development Application to subdivide Lot 4 in DP 752261 near Cryon into two lots.

Background:

Development Application 2006034 has been lodged by Gleeson Surveying to subdivide Lot 4 in DP 752261 which is located about 22km north of Cryon near the Cryon-Collarenebri Road. It is proposed that the subdivision will occur in the following context:

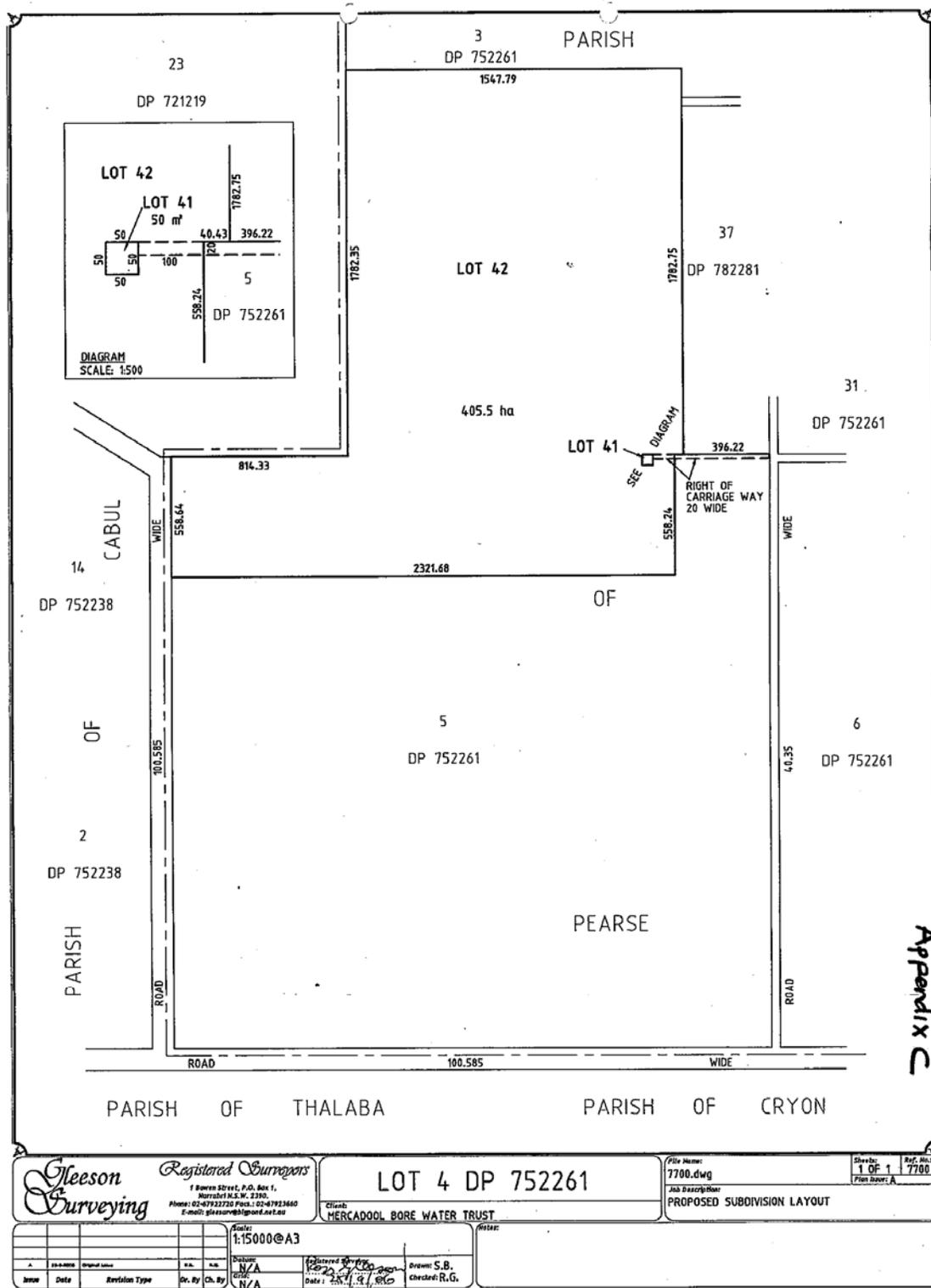
1. The land is currently used for agricultural purposes and an artesian bore.
2. The total area of the existing lot is about 407.77 hectares.
3. It is proposed to create two lots, one of about 407.52 hectares and one of about 0.25 hectares.
4. No change of use has been proposed. The new lots will continue to be used for agricultural purposes and the artesian bore. The subdivision will place the artesian bore on a separate lot.
5. Access to the smaller lot will be via a new right of way (20m wide) that will be created between the lot and the Cryon to Collarenebri Road. Access to the larger lot will be via land that is part of the “Weston” property.

Diagrams of the existing and proposed lots are included below.



Figure – Existing Lot (boundary shown by a thick line).

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Gleeson <i>Surveying</i> Registered Surveyors 1 Bowen Street, P.O. Box 1, Merribee S.S.W. 2200. Phone: 02-47922720 Fax: 02-47923660 E-mail: gleson@btspand.net.au	LOT 4 DP 752261		File Name: 7700.dwg	Sheet No: 1 OF 1	Ref. No.: 7700
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Figure – Proposed lots (numbered 41 and 42).

Statutory matters for consideration:

79C (1)(a)(i) Provisions of any environmental planning instrument.

The most relevant environmental planning instrument is the Interim Development Order No. 1 – Shire Of Walgett 1968 (IDO) and State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 - Development Standards. (SEPP 1).

Under the IDO the land is located within “Non-urban 1 a” zone. Development consent is required to permit the subdivision. However Clause 11 of the I.D.O. restricts the circumstances in which land can be subdivided. Sub-clause 4 (c) requires “*the frontage of such allotments to a main road is not less than 200 metres*”. The proposed 0.25 hectare lot will not have frontage to a main road. In this context the proposed subdivision does not meet the development standards imposed by the IDO.

A written objection to the imposition of the 200m road frontage development standard has been submitted with the Development Application. Under Clause 7 of SEPP 1, “*Where the consent authority is satisfied that the objection is well founded and is also of the opinion that granting of consent to that development application is consistent with the aims of this Policy as set out in clause 3, it may, with the concurrence of the Director, grant consent to that development application notwithstanding the development standard the subject of the objection referred to in clause 6*”. Council has delegation from the Director of the Dept of Planning, to assume the concurrence of the Director under the circumstances as detailed under point 12 of Dept of Planning Circular B1.

There is no proposal to change the existing uses of the land. It is proposed that a 20 metre wide Right of Way will be created over the 107.52 hectare lot and Lot 5 in DP 752261 for the benefit of the 0.25 hectare lot (artesian bore) to ensure ongoing access. Given that the ongoing operation of the bore benefits both the affected landholder and a number of others, it would be appropriate to permit a deviation from the ‘200 metre frontage to a main road’ development standard imposed by the IDO.

79C (1)(a)(ii) Provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition.

Not applicable.

79C (1)(a)(iii) Any development control plan.

Not applicable.

79C(1)(a)(iiia) Any planning agreement that has been entered into under section 93F, or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under section 93F

Not applicable.

79C(1)(a)(iv) The regulations.

Section 92 and 92A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 prescribe additional matters for consideration (see comments below).

79C (1)(b) Likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality.

Current land use on surrounding lots is predominantly agriculture. The proposed lots will continue to be used for agricultural purposes and the artesian bore, so it is not expected that the proposal will have a significant impact on the natural or built environments. The proposal is expected to have a positive economic and social impact by enabling the Mercadool Bore Water Trust to control the land where it's artesian bore is located.

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79C (1)(c) Suitability of the site for the development.

PUBLIC ROAD ACCESS: The existing lot has access to the Cryon-Collarenebri Road, however the created 0.25 hectare lot will not have direct frontage to a main road. To address this issue the applicant has proposed that a 20 metre wide Right of Way be created over the 107.52 hectare lot and Lot 5 DP 752261 that benefits the 0.25 hectare lot. No increase in vehicle movements to and from the site are proposed. In this context a created 20 metre Right of Way appears to be adequate for access to the 0.25 hectare lot.

FLOODING: Although the land is located on a flood plain, no change in use of the land has been proposed.

OVERALL: There are no known environmental or other factors that make the site unsuitable for the proposed subdivision.

79C (1)(d) Submissions made in accordance with the Act or the regulations.

Not applicable. Under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 the proposal is local development with no opportunity for submissions under the act or regulations (as opposed to designated or advertised development).

79C (1)(e) The public interest.

Adjoining landowners were notified of the Development Application and no objections were received.

The proposed subdivision will enable the existing artesian bore to be located on a separate title under the control of the Mercadool Bore Water Trust. Such control is considered to be an integral part of the "cap and pipe" the bores scheme.

The scheme is expected to have positive environmental impacts through more efficient water supply while minimising evaporation wastage (which is inherent in traditional open bore drains).

Given that the proposed development is permissible with development consent, it involves agricultural development within a non-urban zone and will contribute to a reduction in water wastage, approval of the proposal appears to be in the public interest.

The following matters must also be considered by Council in accordance with Sections 92 and 92A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 when making a decision on any Development Application.

92 (1) (a) Coastal areas.

Not Applicable.

92 (1) (b) Demolition.

Not Applicable, no demolition work is proposed at this time.

92A Preliminary planning.

Not applicable.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Development Application file 2006034
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 – Planning Standards
- Interim Development Order No. 1 – Shire of Walgett 1968.

Stakeholders:

- R. H. Hutchinson, (the owner of the land).
- The Mercadool Bore Water Trust (administrators of the bore).
- Gleeson Surveying (as the applicant).

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council approve Development Application 2006034 to subdivide Lot 4 DP 752261 subject to the following conditions of consent:

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

As no 'work' is to be undertaken, there are no prescribed conditions of development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS SET BY COUNCIL

GENERAL

Gen 010.

It is possible that a covenant may affect the land, which is subject to this consent. The granting of this consent does not necessarily override any covenant. You should seek legal advice regarding the effect of any covenants that may affect the land.

Reason: To avoid breaching the requirements of any covenant.

SUBDIVISION

Sub 010.

That two lots are created by the subdivision of Lot 4, DP 752261, one of about 0.2500 hectares and the other about 407.52 hectares.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council

Sub 011.

A Right of Way to be created over the 407.52 ha Lot and Lot 5 DP 75226 for the benefit of the 0.25 ha lot in accordance with the documentation submitted with the Development Application.

Reason: To ensure that the created 0.25 hectare allotment has ongoing legal access to a main road.

Sub 020.

A surveyor's plan must be submitted to Walgett Shire Council prior to the expiry date of this development consent so that the subdivision certificate on the plan can be signed by an authorised officer.

Reason: The subdivision cannot be registered with the Land Titles Office, and be finalised, until the subdivision certificate on the surveyors plan is signed by an authorised officer of Walgett Shire Council.

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APPROVED PLANS

Pln 010.

The development shall be implemented in accordance with:

(a) All documentation and correspondence submitted by the applicant, or their agents, in support of the Development Application,

(b) the details set out on the plans approved and stamped by authorised officers of Council,

except as amended by the conditions of this development consent.

Reason: To ensure that the development proceeds in the manner proposed by the applicant and approved by Council.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 17
Subject: Five Year Road Plan
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 250/12/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends a number of relatively small changes to the Five year Road Plan for the period 2006/07 to 2010/11 as a consequence of advertising the draft plan and seeking public comment.

Comments (including issues and background):

A draft form of the Five Year Road Plan, for the period 2006/07 to 2010/11 has been advertised and several submissions have been received in response to this. The submissions received were as follows :

Carinda Precinct Committee – request that priority for upgrading and sealing be given to the Carinda end of Regional Road No 333, rather than the current plan which provides for successive extension of the seal from Walgett. They request this on the basis that, providing they can travel to the junction with Shire Road No 31 (Gungalman Road) the opportunity of reaching Walgett in times of wet weather is enhanced by using what is known locally as the ‘red road’. This request is seen as reasonable and the draft plan could be amended accordingly.

Ms Jude Costello – requests that the Collarenebri to Mungindi Road receives more favourable treatment in the Five Year Plan and specifically asks that the additional Roads to Recovery allocation of \$838,000 for 2006/07 be split three ways between Regional Road No 333 (Walgett-Carinda), Regional Road No 329 (Burren Junction-Collarenebri) and Regional Road No 457 (Collarenebri-Mungindi) rather than the present split between Regional Roads Nos 333 and 329. At the present time, over the life of the plan, total funding to these roads is \$4,019,000 to Regional Road No 333, \$1,619,000 to Regional Road No 329 and \$750,000 to Regional Road No 457. On this basis it is not seen as unreasonable to split the additional Roads to Recovery allocation of \$838,000 as requested. However, as the current construction work on Regional Road No 329 is almost complete, with a forecast underexpenditure of about \$80,000, it is not possible to split the additional Roads to Recovery funding in equal shares and remain within the budget. To provide \$280,000 for Regional Road No 457, \$200,000 will need to be taken from Regional Road No 333.

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Rowena Precinct Committee – requests that gravelling of school bus routes be given a higher priority in the plan. There is little scope to introduce gravelling of school bus routes into the plan, other than at the expense of either road reforming projects or by reducing the extent of initial sealing works proposed. Reforming has been introduced to improve the basic serviceability of local roads and positive feedback has been received for works undertaken to date. Initial sealing of three regional roads is repeatedly requested by local groups, accordingly, if this work was scaled back to allow for gravelling of school bus routes, complaints could be anticipated. Whilst I can appreciate the need to provide all weather roads to local schools, I cannot see how this can be reasonably introduced into the plan at the present time.

Mr Chris Priestley – requests that Shire Road No 40 (Mullins Swamp Road) be upgraded to all weather standard. He also urges that, when bridges are replaced, the replacement structure should be flood free. Upgrading of Shire Road No 40 is partially to be achieved through reforming much of its length, however no allowance has been made for gravelling. As with the school bus routes mentioned above, this could only be achieved by eliminating other projects from the plan.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Draft Five Year Road Plan – 2006/07 to 2010/11
- Submissions to Five Year Road Plan (not attached)

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Submission Authors
- Roads and Traffic Authority
- NSW Government
- Commonwealth Government

Financial Implications:

This plan has been prepared on the understanding that current levels of road funding will not be eroded, nor will they escalate, within the life of the plan. It also presumes that Council will continue current practice of not directing any locally raised revenue (rates) directly into roadworks.

Recommendations:

That Council adopt the draft Five Year Road Plan for the period 2006/07 to 2010/11, subject to the following amendments :

- 1. 2006/07 – reduce allocation to Regional Road No 333 from \$1,169,000 to \$969,000 This reduces scope of work from 15.0km to 23.3km from Walgett to 15.0km to 21.9km from Walgett.**
- 2. 2006/07 – reduce allocation to Regional Road No 329 from \$719,000 to \$639,000**
- 3. 2006/07 – increase allocation to Regional Road No 457 from nil to \$280,000 Selected length to be sealed for dust suppression**
- 4. 2007/08 – change location of work on Regional Road No 333 from 23.3km to 29.3km from Walgett to 9.0km to 15.0km from Carinda**
- 5. 2008/09 – change location of work on Regional Road No 333 from 29.3km to 35.0km from Walgett to 15.0km to 15.7km from Carinda and 21.9km to 26.9km from Walgett**
- 6. 2009/10 – change location of work on Regional Road No 333 from 35.0km to 39.2km from Walgett to 26.9km to 31.1km from Walgett**
- 7. 2010/11 – change location of work on Regional Road No 333 from 39.2km to 43.4km from Walgett to 31.1km to 35.3km from Walgett**

SHIRE OF WALGETT – AGENDA

Year One – 2006/07

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$3,026,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$250,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$300,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Supplementary Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal 15km to 23.3km from Walgett towards Carinda) - \$1,169,000 (includes \$250,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 329 (seal 50km to 55km from Collarenebri towards Burren Junction) - \$719,000**
- 3. Regional Road No 402 (heavy patch selected sections between Walgett and Cumborah) - \$300,000**
- 4. Regional Road No 7516 (gravel sheeting of selected sections) - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Roads (reforming of selected road lengths) - \$388,000**
- 6. Walgett (town) – sealing of selected road shoulders - \$250,000**

Year Two – 2007/08

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$2,138,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$200,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal 23.3km to 29.3km from Walgett towards Carinda) - \$850,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 457 (Selected lengths from Collarenebri towards Mungindi – seal for dust suppression) - \$300,000**
- 3. Shire Roads (reforming of selected road lengths) - \$488,000**
- 4. Sealing of village streets in Burren Junction - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 57 – Construction of new bridge over Milchome Creek (Epping Bridge) - \$300,000**

SHIRE OF WALGETT – AGENDA

Year Three – 2008/09

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$2,238,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$300,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal 29.3km to 35.0km from Walgett towards Carinda) - \$800,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 329 (seal 55km to 57.1km from Collarenebri towards Burren Junction) - \$300,000**
- 3. Shire Road No 103 (Selected lengths from Burren Junction towards Pilliga – seal for dust suppression) - \$250,000**
- 4. Sealing of village streets in Cumborah - \$200,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 57 - Construction of new bridge over unnamed watercourse (1st Epping Bridge) - \$200,000**
- 6. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$488,000**

SHIRE OF WALGETT – AGENDA

Year Four – 2009/10

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$2,238,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$300,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal 35.0km to 39.2km from Walgett towards Carinda) - \$600,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Regional Road No 457 (Selected lengths from Collarenebri towards Mungindi - seal for dust suppression) - \$300,000**
- 3. Regional Road No 202 (gravel resheeting of selected lengths) - \$150,000**
- 4. Shire Road No 101 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths) - \$150,000**
- 5. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$388,000**
- 6. Regional Road No 7716 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths – Pilliga end) - \$350,000**
- 7. Regional Road No 329 (seal 57.1km to 59.2km from Collarenebri towards Burren Junction) - \$300,000**

SHIRE OF WALGETT – AGENDA

Year Five - 2010/11

Assumed Available Road Funds - \$2,138,000

Comprising

Block Grant - \$800,000

REPAIR Programme - \$300,000

FAG (Road Component) Grant - \$200,000

Roads to Recovery Grant - \$838,000

Projects

- 1. Regional Road No 333 (seal 39.2km to 43.4km from Walgett towards Carinda) - \$600,000 (assumes \$300,000 from REPAIR Programme)**
- 2. Shire Roads (reforming of selected lengths) - \$388,000**
- 3. Regional Road No 426 (gravel sheeting of selected lengths) - \$350,000**
- 4. Sealing of village streets in Carinda - \$150,000**
- 5. Shire Road No 79 - replace timber deck at bridge over Pagan Creek - \$200,000**
- 6. Regional Road No 457 (Selected lengths from Collarenebri towards Mungindi - seal for dust suppression) - \$150,000**
- 7. Regional Road No 329 (seal 59.2km to 61.3km from Collarenebri towards Burren Junction) - \$300,000**

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 18
Subject: Walgett Levee
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 175/03/02/00

Summary:

This report recommends that Council accepts the tender from the NSW Department of Commerce, for the undertaking of pre-construction activities associated with the rehabilitation of the Walgett Flood Levee.

Comments (including issues and background):

At its September 2006 meeting, Council resolved to engage the Department of Commerce, on the basis of a single invited quotation, to undertake pre-construction activities associated with the rehabilitation of the Walgett Flood Levee.

The Department of Commerce has submitted a tender for the pre-construction activities, in an amount of \$539,600 (exclusive of GST). It would now be in order for Council to formally accept this tender, however the final cost is likely to be subject to some variation from this amount because of the nature of the project.

The Department of Natural Resources, which administers the funding arrangements for this project on behalf of both State and Commonwealth Governments, has some issues with the tender, however these issues are not considered significant to the extent that acceptance of the tender should be deferred. The Department of Natural Resources does not consider that these issues should not result in the overall price of the consultancy increasing from that contained in the proposal.

Given the fact that Council has not scheduled an ordinary meeting in January 2007, this project would be delayed significantly if the tender was not accepted at this meeting.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Council Minute No 254/06 – September 2006
- Council Minute No 326/06 – November 2006
- Pre-Construction Proposal – Department of Commerce (Not attached)

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Natural Resources
- NSW Government
- Commonwealth Government

Financial Implications:

Council's current budget makes provision for this expenditure. Minute No 326/06 relates to this expenditure.

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the tender from NSW Department of Commerce, in an amount of \$539,600, for the undertaking of pre-construction activities associated with the rehabilitation of the Walgett Flood Levee.

254/06 – Walgett Levee

RESOLUTION:-

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council engage the Department of Commerce, on the basis of a single invited quotation, to undertake pre-construction activities associated with the rehabilitation of the Walgett Flood Levee.

Carried.

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326/06 – Walgett Levee Rehabilitation

RESOLUTION:

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that:

1. That Council accepts the offer of \$800,000 from the Minister for Natural Resources for the Walgett Levee Rehabilitation project.
2. That \$210,000.00 be made available from restricted funds and that the remaining \$190,000.00 is considered in the 2007/2008 Estimates of Income and Expenditure.

Carried.

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MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 19
Subject: Burren Junction Bore Baths
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 005/03/02/00

Summary:

This report briefs Council on the outcome of a meeting with the Burren Junction community, held on Wednesday December 6 last to inform the community of a concept plan to reconstruct the Burren Junction Bore Baths in early 2007.

Comments (including issues and background):

Council entered into an agreement with the Burren Bore Water Trust in late 2004, whereby the Burren Junction Bore Baths would close from 16 December 2006, unless Council was able to develop a means of retaining the facility without discharging the waste water into the environment.

A consultant, with expertise in groundwater chemistry, was engaged in early 2005 to investigate the feasibility of retaining the baths by drawing water from the Great Artesian Basin (GAB), using it by either heat exchange or free flow into the baths, and then reinjecting the waste water back into the GAB. This proposal was eventually abandoned as it was considered that the risks were unacceptably high.

A proposal to transfer waste water to a local irrigator, who would mix the bore water with surface water in a large off river storage, appeared to have promise. However, the irrigator withdrew from this after having viewed test results, which clearly indicated that the water would be detrimental to his land over time.

The concept which was presented to the Burren Junction community on December 6 provides for a continuous flow of approximately 2 litres per second from the GAB, through a heat exchanger with the waste water being piped to the adjacent Burren and Drildool Bore Water Trust Districts. This flow will not be sufficient to maintain sufficient temperature in the baths to satisfy users, accordingly supplementary heating will be required at most times. Water in the pool will not be subject to continuous changeover, accordingly, to comply with health requirements, it will need to be subjected to filtration and disinfection. To minimise heat loss from the pool, it is envisaged that the new pool will be contained within a structure.

This concept plan divided the community. Whilst many saw it as an environmentally responsible solution to the situation confronting Council, others saw the concept as something which would see the baths lose much of their appeal.

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Those opposing the concept were very reluctant to see an end to the 'natural pool' status of the present baths, however, by meeting's end, they appeared to reluctantly accept that this was mandatory. Concern that the therapeutic value of the facility would be lost would seem to be contrary to the experience of a spa operator in Central Queensland.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Burren and Drilool Bore Trust Districts
- Department of Natural Resources
- Users of Bore Baths

Financial Implications:

Council has allocated \$250,000 in the current budget to reconstruct the Burren Junction Bore Baths. Tenders to design and construct the new facility will close on December 19. At this stage, Council will be advised if the current allocation is sufficient to complete the project.

Recommendation:

That Council note the meeting with the Burren Junction community on 6 December 2006 to present a concept plan outlining the reconstruction of the bore baths at Burren Junction.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 20
Subject: Regional Airports Funding Programme
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 195/04/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends that the Common Seal of Council be affixed to a Deed of Variation which relates to some additional approved security fencing work undertaken at Lightning Ridge Airport.

Comments (including issues and background):

Council has received funds under the Regional Airports Funding Programme for security upgrading works at both Walgett and Lightning Ridge Airports. This programme was introduced by the Commonwealth Government, in response to a need for heightened security at airports following the tragic events in New York in September 2001.

A request was made earlier this year, for the approved programme at Lightning Ridge to be increased by \$10,000 to allow for additional perimeter fencing. This has now been approved on the basis of actual cost which totalled \$8,599.60. The Australian Airports Association, which is administering the Regional Airports Funding Programme on behalf of the Department of Transport and Regional Services, has forwarded two copies of the Deed of Variation No 1 to the original funding agreement.

These documents need to be signed by Council and Council's Common Seal needs to be affixed to them.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Council File No 195/04/00/00 (not attached)
- Correspondence from Australian Airports Association
- Deed of Variation No 1

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Australian Airports Association
- Department of Transport and Regional Services

Financial Implications:

There are none. This deed allows Council to fully recover incurred costs.

Recommendation:

That the Common Seal of Council be affixed to Deed of Variation No 1, which relates to an additional \$8,599.60 (inclusive of GST) received for security fencing at Lightning Ridge Airport.

REGIONAL AIRPORTS FUNDING PROGRAM



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Monday, 18 September 2006

Mr Stephen McLean
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
P O Box 31
Walgett, NSW 2832

Dear Stephen,

Ref: Lightning Ridge Airport – Deed of Variation to RAFP Funding Agreement

We refer to the exchange of correspondence between your Council and the Department of Transport and Regional services dated 27th April 2006 and 3rd July 2006 respectively regarding the RAFP Funding Agreement entered into between the AAA and the Walgett Shire Council on 24th January 2006.

Following our assessment of this approved change we are pleased to advise that additional funding to complete the extension to the perimeter security fencing at Lightning Ridge Airport will be made available as a variation to the existing Agreement.

The additional GST inclusive funding for this measure is outlined in the table below:

MEASURE	AMOUNT
Fencing	\$8,599.60
TOTAL	\$8,599.60

In order for Lightning Ridge Airport to access these funds from the RAFP it is necessary for the Deed of Variation to the RAFP Funding Agreement between the AAA and the Walgett Shire Council to be executed.

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the Deed of Variation No.1 to the RAFP Funding Agreement. Please have page 3 of both these documents signed and witnessed and both copies of the entire Deed of Variation No.1 to the RAFP Funding Agreement posted back to us at your earliest convenience to the address shown above.

The AAA will execute both copies and an entire copy will be returned to you for your file.

Yours sincerely,

Glenn Cumming
Manager – RAFP

Encl.

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Deed of Variation No. 1 to RAFP Funding Agreement – Lightning Ridge Airport

Part 1 - Details

As part of the Commonwealth's Regional Airports Funding Program, *AAA* and the *Airport* have entered into a *RAFP Funding Agreement*. *AAA* and the *Airport* have now agreed to enter into this *deed* for the purpose of varying the *RAFP Funding Agreement* in the manner set out in this *deed*.

This *deed* comprises:

- this Part 1 - *Details*;
- Part 2 - *General Terms*; and
- the *Attachments*.

In this *deed*, words shown *like this* have the meanings given in clause 5.1 of the *General Terms*.

1	AAA	Name Australian Airports Association Limited ABN 89 008 647 336 Address for notices Regional Airports Funding Program PO Box 397, Kew East Victoria 3102 Telephone 03 9859 5844 Fax 03 9859 6855 Email rafp@bigpond.net.au Attention Glenn Cumming, Manager – RAFP
2	Airport	Name Walgett Shire Council ABN 88 769 076 385 Address PO Box 31, Walgett NSW 2832 Telephone 02 6828 1399 Fax 02 6828 1608 Attention Stephen McLean – General Manager
3	RAFP Funding Agreement	RAFP Funding Agreement entered into between the parties dated 24 th January 2006
4	Effective Date	19 th September 2006
5	Governing law (Clause 4.1)	Australian Capital Territory.

Deed of Variation No.1 to RAFF Funding Agreement – Lightning Ridge Airport

Part 2 - General Terms

1 CONSIDERATION

Consideration

- 1.1 Each party acknowledges entering into this *deed* and incurring obligations and giving rights under this *deed* for valuable consideration received from each other party.

2 VARIATION OF THE RAFF FUNDING AGREEMENT

Variation

- 2.1 The parties agree that on and from the *Effective Date*, the *RAFF Funding Agreement* is varied in the manner set out in the schedule to this *deed*.

Construction of the RAFF Funding Agreement

- 2.2 The *RAFF Funding Agreement* will be read and construed and given full force and effect on and from the *Effective Date* as if the amendments set out in the schedule were made to the RAFF Funding Agreement.

3 LEGAL COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Each party to pay own costs

- 3.1 The parties will each bear their own costs and disbursements of and in relation to this *deed*.

4 GENERAL

Governing law

- 4.1 This *deed* is governed by the law in force in the place specified in the *Details*. Each party submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that place.

Counterparts

- 4.2 This *deed* may be executed in any number of counterparts and all such counterparts taken together will be

deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

5 INTERPRETATION

Definitions

- 5.1 The following words have these meanings in this *deed* unless the contrary intention appears:

AAA means the person so described in the *Details*.

Airport means the person so described in the *Details*.

deed means the deed of variation between *AAA* and the *Airport*, for the variation to the RAFF Funding Agreement, and includes the *details*, these terms and any Attachments to them.

Details means the section of this *deed* headed "Details".

Effective Date means the date specified in the *Details*.

RAFF Funding Agreement has the meaning given in the *Details*.

Terms defined in the RAFF Funding Agreement

- 5.2 Expressions and phrases used but not defined in this *deed* have the same meaning as they have in the *RAFF Funding Agreement* (if there defined) unless the contrary intention appears.

Headings

- 5.3 Headings are inserted for convenience and do not affect the interpretation of this *deed*.

EXECUTED as a deed.

Deed of Variation No.1 to RAFP Funding Agreement – Lightning Ridge Airport

Execution Page

SIGNED SEALED AND)
DELIVERED for and on behalf of)
AUSTRALIAN AIRPORTS)
ASSOCIATION by its authorised)
representative)

in the presence of:)

.....)
Signature of witness)

.....)
Name of witness (block letters))

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By executing this deed the signatory
warrants that the signatory is duly
authorised to execute this deed on
behalf of the Australian Airports
Association

DATED:

SIGNED SEALED AND)
DELIVERED for and on behalf of)
the WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL)
by its authorised representative)

in the presence of:)

.....)
Signature of witness)

.....)
Name of witness (block letters))

.....
By executing this deed the signatory
warrants that the signatory is duly
authorised to execute this deed on
behalf of the Walgett Shire Council

Deed of Variation No.1 to RAFP Funding Agreement – Lightning Ridge Airport

Schedule Variations (clause 2.1)

The Parties agree to replace the existing table in Attachment C of the *RAFP Funding Agreement*, under the heading “Budget”, with the following:

Project	Estimated cost (\$ GST Exclusive)	Funds sought from the RAFP (\$ GST Exclusive)	Supplementary Funds provided by the RAFP (\$ GST Exclusive)
Fencing and Gates	\$55,063.63	\$55,063.63	\$7,817.82
Signage	\$1,081.82	\$1,081.82	\$0.00
Padlocks	\$483.63	\$483.63	\$0.00
Lighting	\$13,736.36	\$13,736.36	\$0.00
Total	\$70,365.44	\$70,365.44	\$7,817.82

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 21
Subject: Naming of Park – Lightning Ridge
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 315/01/06/00

Summary:

This report recommends that Council seeks approval to the name ‘Len Cram Park’ for the unnamed park located in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge. Mr Cram is a prominent person in the Lightning Ridge Opal Industry.

Comments (including issues and background):

Sometime ago, in the time of the previous Administrator, the public were invited to submit names for prominent local features which were un-named at the time. Two submissions were received, one from the Lightning Ridge Historical Society and the other from a local resident, suggesting that the park in Opal Street, between Cardinal Road and Black Prince Drive, (Lot 4531, DP 767720) be named ‘Len Cram Park’.

Len Cram is a name which is very prominent relative to the opal industry and to Lightning Ridge and the naming suggestion appears to have considerable merit. Mr Cram has published many books on opals. A quick search of the internet suggests Mr Cram is well known and respected beyond the boundaries of Lightning Ridge and even Australia.

The ‘Guidelines for the Determination of Place Names’ indicates that the Geographical Names Board of NSW will not normally approve a name which honours a living person. As Mr Cram is still living, Council may have difficulty in obtaining an approval to this name. Precedents have been set, for example the bridge over the Bogan River at Nyngan was named ‘Peter Sinclair Bridge’ in honour of the former NSW Governor who managed the evacuation of Nyngan following the April 1990 flood. The bridge over the Murray River at Corowa is named the ‘Tim Fischer Bridge’ after the former Deputy Prime Minister. A park in Tomingley, NSW is named after a long serving local Councillor who is still alive.

It is suggested that, whilst the Geographical Names Board of NSW would not normally approve a name which honours a living person, this particular situation has sufficient merit to at least submit the name for their consideration.

The Lightning Ridge Historical Society indicates that 2007 will represent Lightning Ridge’s centenary and their Easter exhibition will be dedicated to this occasion.

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They have asked if the official naming could coincide with their Easter exhibition. This could be considered favourably, subject to the Geographical Names Board agreeing to the name.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Submission from Lightning Ridge Historical Society
- Guidelines for the Determination of Place Names

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Lightning Ridge Historical Society
- Geographical Names Board of NSW

Financial Implications:

Minor administrative costs and the cost of a sign are envisaged if the name is approved.

Recommendation:

That Council submits the name 'Len Cram Park' to the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales as a name for the unnamed park (Lot 4531, DP 767720) located in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge between Cardinal Road and Black Prince Drive.



LIGHTNING RIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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9 November 2006

General Manager
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Dear Stephen, **Re: Park in Opal Street, L/Ridge**

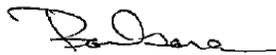
A few months back, Shire called for suggestions to name this park and we wrote a letter recommending the Len Cram Park. We realize that there is some sorting out of land tenure at the moment and this is probably delaying the process.

In 2007, the Ridge can start celebrating 100 years. The first official inspection of the Wallangulla opal fields with a view to surveying a village was during March and April 1907. Proposals were made and a street plan gazetted in early 1908.

The Society's Easter exhibition will be dedicated to this celebration. Is there a chance that the Shire could also announce the naming of the Opal Street Park? Other submissions may have been made but the Len Cram Park would certainly honour a man who has done the most for the opal industry, and therefore, Lightning Ridge.

I will be away until mid January and thank you herewith for your consideration of this suggestion. I'll look forward to your news upon return, and wish you Happy Holidays in the meantime.

Yours truly,


Barbara Moritz
Secretary

Walgett Shire
Council

14 NOV 2006

FILE: 315/01/06/00

LETTER No: 13148

REFER: AEN.

COPY: SJM per KAW.

Guidelines For The Determination Of Place Names

Endorsed by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales on 17 October 1996.

1. A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated, such as shape, vegetation, animal life, etc., may be accepted but, in doing so, care should be exercised in avoiding duplication of names already used for other features.

The Geographical Names Board prefers to avoid the repetition of commonly used names.

Sugar Loaf, Sandy, Back, Bald, Deep, Long, Kangaroo, Reedy, Rocky, Spring and Stony are examples of such names.

2. Easily pronounced names should, as far as possible, be used.
3. Names of Aboriginal origin or with a historical background are preferred.
4. Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society are encouraged.
5. The changing of long established place names is generally not preferred, except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.
 - a. If considered appropriate, place names may perpetuate the names of eminent persons, particularly those of early explorers, settlers and naturalists.
 - b. Names of persons should normally only be given posthumously but the Board, at its discretion, may approve a feature name which honours a living person. Such a person's contribution to the local community should have been of outstanding benefit to the community. Ownership of the land is not sufficient reason for the application of the owner's name to a geographical feature. The Board will not approve the naming of a feature after a person still holding public office.
 - c. The Board may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity.
6. Long and clumsily constructed names and names composed of two or more words should be avoided.
7. The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range will be avoided whenever possible and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length.
8. The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as North Branch and South Branch is not favoured. Generally, it is preferable to assign independent names to river branches.
9. The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name is not favoured. However well established names which carry such a prefix or suffix may be

approved.

10. Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original form; that spelling which is sanctioned by general usage should be adopted.
11. When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all sanctioned by local usage, the Board may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with the rules outlined above.
12. The possessive form should be avoided whenever possible without destroying the sound of the name or changing its descriptive application, eg, Howes Valley should be written without the apostrophe.
13. The use of hyphens in connecting parts of names should, as far as possible be avoided.
14. Names considered offensive or likely to give offence will not be approved.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 22
Subject: Rainwater Tank Rebate
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 145/09/00/00

Summary:

This report recommends that a suggestion, that Council introduce a rebate scheme to encourage the installation of rainwater tanks in areas serviced by town water supply schemes, be referred to Council's budget meeting for 2007/08.

Comments (including issues and background):

A suggestion has been received from a Walgett resident, that Council offer a rebate for the purchase, and plumbing into the house, of a rainwater tank. The person making the suggestion included some information on a rebate scheme offered by Sydney Water.

It would seem that, from discussions with the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, which administers the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage programmes, that relatively few rural Councils are currently offering rebates for the installation of rainwater tanks. This is not to suggest that a rebate scheme is not worth considering, however the cost of the scheme will need to be met by Council as there are no known State or Commonwealth subsidy schemes available to help defray the cost.

There are obvious benefits associated with the installation of rainwater tanks and there can be no doubt that the environment would be enhanced if all dwellings were connected to a rainwater tank. However, at the present time, the number of householders who would install a rainwater tank is considered to be relatively small, unless the rebate was substantial. Because water supplies in Walgett Shire are currently not metered, many householders see little incentive to save water. This attitude will no doubt change to some extent when metered consumption charges are introduced in 2008/09.

It is virtually impossible, at this stage, to provide an indication as to the cost to Council if a rainwater tank rebate scheme was introduced. The cost would depend upon the amount of the rebate, together with an estimate of the number of ratepayers who would take up the rebate. Nevertheless, the concept should not be dismissed but rather considered in more detail in conjunction with the budget estimates for 2007/08. This would provide staff with the time to more adequately research the subject and provide a balanced report for Council's consideration.

Relevant Reference Documents:

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- Request from ratepayer (not attached)
- Basic information relating to rebate scheme operated by Sydeney Water.

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Urban Ratepayers within Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Unknown at this stage

Recommendation:

That a more detailed report, relating to the feasibility and estimated cost of introducing a rainwater tank rebate scheme into Walgett Shire, be prepared for consideration in conjunction with the estimates of income and expenditure for 2007/08.

Rainwater Tanks - Rebates

- [How They Work](#)
- [Sizes and Types](#)
- [Planning](#)
- [Installation](#)
- [Maintenance](#)
- [Plumbing Requirements](#)
- [Water Quality Issues](#)
- [Rebates](#)

Sydney Water is offering a rebate to customers who install a rainwater tank. Rainwater tanks have many advantages - no matter where you live. Even in urban areas where a reticulated service is available, rainwater tanks help conserve valuable drinking water and reduce stormwater run-off.

Sydney Water has a [Rainwater Tank Rebate Program](#) (PDF - 427KB) offering customers up to \$800 to install a rainwater tank. A special Rainwater Tanks in Schools Rebate Program is also available for schools.

What's the rebate for?

Sydney Water is offering a rebate to help customers who install a rainwater tank. To qualify for the rebate, the rainwater tank must be both:

- a new tank with a capacity of 2,000 litres or more
- purchased on or after 20 October 2002.

How long does this offer last?

This offer ends 31 July 2008.

How much is the rebate?

The rebate is based on the size of the tank and whether the rainwater is 'plumbed' into your toilet or washing machine.

Tank Size	Rebate
2,000 - 3,999 litres	- \$150 tank rebate - plus \$300* if a toilet and/or washing machine is connected to the rainwater tank
4,000 - 6,999 litres	- \$400 tank rebate - plus \$300* if a toilet and/or washing machine is connected to the rainwater tank
7,000 + litres	- \$500 tank rebate - plus \$300* if a toilet and/or washing machine is connected to the rainwater tank

* This rebate is applicable for connections paid for and installed on or after 19 October 2006. Connections made prior to this date receive \$150.

How do I apply for the rebate?

<http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SavingWater/RainwaterTanks/Rebates.cfm>

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Once your rainwater tank has been installed and any plumbing work completed by your licensed plumber, you are ready to apply for the rebate. You must:

- read the details of the offer and the [terms and conditions](#) (PDF - 427KB)
- fill in your part of the [Rainwater Tank Rebate Application Form](#) (PDF - 348KB)
- get your plumber (if you had plumbing work done) to fill in their section
- attach your official receipts for the tank and installation
- send it to:

Sydney Water
Rainwater Tank Rebate Program
PO Box 17
Wollongong NSW 2520

What are the terms and conditions of the Rebate?

The [Rainwater Tank Rebate brochure](#) (PDF - 427KB) contains the Terms and Conditions for the offer. It is important that you read and understand the [Terms and Conditions](#) (PDF - 427KB) prior to purchasing your new rainwater tank and applying for a rebate. If you have any questions please contact Sydney Water on 13 20 92.

When do I get my rebate?

We will send out a cheque for your rebate within 60 days of receiving your completed application form and receipts for the tank and installation, subject to verification of your application details.

What if my tank was purchased before 20 October 2002?

Sydney Water's rebate offer only applies to new rainwater tanks purchased on or after 20 October 2002. You will need to show proof that your tank was purchased on or after this date before we can provide a rebate.

Related material

[Rainwater Tanks in Schools Program](#)

Sydney Water is also offering a rebate of up to \$2,500 to schools who install a rainwater tank.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 23
Subject: Bridge Naming
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 315/01/06/00

Summary:

This report advises Council that the Roads and Traffic Authority does not support the renaming of the Dangar Bridge but suggests naming of the adjacent Rest Area in honour of the late Mr Morgan.

Comments (including issues and background):

In October 2006, Council passed Resolution No 291/06 which read as follows :

- (a) Council name the bridge structure over the Barwon River west of Walgett the Eric (Monty) Morgan Bridge in recognition of his strong family, cultural ties and the dedication of his entire working life in the Walgett Shire.
- (b) Concurrence of the Roads and Traffic Authority be sought to the changing of the name from the Dangar Bridge to the Eric (Monty) Morgan Bridge.
- (c) Upon approval of appropriate signage, Council in conjunction with the Morgan family and community arrange for an official naming of the bridge.

Subsequent to this resolution, Council has sought the concurrence of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to the name change. The RTA has now replied, indicating they do not support the name change, given the fact that the name 'Dangar Bridge' has local historical significance and the fact that the Geographical Names Board does not support the changing of long established place names. Significant community opposition to the proposal to rename the bridge is also evident.

The RTA has indicated they would be pleased to support an alternate suggestion, such as the naming of the Rest Area located adjacent to the bridge, in honour of the late Mr Morgan. This suggestion was contained in a submission to the RTA from a Walgett resident, who was opposing the renaming of the bridge.

A previous staff report to Council on this subject had suggested that the name "Eric (Monty) Morgan Bridge" be considered when the next un-named bridge is replaced in Walgett Shire. However, given the fact that the family of the late Mr Morgan consider a particularly strong family and cultural tie exists with the Dangar Bridge area, the suggestion of naming the Rest Area adjacent to the bridge seems to have considerable merit.

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Nevertheless, a letter has been received from the Walgett and District Tourism Association, objecting to any proposal to name the Rest Area adjacent to the Dangar Bridge, in honour of the late Mr Morgan.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Staff Report to October 2006 Council Meeting (not attached)
- Council Minute No 291/06 – October 2006 (not attached)
- Letter from Roads and Traffic Authority
- Guidelines for the Determination of Place Names
- Objections to the Renaming of Dangar Bridge (not attached)
- Objection to the Naming of the Rest Area (not attached)

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Roads and Traffic Authority
- Walgett Community
- Family of the late Eric (Monty) Morgan

Financial Implications:

Minor costs would be involved.

Recommendation:

- 1. That, in view of the lack of support from the Roads and Traffic Authority, Council abandon efforts to rename the bridge over the Barwon River, located west of Walgett on the Kamilaroi Highway.**
- 2. That Council pursue the naming of the Rest Area, recently constructed downstream of the Dangar Bridge, in honour of the late Eric (Monty) Morgan.**
- 3. That Council's decision, relative to the Rest Area, be conveyed to the family of the late Eric (Monty) Morgan, for their concurrence.**
- 4. That, subject to notification of the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales agreement to the naming of the Rest Area, Council arranges for an official naming ceremony for the Rest Area.**



File: 29/471.5004
Phil Standen

21 November 2006

The General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
P O Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

State Highway no. 29 – Kamilaroi Highway. Bridge over the Barwon River near Walgett.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 24 October 2006 requesting concurrence to the proposal by Council to change the name of the Bridge over the Barwon River west of Walgett from "Dangar Bridge" to "Eric (Monty) Morgan Bridge"

It is noted that at the September 2004 meeting of Council, following a number of representations by various community members, the then Administrator resolved that the name "Dangar Bridge" should be retained for the new bridge over the Barwon River. This resolution was supported by the RTA and the name "Dangar Bridge" was retained when the new bridge was opened in November 2004.

Given that the name "Dangar Bridge" has local historical significance, and given that the Geographical Names Board does not support the changing of long established place names, the RTA does not support Council's current request to change the name of the bridge.

Notwithstanding the above, the RTA would be pleased to support an alternative suggestion, such as the naming of the Rest Area located adjacent to the bridge, in honour of the late Mr Morgan.

Yours faithfully

Lew Laing
Regional Manager

**Walgett Shire
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24 NOV 2006

FILE: 006/05/03/44

LETTER No: 13556.

REFER: AEN, Bam. SJM.

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Roads and Traffic Authority



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Guidelines For The Determination Of Place Names

Endorsed by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales on 17 October 1996.

1. A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated, such as shape, vegetation, animal life, etc., may be accepted but, in doing so, care should be exercised in avoiding duplication of names already used for other features.

The Geographical Names Board prefers to avoid the repetition of commonly used names.

Sugar Loaf, Sandy, Back, Bald, Deep, Long, Kangaroo, Reedy, Rocky, Spring and Stony are examples of such names.

2. Easily pronounced names should, as far as possible, be used.
3. Names of Aboriginal origin or with a historical background are preferred.
4. Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society are encouraged.
5. The changing of long established place names is generally not preferred, except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.
 - a. If considered appropriate, place names may perpetuate the names of eminent persons, particularly those of early explorers, settlers and naturalists.
 - b. Names of persons should normally only be given posthumously but the Board, at its discretion, may approve a feature name which honours a living person. Such a person's contribution to the local community should have been of outstanding benefit to the community. Ownership of the land is not sufficient reason for the application of the owner's name to a geographical feature. The Board will not approve the naming of a feature after a person still holding public office.
 - c. The Board may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity.
6. Long and clumsily constructed names and names composed of two or more words should be avoided.
7. The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range will be avoided whenever possible and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length.
8. The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as North Branch and South Branch is not favoured. Generally, it is preferable to assign independent names to river branches.
9. The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name is not favoured. However well established names which carry such a prefix or suffix may be

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approved.

10. Where names have been changed or corrupted by long established local usage, it is not usually advisable to attempt to restore the original form; that spelling which is sanctioned by general usage should be adopted.
11. When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all sanctioned by local usage, the Board may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with the rules outlined above.
12. The possessive form should be avoided whenever possible without destroying the sound of the name or changing its descriptive application, eg, Howes Valley should be written without the apostrophe.
13. The use of hyphens in connecting parts of names should, as far as possible be avoided.
14. Names considered offensive or likely to give offence will not be approved.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 24
Subject: Engineering Internship
Author: Alan Nelson – Manager Engineering
File No: 022/25/03/04

Summary:

This report advises Council that efforts to recruit a suitable senior engineering intern for a six month period from January 2007 have been unsuccessful.

Comments (including issues and background):

Council has previously been briefed on efforts to engage a senior engineering intern for a six month period from January 2007, principally to assist Council's Projects Engineer with several engineering projects. Two prospective candidates were referred to Council, however both have subsequently advised that they have secured other employment.

There are no reasonable prospects of attracting another engineering student for this six month period, accordingly Council will need to rely on its own resources to complete the projects which it was envisaged that the student would assist with. This yet another example of the difficulty that rural and remote Councils, and probably most other district employers as well, encounter in attempting to recruit and retain staff.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Emailed advice from Prospective Candidates (not attached)
- Council Minute No 286/06 – October 2006

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- University of Technology Sydney

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

Recommendation:

That Council note that efforts to recruit a senior engineering intern for the six month period from January 2007 have been unsuccessful.

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286/06 – Engineering Internship

RESOLUTION: -

It was resolved on the Motion of the Administrator that Council note the intended use of water supply project funds to cover the cost of engaging a senior intern from University of Technology Sydney for the period January 2007 to June 2007.

Carried.

MANAGER ENGINEERING REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 25

Subject: Carinda Waste Management – Waste Transfer Station

Author: Melanie O’Sullivan

File No: 185/02/11/00

Summary:

In accordance with the Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2006-2007 (Manager Engineering Mission Aim No 12), Council is closing the Carinda Landfill and replacing the facility with a suitable Waste Transfer Station.

Comments (including issues and background):

Public consultation has been conducted via a meeting with the Carinda precinct committee, and the distribution/collection of written surveys. The surveys were also distributed to the public via the local Carinda News Sheet.

Approximately 50 surveys were distributed directly to the community with 10 being returned to council within the designated time. Council representatives also met with the Carinda Precinct Committee to provide further information to the public.

Survey results indicate that the public in Carinda are likely to accept the establishment of a Waste Transfer Station on either one of two suitable sites, both of which are council owned and likely to receive development approval for the intended purpose. The attached map details the location of both suitable sites.

The community survey results indicate that community preference is for the construction of a Waste Transfer Station on the council owned block of land adjacent to the access road to the current landfill. However, while construction costs to rehabilitate and rebuild on an existing site are slightly higher, the environmental and planning advantages to building the Waste Transfer Station on the existing site outweigh cost reductions on a new site.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Survey Forms as Received
- Map of Recommended Site Options

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Residents of Carinda and Surrounding areas

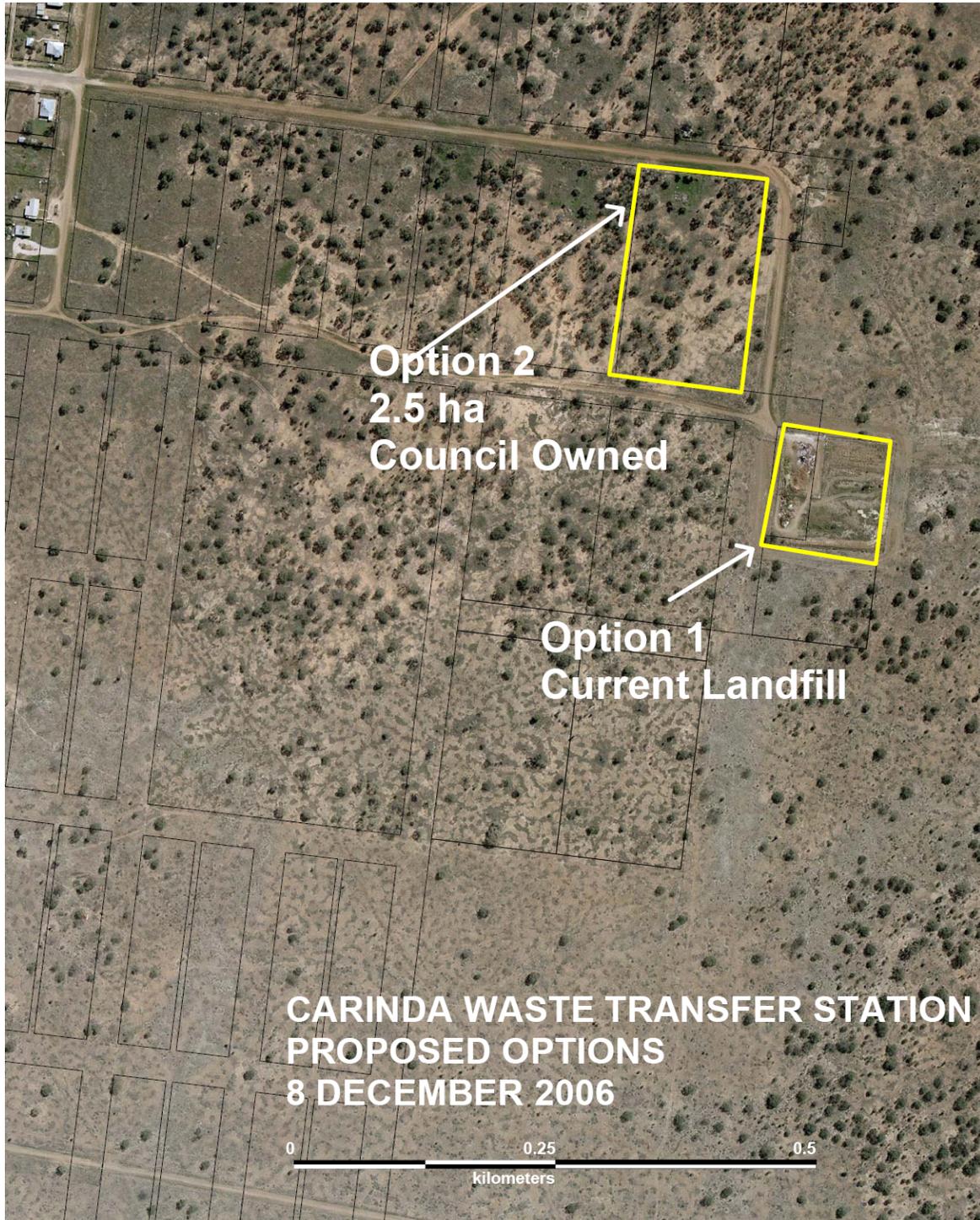
Financial Implications:

The Walgett Shire Council Management Plan 2006-2007 has allocated an amount of \$50,000 for the purpose.

Design and construction works will be undertaken within the allocated budget.

Recommendation:

That Council proceed with the design and construction of a suitable Waste Transfer Station on the site of the existing Carinda Landfill (Lot 2, DP 751556).



COMMITTEE MINUTES TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No:

Subject:

Author:

File No:

No Reports Submitted.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS TO COUNCIL MEETING 19 DECEMBER 2006

Item No: 26

Subject: Mungindi Menindee Advisory Council Meeting – 8 November 2006

Author: Margaret Bow - Representative

File No: 315/01/00/32

315/01/00/32 Rn: 13498.

Mungindi - Menindee Advisory Council Meeting
Held at The Walgett District Sporting Club
Wednesday, 8th November, 2006.

Following the reports from President, Ian Cole & Treasurer Bill Cameron, a long & detailed information session was delivered by Peter Terrill from the Dept of Natural Resources regarding Barwon-Darling Cap Management Strategy.

A great amount of discussion occurred about the reduction of the amount of water that a irrigator can extract from the system and about the number of licences which have not been developed (sleepers).

Because of the drought no water can be extracted from the system at present so that this water can be carried over each year, providing that the irrigator does not pump more water than he has been allocated for the year. Unused allocations can be traded.

The entitlement for the valley is 173,000 mega litres to be shared by the users. There are 20,300ha crops grown with an allowance of 1.76 mega litres per hectare. At present at Bourke it would take a lot more water than this to grow a crop.

There a concern in regards to the levels in Menindee lakes for the water supply to Broken Hill the levels have dropped from 271GL on 12th July to 212GL on 6th November. Evaporation is a grave concern as Broken Hill actually only require 15ml water but it is necessary to send down 80ml for the system.

The Commonwealth & NSW governments have jointly funded a \$760,000 Menindee Lakes study to identify water savings & options to obtain these savings, this should be completed by February, 2007. This is to identify measures that will reduce the evaporation on the lakes. Other targets are to improve the environment of the lakes, increase water security supply for Broken Hill, increase water security for irrigators and generate water savings in the system.

Due to recent reductions in staff, DNR is no longer able to continue routine Water Quality sampling on the Barwon-Darling River. Apparently there are only two officers to cover the Far West. DNR has asked shire councils for assistance with the water quality sampling in light of these problems and it is believed that councils are providing this necessary assistance.

Margaret Bow
Walgett Shire Council Representative