



# **AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 29 June 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held on **29 June 2021** commencing at **11:00am** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

**Please Note: The Council Meetings are recorded**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

**What is a “Conflict of Interests”** – A conflict of interests can be two types:

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

**Non-Pecuniary** – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)

### **Remoteness**

A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.

**Who has a Pecuniary Interest?** – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

- The person, or
- Another person with whom the person is associated (see below)

### **Relatives, Partners**

A person is taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter if:

- The person’s spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person has a pecuniary interest in the matter, or
- The person, or a nominee, partners or employer of the person, is a member of a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter

N.B. “Relative”, in relation to a person means any of the following:

- (a) the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person’s spouse.
- (b) the spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)

### **No Interest in the Matter**

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

- If the person is unaware of the relevant pecuniary interest of the spouse, de facto partner, relative or company of other body, or
- Just because the person is a member of, or is employed by, the Council
- Just because the person is a member of, or a delegate of the Council to, a company or other body that has a pecuniary interest in the matter provided that the person has no beneficial interest in any shares of the company or body.

### **Disclosure and participation in meetings**

- A Councillor or a member of a Council Committee who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the Council is concerned and who is present at a meeting of the Council or Committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.
- The Councillor or member must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the Council or Committee:
  - (a) At any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the Council or Committee, or
  - (b) At any time during which the Council or Committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

**No Knowledge** – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.

**Non-Pecuniary Interest** – Must be disclosed in meetings.

There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However, Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.
- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

### **Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)**

A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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## **Local Government Act 1993**

### **Chapter 3 section 8A**

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR COUNCILS**

##### **(1) Exercise of functions generally**

*The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by councils:*

- (a) Councils should provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.*
- (b) Councils should carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.*
- (c) Councils should plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.*
- (d) Councils should apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.*
- (e) Councils should work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.*
- (f) Councils should manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.*
- (g) Councils should work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.*
- (h) Councils should act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.*
- (i) Councils should be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.*

##### **(2) Decision-making**

*The following principles apply to decision-making by councils (subject to any other applicable law):*

- (a) Councils should recognise diverse local community needs and interests.*
- (b) Councils should consider social justice principles.*
- (c) Councils should consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.*
- (d) Councils should consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.*
- (e) Council decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.*

##### **(3) Community participation**

*Councils should actively engage with their local communities, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.*

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## PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS

*The Council may hold a public forum prior to each Ordinary Meeting of the Council for the purpose of hearing oral submissions from members of the public on items of business to be considered at the meeting (listed on the Agenda).*

*Public forums may also be held prior to Extraordinary Council Meetings and meetings of committees of the Council. Public forums are to be chaired by the mayor or their nominee.*

*The General Manager or their delegate may refuse to allow such material to be presented. A person may apply to speak on no more than 2 items of business on the agenda of the Council Meeting.*

*The General Manager or their delegate may refuse an application to speak at a public forum. No more than three (3) speakers are to be permitted to speak 'for' or 'against' each item of business on the agenda for the Council Meeting. If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the mayor or the mayor's nominated chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.*

*Each speaker will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the Council. This time is to be strictly enforced by the Chairperson. The Chairperson of the meeting can grant one extension of up to a maximum of three (3) minutes, should further information, be considered to be important to the Council. This is solely at the discretion of the Chair.*

*Speakers at public forums must not digress from their nominated item on the agenda. If a speaker digresses to irrelevant matters, the Chairperson is to direct the speaker not to do so. If a speaker fails to observe a direction from the chairperson, the speaker will not be further heard.*

*A councillor (including the chairperson) may, through the chairperson, ask questions of a speaker following their address at a Public Forum. Questions put to a speaker must be direct, succinct and without argument. Debate will not be permitted by the speaker, Councillors or staff. Speakers are under no obligation to answer a question. Answers by the speaker, to each question are to be limited to three (3) minutes. Speakers at public forums cannot ask questions of the Council, Councillors or Council staff.*

*The general manager or their nominee may, with the concurrence of the chairperson, address the council for up 5 minutes in response to an address to the council at a public forum after the address and any subsequent questions and answers have been finalised.*

| <b>SPEAKER</b>                                   | <b>TOPIC</b>     |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Hamish Meldrum – Director & Founder Ochre Health | Medical Services |

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

Proceedings of the meeting commenced at \_\_\_\_\_am

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

*I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands within the Walgett Shire and I would also like to acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this Shire.*

## 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

| Leave of Absence                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the leave of absence received from Cllr Walford _____ is accepted and leave of absence granted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

*Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.*

*In considering your interest you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.*

*Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.*

*Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.*

| Councillor | Item No. | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason |
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## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

### **5.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25 MAY 2021**

#### **Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 25 May 2021**

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 25 May 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 25 May 2021.



**MINUTES FOR THE  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 25 May 2021**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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| <b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021 AT 11:30AM</b> |
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**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:***Nil**The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:58am***PRESENT**

Clr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Clr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)  
 Bob Stephen (Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Leave of Absence:**

Clr Michael Taylor

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

| Councillor   | Item No. | Report title/ Subject matter                  | Pecuniary/ Non-Pecuniary | Reason                     |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clr Keir     | 10.3.1   | Monthly Maintenance Grading Report            | Pecuniary                | Family business interest   |
|              | 10.3.3   | Flood Restoration Works -Update               |                          |                            |
| Clr Martinez | 10.3.2   | Service Progress Report – As at 30 April 2021 | Pecuniary                | Family Business interest   |
| Clr Turnbull | 10.3.2   | Service Progress Report – As at 30 April 2021 | Pecuniary                | Family Business interest   |
| Clr Smith    | 10.4.1   | Development Approvals April 2021              | Pecuniary                | Family Related Development |

**5/2021/1 Leave of Absence****Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Clr Taylor is accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull****Seconded: Clr Walford****CARRIED**

**5/2021/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 27 April 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/3 Mayoral Report**

**Resolved:**

That the Mayor report for April/May 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Woodcock**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**4/2021/4 Council's Decision Action Report**

**Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at May 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/5 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government**

**Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-05 - 21-06 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/6 Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.

**Moved: Clr Smith**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/7 Everyone Can Play Funding Agreement – Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Park at Lightning Ridge**

**Resolved:**

1. Council endorse the action of the General Manager in executing the grant funding agreement with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
2. A contribution of \$79,975.00 toward the cost of the project be approved and included in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/8 Third Quarter Operational Plan 20/21**

**Resolved:**

Council accept the progress made on the 2020/21 Operational Plan as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/9 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Resolved:**

The 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/10 Cash and Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/11 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2020/2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 as tabled.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/12 Draft Operational Plan 2021/2022**

**Resolved:**

That the Draft Operational Plan for 2021/2022 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from the 27th May 2021 until 4.30pm on the 23rd June 2021, inviting submissions from the public during this time.

**Moved:** Clr Keir  
**Seconded:** Clr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir left the meeting at 12:05pm.*

**5/2021/13 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 30 April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Murray  
**Seconded:** Clr Smith  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:18pm.  
 Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez left the meeting at 12:18pm.*

**5/2021/14 Monthly Progress Report –As at 30 April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for April 2021.

**Moved:** Clr Smith  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Turnbull and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 12:19pm.  
 Clr Keir left the meeting at 12:19pm.*

**5/2021/15 Flood Restoration Works - Update**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the flood restoration updated works report.

**Moved: Clr Turnbull**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 12:26pm*  
*Clr Smith left the meeting at 12:26pm.*

**5/2021/16 Development Approvals – As at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Keir**  
**CARRIED**

*Clr Smith returned to meeting at 12:28pm.*

**5/2021/17 Grants from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Disperse from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2019-2020 upon proof of payment receipts in the following manner:

- (a) \$4,400 to the Lightning Ridge Historical Society for the installation of a termite protection system for Spicer's Hut and the Bush Nurse Association Cottage at 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge;

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Turnbull**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/18 Planning Proposal – Lot 2 DP 1153975 – Additional Permitted Use of A Dwelling**

**Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to;

1. Acknowledge the outcomes of the public exhibition process
2. Grant delegation to the General Manager to:

- a) Write to DPIE and request that it prepares LEP amendments maps, and to review and approve those maps.
- b) Write to Parliamentary Counsel and request drafting of an amendment to the WLEP to give effect to the Planning proposal, and to review and approve that amendment.
- c) Make any minor alterations to the mapping and LEP amendment required to give effect to the planning proposal.
- d) Write to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to request that they publish the final plan, thereby making it part of the WLEP.

**Moved: Clr Martinez**  
**Seconded: Clr Walford**  
**CARRIED**

**5/2021/19 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services**

**Resolved:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved: Clr Keir**  
**Seconded: Clr Murray**  
**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12.31pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/DELEGATES**

Nil

## 7. MAYORAL MINUTES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Office of Mayor  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Woodcock OAM

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**Summary:**

This report provides Council with information regarding the activities of the Mayor for the past month.

**Background:**

- Conducted interview on 2WEB general matters Council update.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> June the General Manager and I attended the FNW JO meeting in Bourke.
- Attended the Lightning Ridge Area Opal Reserve Trust meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in Lightning Ridge. General meeting and then a review of the draft Plan of Management.
- Because of a short illness I was unable to attend the meetings in Sydney with Minister Pavey and Minister Toole on 9<sup>th</sup> June, and I would like to thank Councillor Murray for attending these meetings on my behalf with the General Manager.
- Have received many phone calls about road issues which I have forwarded onto the General Manager.

| Mayoral Report                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Mayor report for May/June 2021 be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

## **9. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

## **10. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

### **10.1 GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **10.1.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – JUNE 2021**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14-03

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**Summary:**

This schedule summarises the current position of action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meetings of Council when the outcomes have not been finalised.

**Background:**

Attached is the Resolution Register which summaries outstanding action in respect of all resolutions which required action and are still outstanding. The exception is for the last meeting where items that have been completed are included. Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting.

**Current Position:**

Details of actions taken/being taken are flagged for each motion. Over time the register has grown in size because, whilst resolutions are actioned after the meeting, it is not always possible to resolve issues quickly especially if other government agencies are involved or Council's own in-house resources are stretched. Council has to prioritise work commitments.

In these circumstances the register becomes the simple tool of keeping track of matters awaiting attention.

Again, Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting as this would streamline the meeting process and also resolve minor issues more expediently.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Resolution Register

**Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Council and Manex Team

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

**Council's Decision Action Report**

**Recommendation:**

That the Resolution Register as at June 2021 be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Action Resolution Register

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA – 29 JUNE 2021 – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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| 23.5.17  | 4/2017/34 | <p>Lightning Ridge Bore Baths</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council receive the CFO report</li> <li>2. Council make provision of \$100,000 in the 2017/18 budget for renewal of the Lightning Ridge Bore Bath between Nov 17 and April 18</li> <li>3. Recommendations of the structural assessment be implemented</li> <li>4. The General Manager arrange for a design and cost of the bore bath renewal and submit this to Council for consideration</li> </ol>                                   | CFO  | <p>27.6.17 Quotation for design &amp; construction to be called in coming months. Work to be carried out during November 17 to March 18</p> <p>18.9.17 CFO in discussions with firm for engineers design</p> <p>18.10.17 CFO Issued purchase order for design of new tank</p> <p>22.11.17 Draft plan Received -RFQ to be issued</p> <p>13.12.17 Waiting on new specifications &amp; plan</p> <p>18.4.18 Project postponed until November 2018.</p> <p>18.4.18 RFQ to be issued and contractor engaged prior to October 2018</p> <p>17.4.19 RFT Underway for October March 19/20</p> <p>12.12.19 RFQ document under external review</p> <p>18.03.21 Options being investigated</p> |                  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/25 | <p>That Council resolve to acquire Mr.and Mrs Raymond Pike's land within which the current Council-maintained section of O'Neils Road runs, then surrender the Council-Controlled section of corridor to Mr And Mrs Raymond Pike.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DETS | <p>8.9.17 DETS hold talks with Mr Raymond Pike and his wife. They verbally agreed to the swap.</p> <p>5.11.17 Quotes received for cadastral survey</p> <p>30.03.18 Cadastral survey completed</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in Progress</p> <p>22.10.2019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>17.03.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 work in progress</p> <p>9/6/2020 work in progress</p> <p>22/7/2020 work in progress</p> <p>16/9/2020 collected all the information required and the process in completion stage.</p> <p>21/10/2020 Council's crown land manager is working on it.</p> <p>16/11/2020 " " "</p>                                           |                  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/26 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council resolves to authorise acquisition by compulsory process, of the Walgett Levee corridor through Lot 7024 DP1021106, Lot 7012 DP1021112, Lot 7301 DP1155276, Lot 7013 DP1030416, Lot 7300 DP1155957, Lot 702 DP1051575, Lot 7001 DP1051908, Lot 3 DP1123824, Lot 703 DP1056310, Lot 7031 DP1055946 and Lot 7009 DP1055947.</li> <li>2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Minister to approve the compulsory acquisition process.</li> </ol> | DETS | <p>5.11.17 Quote received for cadastral survey</p> <p>10.1.18 Quote accepted</p> <p>16.08.18 Survey ongoing</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in progress</p> <p>9.09.2019 work in progress</p> <p>22.10.019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>17.03.2020 Received survey plan</p> <p>20.04.2020 Registration is in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 work in progress</p> <p>9/6/2020 work in progress</p> <p>22/7/2020 work in progress</p> <p>16/9/2020 work in hold at this stage as the related staff has other important other commitments</p> <p>18.03.21 Crown Lands to authorise licence</p>                                                                        |                  |
|          | 1/2017/25 | <p>Collarenebri Sportsgrounds amenities building – the Council endorse the actions of the CFO in advising Murdi Paaki Regional Rugby League Council that the Council accept the new amenities building asset for the Collarenebri Sports Ground as per concept proposal and the Council shall accept liability for ongoing future maintenance</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | CFO  | <p>5.2.18 Proposal in the planning phase</p> <p>17.4.19 Kiosk and amenities building under construction</p> <p>Construction of shed complete, quotations are to be sought for lining and fit out of the kiosk and toilets.</p> <p>20.08.19 Building erected and fit out to be completed in coming months.</p> <p>16.09.20 Purchase orders issued for works.</p> <p>09.12.20 waiting on contractor to complete</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                  |
| 8.02.18  | 1/2018/2  | <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Arrange for an independent community satisfaction survey to be undertaken within the next six months.</li> <li>6. Investigate the re-establishment of precinct committees.</li> <li>7. Lobby the State Government to open Opal Prospecting Area (OPA) 4.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                 | GM   | <p>19.03.18 ongoing</p> <p>17.06.2019 Crown Lands Commissioner visited LR in early June 2019 to complete report on various matters including road network management and future land zoning.</p> <p>23.10.19 – 5.community satisfaction survey agreed with Council within next 12months ie.by Oct 2020</p> <p>6.Work in progress – Collarenebri established under Economic Development</p> <p>7. No progress to date</p> <p>15/4/20 ratepayer survey to be undertaken July 2020</p> <p>16.09.20 Survey complete. Report to Oct 2020 meeting</p>                                                                                                                                   | Partly completed |
| 27.03.18 | 3/2018/25 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council receives and notes the report.</li> <li>2. Council make approaches to Resource and Energy Department through the Member for Barwon to identify possible voids from former mining operations under key streets in the Lightning Ridge Township.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DETS | <p>12.12.18 Not yet commenced</p> <p>22.10.019 Not yet commenced</p> <p>17.03.2020 not yet commenced</p> <p>15/4/2020 not yet commenced</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                  |

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|          |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |      | 20.05.2020 work in process<br>9/6/2020 work in process<br>22/7/2020 Investigation Work in progress<br>16/9/2020 Contacted to Resource and Energy Department and waiting for response.<br>21/10/2020 Resource and Energy Department is working on it.<br>16/11/2020 Could not get any information from the department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 25.9.18  | 14/2018/17 | That Council note the current investigations in relation to the Lightning ridge water supply and unmetered services and a workshop to discuss the issues involved be held in the near future                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | GM   | 17.06.19 Initial investigations complete. Complex issues. On the 'to do' list<br>25.02.20 Audit commenced December 2019 to be completed August 2020<br>16.09.20 Audit recommended<br>18.03.21 Underway<br>23.06.21 in progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/11  | That Council<br>(a) name the Park in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge, "Opal Park"<br>(b) Application be made to the Geographical Names Board for registration of the parks name, "Opal Park"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | CFO  | 17.419 Council have approved name change. Application to be submitted.<br>16.09.20 Application October 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/25  | That Council adopt the alternative solution 4, as outlined in the report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DETS | 19.03.2019 Further report will be submitted for council Consideration.<br>16.06.19 Report to build the bridge on an alignment just downstream from the existing bridge will be submitted on 25 June 2019 Council meeting,<br>11.7.19 Council is planning to carry out second community consultation<br>20.08.19 Deed agreement is in progress<br>9.09.2019 Physical works will be commenced from Jan 2020<br>12.11.2019 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the existing bridge alignment.<br>14.02.20 Bridge construct starts March 2020<br>17.03.2020 Project is on hold due to weather<br>20.04.2020 work in progress<br>20.05.2020 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the old alignment.<br>9.6.2020 Waiting for contractors' new schedule.<br>22/7/2020 Report will be tabled on July 2020 Council meeting<br>16/9/2020 awaiting a response from legal advisor<br>21/10/2020 Report will be tabled on October 2020 Council meeting for an approval to build the bridge along the existing alignment.<br>16/11/2020 Resolved to build a 80m bridge in the existing alignment |  |
| 03.04.19 | 2/2019/23  | That Council determines to make minor amendments to the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy that reflect "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area B" is the most appropriate site based on community consultation and the limited number of potential lots (4 stated in the strategy) for "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area C".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | DES  | Council has received funding from Department of Planning Industry and Environment to undertake completion of the planning proposal. Consultants Cityplan have commenced work on the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 17.12.19 | 12/2019/4  | Council investigate the options of highlighting Mr Frederick York Wolseley's contribution towards the shearing industry in the form of a monument and associated historical information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | GM   | GM investigating tourist possibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 25.02.20 | 1/2020/12  | 1. Council participate in the Museums & Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisors Program.<br>2. The Chief Financial Officer arrange to engage a suitably qualified and highly recommended advisor for the program.<br>3. Other organisations in the shire having heritage/cultural and museum collections and facilities be invited to participate in the program<br>4. Funding of \$10,000 be allocated annually and indexed for the next six (6) years.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | GM   | Awaiting information for advisors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 24.03.20 | 2/2020/11  | (1)Council includes the road corridor (known as "Mission Road" – Wimbledon Road) located between the Kamilaroi and Castlereagh Highways in its entirety within its public road network and amend its Rural Road Map accordingly<br>(2)Council proposes the naming of the road corridor in its entirety as being Wimbledon Road (SR 64).<br>(3)Council undertake the notification/consultation and associated processes as per applicable legislation and Geographical Names Board of NSW policy and guideline documentation<br>(4)Council advise the Crown of its intentions to include the road corridor within its public road network and to seek the road corridor's inclusion within the Legal Roads Network Project with a standard 60m width | DETS | 20.04.2020 Preparation for Community Consultation is in progress<br>20.5.2020 Due to Covid 19, it has not been done<br>9.6.2020 Work in progress<br>22.7.2020 Work in progress<br>16.9/2020 Work on hold due to some other urgent commitments<br>16.11.2016 " "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 28.04.20 | 3/2020/15  | That Council endorse Council Officers to advertise and write to owners of businesses that they believe require this Annual Fire Safety certificate, on the basis of the report to complete a tender for Council,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DES  | Delayed pending appointment of new DES.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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|          |            | but offsetting travel and accommodation costs for active community Business Owners whom wish to part of the process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 23/06/20 | 5/2020/18  | 1. Accept the Planning Proposal to amend the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 by allowing a dwelling to be an additional permitted use for Lot 2 DP 1153975 located at Crystal Road, Lightning Ridge in Schedule 1 of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>2. Forward the Planning Proposal to NSW Planning, Industry & Environment with a request for a Gateway Determination;<br>3. Request delegation from the Minister to “make” the amendment to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>4. Give delegation to the General Manager to make any minor alterations as requested by NSW Planning, Industry & Environment; and<br>5. Undertake the state agency and public consultation as per the requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 | DES  | Council has received funding from Department of Planning Industry and Environment to undertake completion of the planning proposal. Consultants Cityplan have commenced work on the project.                                                                                                                                               |
| 25/08/20 | 9/2020/19  | That Council note and accept the proposal to implement the 40 km/h speed zone in Walgett CBD in following sections of the roads:<br>i. Fox street between Euroka Street and Warrena Street<br>ii. Wee Waa Street between Peel Street and Pit Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DETS | 16.9.2020 discussed in Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and advised to send council resolution to all traffic committee members.<br>21/10/2020 Engineering department in process for community consultation<br>16.11.2020 Community consultation is progress<br>18.03.21 Funding being sought for signage |
| 25/08/20 | 9/2020/23  | 1. Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 by relocating “intensive plant agriculture” from Permitted with consent to Permitted without consent in the RU1 Primary Production zone.<br>2. Forward the planning proposal to NSW planning, industry & environment with a request for a gateway determination;<br>3. Request delegation from the Minister to “make” the amendment to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>4. Give delegation to the General Manager to make any minor alterations as requested by NSW Planning, Industry & Environment; and<br>5. Undertake the state agency and public consultation as per the requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.                                           | DES  | Work on this project is suspended due to high number of development applications and enquiries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 22/09/20 | 11/2020/18 | Council conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the renaming of Hare Street, Carinda to Patty Cake Street, Carinda in compliance with NSW Address Policy and User Manual October 2019 and report back to Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DETS | 21/10/2020 Consultation in progress<br>16.11.2020 Analysis of the comments in progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 27/10/20 | 12/2020/23 | That Council renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Police Force and Walgett Shire Council to facilitate the implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles in the review and assessment of Development Applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DES  | Signed By General Manager                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 24.11.20 | 13/2020/13 | 1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 31st October 2020.<br>2. Council install three (3) fire hydrants in the town of Rowena.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DETS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 24.11.20 | 13/2020/15 | That Council note and authorise Engineering department to apply for the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 2 for following projects on the priority basis:<br>Road name Priority<br>Burranbaa Road 1<br>Lorne Road 2<br>Cryon Road 3<br>Angledool Road 4<br>Mercadool Road 5<br>Brewon Road 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DETS | 18.03.21 Applications submitted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15.12.20 | 15/2020/17 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:<br>1. Conduct a trial of bin banks in the vicinity of the existing Landfills at Grawin and Sheeppyard.<br>2. Following the appointment of a casual Landfill Attendant site locations and number of bins be rolled out in a phased manner following a community consultation process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DES  | Negotiations with stakeholders has commenced.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 23.02.21 | 2/2021/18  | That Council note the applications for the 2021/2022 Repair Program funding for the following projects on priority basis (Traffic volume):<br>1. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % Lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Carinda Road (RR333). The proposed section is Ch. 0+900 (Bait Street) km to 37+000 km and the estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DETS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|          |           | <p>2. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Merrywinebone Road (RR329). The proposed section is between Kamilaroi Highway intersection and Rowena Road. The estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.</p> <p>3. Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay with 1.5 % lime stabilisation for 3 km in length x 7 m seal width on Ridge Road (RR426) near Collarenebri end. The estimated total cost is \$ 900,000.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     |      |                                                        |  |
| 23.03.21 | 3/2021/12 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•That the Council approves the proposal to remove the fourteen trees located on Euroka Street between Namoi and Pitt Street.</li> <li>•That Council accept the proposal to replant suitable trees in the nature strip ( both sides of the Euroka Street</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DETS | Tree removed and resealing of Euroka street completed. |  |
| 23.03.21 | 3/2021/14 | That Council adopt the WSC draft policies on Partnering and Relationship Management, Environmental and Quality Control and they be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, inviting submissions from the public during this time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DETS |                                                        |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/7  | <p>(a) Supports the introduction of a heavy vehicle permit system for opal mining in New South Wales.</p> <p>(b) Council write to both State and Federal Members seeking their backing for the introduction of a heavy vehicle permit system for opal miners in New South Wales, and other legislative change as necessary to facilitate the use of heavy motor vehicles by miners in the opal fields</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | GM   | 23.06.21 Letter written to local member                |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/13 | Having not received any tenders for Refurbishment of the Colless Grandstand, now, in accordance with Section 178 (3) (e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, enter into negotiations with both (a) David Payne Construction (Dubbo), and (b) GBC Building & Hardware (Walgett), with the view of entering into a contract with the contractor identified as best value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | GM   | 23.06.21 One quotation received 22/6/2021              |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2020/14 | That Council accepts the tender for the installation of solar systems at the Council Administration building and Walgett water treatment works for a price of \$85,500.00 excluding GST, and provision be made in the 31st March Quarterly Budget Review (2020/2021) for funding the purchase and installation of the systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CFO  |                                                        |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/15 | Council accepts the tender for the refurbishment of the grandstand at the Collarenebri Race Track from GLETAN GROUP in the sum of \$360,495.11 excluding GST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CFO  |                                                        |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/16 | Council enters into a contract with ORANA RDA for consultancy services to fulfil the Murray Darling Basin Authority project scope of works, at a price of \$380,070 (ex GST)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | GM   | 23.06.21 Contract signed by ORANA RDA                  |  |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/17 | Council enters into a contract with PW Concrete for the Construction of footpaths, kerb /gutter and concrete island in Walgett, at a price of \$601,809.82 (ex GST) and the General Manager be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents on behalf of Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DETS |                                                        |  |
| 25.05.21 | 5/2021/7  | <p>1. Council endorse the action of the General Manager in executing the grant funding agreement with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.</p> <p>2. A contribution of \$79,975.00 toward the cost of the project be approved and included in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | GM   | 23.06.21 Contribution included in budget               |  |
| 25.05.21 | 5/2021/17 | Disperse from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2019-2020 upon proof of payment receipts in the following manner:<br>(a) \$4,400 to the Lightning Ridge Historical Society for the installation of a termite protection system for Spicer's Hut and the Bush Nurse Association Cottage at 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DES  |                                                        |  |
| 25.05.21 | 5/2021/18 | <p>That Walgett Shire Council resolve to;</p> <p>1.Acknowledge the outcomes of the public exhibition process</p> <p>2.Grant delegation to the General Manager to:</p> <p>a) Write to DPIE and request that it prepares LEP amendments maps, and to review and approve those maps.</p> <p>b) Write to Parliamentary Counsel and request drafting of an amendment to the WLEP to give effect to the Planning proposal, and to review and approve that amendment.</p> <p>c) Make any minor alterations to the mapping and LEP amendment required to give effect to the planning proposal.</p> <p>d) Write to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to request that they publish the final plan, thereby making it part of the WLEP.</p> | DES  |                                                        |  |

## 10.1.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
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### Summary:

Copies of circulars received from the Local Government Office Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information. Circulars are emailed to Councillors when published from LGNSW.

### Background:

The General Manager has flagged the following circulars as requiring the particular attention of Councillors:

- 21-07 Commencement of Local Government Amendment Act 2021
- 21-08 Consultation on draft Model Social Media and Councillor and Staff Interaction Policies and on the development of a Model Media Policy
- 21-09 Crown Lands – Plans of Management – Funding extension
- 21-10 Guidelines for Designated Rehoming Organisations under Section 88B of the Companion Animals Act 1998
- 21-11 Preparation of non-residential rolls
- 21-12 “Electoral matter” and use of council resources prior to local government elections

### Governance Issues:

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

### Stakeholders:

Councillors and Walgett Shire Council staff

### Financial Implications:

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

### Conclusion:

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

### Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

#### Recommendation:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 21-07 and 21-12 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

#### Moved:

#### Seconded:

### Attachments:

Circulars



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-07 / 27 May 2021 / A767595                                                                |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 20-42                                                                                        |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / Finance & Rating Staff / Corporate Governance & Legal Staff |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Policy Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>      |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Council to implement                                                                         |

### Commencement of *Local Government Amendment Act 2021*

#### What's new or changing

- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2021* (Amendment Act) was passed by the NSW Parliament on 13 May 2021 and has come into effect, although some reforms will commence by proclamation, as indicated below.
- This Amendment Act includes reforms to ensure a fairer and more flexible rating system for councils and ratepayers, councillor superannuation and minor changes that relate to council elections and the terms of office of chairs of county councils and joint organisations.

#### What this will mean for your council

- Councillors, general managers and staff should familiarise themselves with the key reforms in the Amendment Act, with a particular focus on those changes that came into effect on commencement, as outlined below.
- Councils created by merger in 2016 that have yet to harmonise their rating structures have more flexible options for their rating structures, including the option to harmonise rates gradually over up to eight years. See key points for merged councils below.

#### Key points

- The Government remains committed to strengthening the performance and sustainability of local government, including councils created by merger in 2016. The Amendment Act delivers key reforms to achieve these outcomes.
- Rating reforms will ensure councils have a stable and reliable revenue base, provide greater flexibility for councils and ratepayers, enabling a fairer distribution of the rating burden. This implements key elements of the Government's response to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART's) review of the local government rating system.
- The Amendment Act will be subject to a Statutory Review within 2 years.

#### Key points for merged councils

- Importantly, the Act now provides greater flexibility for those councils formed in 2016 as they prepare to harmonise rates from 1 July 2021. These councils can choose, in consultation with their communities:
  - to harmonise their rating structures gradually over up to eight years - councils that take up this option must apply no more than 50% of the total increase in rates for each rating category over the period, in any year;

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- to set separate rates for different residential land within a contiguous urban area, like Greater Sydney and the Central Coast; and
- to set separate rates for farming land based on geographic location.
- It is a matter for each merged council to determine whether or not to take up one or more of these options as they develop a rating structure for their area.
- The Amendment Act also provides a process for councils constituted within the last 10 years to submit a business case with supporting reasons to the Minister for a de-amalgamation of an area. Further information on this process will be provided separately.

#### **Key points about rating changes for all NSW councils**

- Changes to improve flexibility for residential and farmland rates can also be used by all NSW councils.
  - Councils are able to set different residential rates within a contiguous urban area and can choose to set different rates for farmland based on geographic location. These provisions commence on assent.
  - Councils will be able to set business rates based on whether the land is predominantly used for industrial activities. This will commence by proclamation.
  - A new rating category for environmental land will be created for land where meaningful development is constrained by geography or regulation that imposes significant restrictions on use, such as conservation agreements. This provision will commence by proclamation, once regulations are made.
  - The Act now clearly allows for multiple rate pegs to be set, if required, as part of limiting councils' general income each year. This will enable the Government to deliver on its commitment to align councils' general income to population growth in future to help relieve pressure in growing communities. This provision commences on assent. IPART will recommend a proposed rate peg methodology to the Minister.
  - To reduce red tape, the Act will allow councils to levy a new kind of special rate for infrastructure jointly funded with other government entities. These special rates are not limited to funding council functions and resulting income does not form part of councils' general income under the rate peg. This provision will commence by proclamation, once regulations are made.
  - The Act also allows for regulations to be made to specify circumstances under which the rating exemption for land subject to a conservation agreement may be removed. This will not commence until regulations are made following consultation with key stakeholders to ensure incentives for land conservation remain in place.
  - The Act will provide any councils that provide water and sewerage services and levy special rates for that purpose with discretion about whether to exempt certain properties from those rates.
  - Limits will be placed on ratepayers eligible to postpone rates due to a change in the permitted use of their land. This will still allow owner occupiers who would face hardship to apply to council for a postponement of the portion of their rates that have increased due to rezoning.

#### **Key points about other changes**

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- Councils will have the option to make superannuation contribution payments for councillors from 1 July 2022 equivalent in amount to superannuation guarantee payments. The decision to make superannuation contribution payments must be made by resolution at an open meeting.
- Minor amendments have been made to allow the time for the receipt of postal votes to be prescribed by regulation and to allow greater flexibility for the NSW Electoral Commission and other electoral service providers in the administration of countbacks to fill vacancies.
- The term of office of chairpersons of county councils has been extended to two years, aligning it with the terms of office of mayors elected by councillors and chairpersons of joint organisations. Technical amendments have also been made to clarify that the terms of chairpersons of county councils and joint organisations expires on the election day of their member councils.
- Further rating reforms that do not rely on the Amendment Act will be implemented by making changes to regulations and releasing new guidance later this year.
- In part, this includes aligning rating income growth with population growth to help councils provide for growing communities within the rate pegging system while still protecting residents from sudden and excessive rate rises.
- To give effect to this commitment, the Minister has asked IPART to recommend a proposed rate peg methodology that allows the general income of councils to be varied each year in a way that accounts for population growth.
- IPART has been asked to ensure that councils with lower population growth are not disadvantaged, to undertake public consultation and to provide a final report by September.
- There is no change to the requirement for councils to pay an annual Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contribution from within councils' general income.

#### Where to go for further information

- The Local Government Amendment Act 2021 is available at <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au>.
- The Government's response to IPART's review of the local government rating system is available at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IPART-Rating-Review-Government-Response.pdf](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IPART-Rating-Review-Government-Response.pdf)
- IPART's final report on the local government rating system is available at [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Local-Government-Rating-System/Local-Government-Rating-System](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Local-Government-Rating-System/Local-Government-Rating-System)



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-08 / 28 May 2021 / A730741                                                                                   |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 19-13 The development of template social media and councillor/staff interaction policies – initial consultation |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff                                                              |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance / (02) 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>                |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Response to OLG                                                                                                 |

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**What's new or changing**

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has issued consultation drafts of a **Model Social Media Policy** and **Model Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy**.
- OLG is seeking the views of councils and other stakeholders on the consultation drafts prior to finalising the model policies.
- The model policies have been developed using a “best of breed” approach to existing council policies and reflect what OLG sees as best practice in the sector.
- OLG is also developing a Model Media Policy and is seeking input by councils on their existing media policies.
- The model policies will not be mandatory, and councils will be free to choose whether to use them or to adapt them for their own purposes. If adopted, the policies will operate to supplement the provisions of councils' adopted codes of conduct.

**What this will mean for your council**

- OLG is inviting submissions from councils and other stakeholders on the consultation drafts of the Model Social Media Policy and Model Councillor Staff Interaction Policy.
- OLG is also seeking the following from councils to assist in the development of the Model Media Policy,
  - copies of or links to councils' media policies; and
  - suggestions on what issues and behaviours should be addressed in the Model Media Policy.

**Key points**

- The draft Model Social Media and Councillor and Staff Interaction Policies are available on OLG's website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).
- Information gathered on councils' media policies will be used to develop a draft Model Media Policy. OLG will consult further with the sector on a draft of the Model Media Policy when it is developed.
- Submissions may be made by email to [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au)
- Submissions should be labelled either “*Model Social Media Policy*”, “*Model Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy*”, or “*Model Media Policy*” and marked to the attention of OLG's Council Governance Team.
- Submissions should be made before **Friday 23 July 2021**.

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-09 / 7 June 2021 /A767121                                                                                      |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 18-15-Commencement of the Crown Land Management Act 2016                                                          |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / Crown Land Management staff                                                      |
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| <b>Action required</b>      | Information                                                                                                       |

### Crown Lands – Plans of Management – Funding extension

#### What's new or changing

- On 4 June 2021, an amendment to the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018 was made to provide councils with more time to complete Plans of Management (PoMs) for council-managed Crown reserves.
- This allowance has been made through the *Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021* (CLM Regulation 2021) and will enable greater flexibility for councils developing Plans of Management.
- Given this, the Office of Local Government (OLG) will extend funding agreements to allow allocated grants to be used for this purpose for a further two years, up until 1 July 2023.
- This extension to the Funding Period is permitted under section 4 of that Agreement.

#### What this will mean for your council

- The CLM Regulation 2021 provides an exemption for councils from the requirement to adopt PoMs by 1 July 2021.
- Councils that received grants under OLG Funding Agreements will be able to utilise the funding for a further two years, up until 1 July 2023 for the purpose of developing new PoMs.
- Your council will receive a letter from OLG confirming this extension.

#### Key points

- These changes also allow councils to prioritise resources to prepare PoMs for Crown reserves that are high value, high profile, have multiple uses, and where community engagement is expected.
- Where the nature and use of the land is to be changed, council must have a Plan of Management in place under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) to authorise these changes.
- All council Crown Land managers must continue to manage the dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were community land under the LG Act and assign the land to one or more categories of community land referred to in section 36 of the LG Act as soon as practicable. Please visit the [Council Crown Land Manager](#) webpage for information on this process.
- Councils must continue to manage Crown land in-line with the gazetted reserve purpose(s).

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- Clause 70 of the CLM Regulations allows councils to grant or renew certain leases and licences over the land until the first Plan of Management is adopted. Refer to the pre-POM leases and licences fact sheet for more information.
- The Regulation Amendment will not affect Crown land where a council has already adopted Plans of Management.

**Where to go for further information**

- The *Crown Land Management Amendment (Plan of Management) Regulation 2021* is available on the NSW Government's legislation website at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)
- Enquiries about the management of Crown reserves under the LG Act should be directed to OLG's Policy Team on 02 4428 4100 or email [councilcrownland@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councilcrownland@olg.nsw.gov.au)
- Enquiries about the broader Crown land reforms should be directed to Crown Lands on 1300 886 235 or email to [council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council.clm@crowland.nsw.gov.au).



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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-10 / 9 June 2021 / A640098                                                                     |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 18-26                                                                                             |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | General Managers / Rangers / Pounds                                                               |
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| <b>Action required</b>      | Information                                                                                       |

## Guidelines for Designated Rehoming Organisations under Section 88B of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*

### What's new or changing

- The Office of Local Government (OLG) has issued new *Guidelines for Designated Rehoming Organisations*.
- They replace the former "Guidelines for Approval to be an Organisation Exempt from Companion Animal Registration under clause 16(d) of the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008*".
- The new guidelines contain detailed information about:
  - the role and responsibilities of designated rehoming organisations including their record keeping and annual reporting obligations;
  - the process for applying for designation as a rehoming organisation under section 88B of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (the Act).
- The Guidelines are likely to be impacted by future functionality changes to the NSW Pet Registry therefore iterative versions of the document will be released as required in the future.

### What this will mean for your council

- Councils are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the new Guidelines, particularly in regard to the application process, which involves council input, and the registration and permit related concessions.
- Councils should refer to the list of designated rehoming organisations on OLG's website before releasing a companion animal to such an organisation where a registration fee exemption is sought.
- Only those organisations on the list are entitled to concessions in regard to the registration and permit requirements of the legislation.

### Key points

- The Act was amended and the *Companion Animals Regulation 2018* (the Regulation) replaced the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* (the former Regulation).
- These changes repealed the regime under clause 16(d) of the former Regulation whereby certain organisations that rescue and rehome companion animals were granted an approval which enabled them to have custody of those animals while unregistered.
- They created a new regime under section 88B of the Act whereby such organisations may now seek designation as rehoming organisations, thereby entitling them to receive both similar and additional benefits and concessions.

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- Section 5(1) of the Act defines “*rehoming organisation*” for the purposes of the Act and the Regulation as including councils, the operators of council pounds, the NSW Animal Welfare League, the NSW Cat Protection Society, the RSPCA and organisations designated as such under section 88B of the Act.
- The new guidelines only apply to organisations designated under section 88B of the Act as rehoming organisations.
- The guidelines also contain new annual report and record keeping templates which will enable OLG to more accurately monitor and report on the activities of designated rehoming organisations.

**Where to go for further information**

- The *Guidelines for Designated Rehoming Organisations* and a list of approved rehoming organisations is available on OLG’s website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/information-for-professionals/information-for-animal-rescue-organisations/](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/information-for-professionals/information-for-animal-rescue-organisations/)
- The new form of application for designation as a rehoming organisation may also be found at the above webpage.



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## Circular to Councils

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-11 / 10 June 2021 / A755941                                                                           |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 17-13 – <i>Preparation of non-residential rolls</i>                                                      |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | General Managers / All council staff involved in councils' preparations for the September 2021 elections |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>      |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information / Council to Implement                                                                       |

### Preparation of non-residential rolls

#### What's new or changing

- The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires council general managers to prepare and confirm the rolls of non-resident owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees of rateable land in the council's area (the non-residential rolls).
- The non-residential rolls are to include the names of the persons who:
  - have applied, **at any time**, for the inclusion of their name in any such roll; and
  - on the closing date (40 days prior to the election) are, in the opinion of the general manager, qualified for inclusion in that roll.

#### What this will mean for your council

- The Act provides that all non-resident owners, occupiers and ratepaying lessees of rateable land in an area are eligible to vote in local government elections.
- In preparing the non-residential rolls, the general manager must:
  - include the names of all persons who have previously applied for enrolment; and
  - check that those persons continue to be eligible to be enrolled.
- Forty days prior to election day, councils' general managers are required to finalise the non-residential rolls:
  - for elections administered by a provider other than the NSW Electoral Commissioner, the general manager is to confirm the non-residential rolls; and
  - for elections administered by the Electoral Commissioner, the Commissioner is to confirm the roll after being certified by the general manager.

#### Key points

- Councils need to ensure that everyone eligible to vote at the upcoming local government elections has the opportunity to do so.
- Councils should include relevant information, including eligibility criteria and the process for making a claim for inclusion on the non-residential rolls on their websites.
- Customer services staff must be made aware of this issue in order to assist any person wishing to make a claim for inclusion on the rolls.

#### Where to go for further information

- For further information, contact the Office's Council Governance Team on 4428 4100.

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 21-12 / 11 June 2021 / A755939                                                                      |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 17-12 – “Electoral matter” and use of council resources prior to local government elections         |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff                                                  |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Information / Council to Implement                                                                  |

## “Electoral matter” and use of council resources prior to local government elections

### What’s new or changing

- Council officials must not use council resources, property (including intellectual property), and facilities for the purposes of assisting their election campaign or the election campaign of others unless the use is lawfully authorised and proper payment is made where appropriate.
- In the 40 days preceding the election, councils need to consider whether their publications could amount to an “electoral matter”.

### What this will mean for your council

- Council officials must use council resources lawfully, ethically, effectively and carefully keeping in mind the council’s code of conduct and other policies such as the policy on the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities to mayors and councillors.
- “Electoral matter” is defined under clause 356A of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, and broadly includes any matter that is intended or likely to affect voting in an election. The name, photograph and likeness of a candidate fall within the definition of “electoral matter”.
- Council publications that promote the achievements of the council may also potentially fall within the definition of “electoral matter”.

### Key points

- Under the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*, the following **must not** be used for the purpose of assisting anyone’s election campaign:
  - council resources, property or facilities (unless the resources, property or facilities are otherwise available for use or hire by the public and any publicly advertised fee is paid for use of the resources, property or facility); and
  - council letterhead, council crests and other information that could give the appearance it is official council material.
- Breaches of a council’s code of conduct may result in disciplinary action.
- Councils and council officials should be mindful of the need to maintain community confidence in the integrity of the performance of the council’s functions and activities in the lead-up to elections. Councils should be mindful of how the community may perceive any of their activities or actions during this time.

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**Where to go for further information**

- For further clarification on “electoral matter”, refer to “Frequently Asked Questions” attached to the Circular.
- For further information, contact the Office’s Council Governance Team on 4428 4100.



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### 10.1.3 IMPORTANT DATES - UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14-03

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**Summary:**

A list of upcoming meetings and events is provided for Councillors to make notes of to avoid any clashes of commitments.

**Discussion (including issues and background):**

This report allows Councillors and senior management staff to plan their activities and spread their work load having regard to upcoming commitments. It also avoids situations where some Councillors missed meetings or are not aware of when they have been scheduled. In addition, outside organisations have been requested to send meeting notice and minutes direct to Council's various representatives. Where notification is received meeting dates will be listed on the strategic tasks, events and meetings calendar and the representative(s) names flagged.

**Current Position:**

Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meetings listed.

**Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

Not applicable

**Stakeholders:**

Councillors and Walgett Shire Council staff

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

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

| Important Dates For Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**IMPORTANT DATES - Upcoming Meetings and Events**

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>MEETING/FUNCTION</b> | <b>LOCATION</b> | <b>NOTES</b>                                  |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 28 June 2021 | CMCC Meeting            | Coonamble       | Mayor, Deputy, GM                             |
| 27 July 2021 | Council Meeting         | Chambers        | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend |

## 10.1.4 COUNCILLOR FEES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/183

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### Summary:

This report sets out the Local Government Remuneration Tribunals range of fees for Councillors and Mayors within each category for 2021/2022. The rural category includes Walgett Shire Council.

### Background:

The Remuneration Tribunal in accordance with section 239 and 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 each year makes its determination for the annual fees payable to Mayors and Councillors of Local Councils. Under sections 248 (4) and 249 (4) of the Act a Council that does not fix its fees must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

### Current Position:

The tribunal has increased the fees for the forthcoming year by 2% taking into consideration the following matters:

- *Submissions that addressed fees sought an increase of 2.5 per cent or greater. These submissions raised similar issues to warrant an increase which included the significant workload, responsibilities, capabilities, duties and expanding nature of mayor and councillor roles. Some submissions also suggested that an increase in remuneration may assist in improving the diversity of potential candidates.*
- *The 2021-22 rate peg for NSW Councils was set at 2.0 per cent by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). The rate peg is the maximum percentage amount by which a council may increase its general income for the year.*
- *Employees under the Local Government (State) Award 2020 will receive a 2.0 per cent increase in rates of pay from the first full pay period to commence on or after 1 July 2021.*
- *Section 242A of the LG Act provides that when determining the fees payable in each of the categories, the Tribunal is required to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.*
- *The current government policy on wages pursuant to section 146C(1)(a) of the IR Act is articulated in the Industrial Relations (Public Sector Conditions of Employment) Regulation 2014 (IR Regulation 2014). The IR Regulation provides that public sector wages cannot increase by more than 2.5 per cent. As such, the Tribunal has discretion to determine an increase of up to 2.5 per cent.*
- *On 31 March 2021, Premiers Memorandum M2021-09 issued the NSW Public Sector Wages Policy 2021 reflecting the Government's decision to provide annual wage increases of up to 1.5 per cent. The IR Regulation has not been amended to reflect this position.*

The table below sets out the new fee structure applicable for 2021/2022 and Council must now formally adopt fees within the range as shown. The Mayoral fee is paid in addition to the Councillors fee.

| <b>Category “Rural” Fees</b> | <b>Category Minimum</b> | <b>Category Maximum</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mayor                        | <b>9,980</b>            | <b>27,060</b>           |
| Councillor                   | <b>9,370</b>            | <b>12,400</b>           |

Walgett Shire Council from 2011/2012 has set the Councillor fees at the maximum level as set by the Remuneration Tribunal, with 25% of the Mayoral fee being allocated to the Deputy Mayor.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government Tribunal Annual Report and Determination 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

**Governance issues:**

Council is obliged to adopt a Councillor and Mayoral fee for the forthcoming financial year in accordance with the provisions as set out in the Local Government Act 1993.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council

Walgett Shire Councillors

**Financial Implications:**

The 2021/2022 budget makes provision for a total of \$134,296 for all Councillor and Mayoral fees, an adjustment of \$4,364 is necessary at the September 2021 QBR. In previous years the Deputy Mayor received 25% of the Mayoral fee for officiating at functions when the Mayor is unable to attend.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council may adopt a lesser fee for 2021/2022.

**Conclusion:**

The report recommends that Council adopt the maximum fee for Councillors and Mayor for 2021/2022.

**Councillor Fees, Local Government Remuneration Tribunal**

**Recommendation:**

That the Councillor fees be set at the maximum level set by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for a Rural Category.

A. The Councillor fee for 2021/2022 be \$12,400

B. The Mayoral fee for 2020/2021 be set at \$27,060

C. 25% of the Mayoral fee be allocated to the Councillor occupying the position of Deputy Mayor

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 10.2 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

### 10.2.1 MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES AS AT 31 MAY 2021

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes – Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** TBA

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#### **Summary:**

Council's debt recovery policy is aimed at having outstanding rates and annual charges debts recovered in a timely manner to support Council in its objectives by providing sufficient funding to enable the continued provision of services to the local government area. The aim of this process is to achieve a recovery of rates and annual charges levied in any given financial year of greater than 90%.

#### **Background:**

Council is obliged to report on a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as part of their statutory reporting regime. One of these KPIs is the Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage. The purpose of this KPI is "to assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts."

Walgett Shire Council is classified as a Regional and Rural Council and the benchmark used for these councils in the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting is less than 10% for the Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage as at the end of the financial year.

#### **Current Position:**

Collection of the current years levy and arrears as at 31 May 2021 is 83.95% which is 3.49% less than the previous year's collection at 31 May 2020 of 87.44%. Collections updated into the rating system for the first 2 weeks of June have increased the percentage to 87.91% after electronic payments such as B-pay and Post Billpay have been processed for the last days of May.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Outstanding Rates Report.

#### **Governance issues:**

Council is obliged to act in the community's best interest and to ensure adequate service provision is upheld through measures of sustaining, maintaining and improving long term financial sustainability. A key area is to show the ongoing effective management of outstanding rates and annual charges recovery by reducing the outstanding rates percentage to an acceptable benchmarked value each year.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Community  
Walgett Shire Ratepayers  
Walgett Shire Council

#### **Financial Implications:**

The recovery of rates and charges is a key performance indicator that is analysed by external bodies such as Treasury Corp in conjunction with the Local Government Review Panel. Efforts to improve and lower the levels of outstanding rates and charges strengthen Walgett Shire Council's long term financial position.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no alternative solutions or options.

**Conclusion:**

The report recommends that Council note the outstanding rates and annual charges percentage.

**Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Recommendation**

The 31 May 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates Report

## Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates &amp; Annual Charges as at 31 May 2021

## Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 31 May 2021

|                                                         | 16 June 2021          | 31 May 2021           | 31 May 2020           |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arrears from previous year                              | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| Adjustment                                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Sub Total                                               | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                            |                       |                       |                       |
| Legal fees (Including write off's)                      | (647.00)              | (647.00)              | 27,541.80             |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 9,819,560.94          | 9,819,560.94          | 9,659,622.66          |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | 31,748.98             | 31,453.39             | 53,662.31             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (89,213.38)           | (89,213.38)           | (6,789.78)            |
| Sub Total                                               | 9,761,449.54          | 9,761,153.95          | 9,734,036.99          |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>10,834,572.56</b>  | <b>10,834,276.97</b>  | <b>10,639,171.17</b>  |
| Payments                                                | (9,327,085.77)        | (8,897,974.76)        | (9,111,100.45)        |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (97,101.57)           | (97,101.57)           | (95,093.96)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (79,450.91)           | (79,450.91)           | (77,808.20)           |
| Discount                                                | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (21,212.50)           | (21,212.50)           | (18,806.00)           |
| Sub Total                                               | (9,524,850.75)        | (9,095,739.74)        | (9,302,808.61)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$1,309,721.81</b> | <b>\$1,738,537.23</b> | <b>\$1,336,362.56</b> |
| Current                                                 | 746,269.01            | 1,138,561.29          | 808,226.00            |
| Arrears                                                 | 228,798.64            | 259,560.52            | 431,127.83            |
| Interest b/f from previous years                        | 173,349.91            | 176,469.70            | (99,437.96)           |
| Current year interest                                   | 24,867.18             | 25,356.85             | 44,157.01             |
| Legals                                                  | 136,437.07            | 138,588.87            | 152,289.68            |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$1,309,721.81</b> | <b>\$1,738,537.23</b> | <b>\$1,336,362.56</b> |
| <b>Variance</b>                                         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>-\$0.00</b>        |
| <b>Total YTD Collected</b>                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Collected YTD % of Levy, Arrears, Interest & Legal Fees | 87.91%                | 83.95%                | 87.44%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 95.55%                | 91.16%                | 93.60%                |

\*\*\* COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis \*\*\*  
(Extraordinary Event in Time)

Note (1) 2020-2021 Rates and Charges levied in accordance with OLG Circular 20-12/ 17 April 2020 (1st Instalment/Payment in Full - Due Date 30 September 2020)  
Note (2) 0.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)  
Note (3) 7.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)

## 10.2.2 CASH & INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 MAY 2021

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1460

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary and analysis of Council's cash and investments for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

### **Background:**

The investment portfolio consists of on-call bank accounts, fixed rate interest bearing deposits and variable or floating rate interest bearing deposits. The portfolio is regularly reviewed to maximise investment performance and minimise risk. Council's investment portfolio does not have a secondary market available for the trading of investments and is not subject to share market volatility.

Comparisons are regularly made between existing investments with available products that are not part of Council's portfolio but meets Council policy guidelines. A comparison of Council's investment portfolio results is made monthly to that of other NSW Council's. Walgett Shire's results from the portfolio investment policy continue to show a very favourable result.

The majority of investments are compliant with the Relevant Reference Documents and Policies listed in this report however the investments with AMP are marginally overweight in the counterparty compliance. This position has now been rectified by redemption of 2 investments in early June.

### **Current Position:**

Council at month end held a total of \$29,370,649.51 in on-call and interest-bearing deposits with financial institutions in Australia. The majority of investments are compliant with the Local Government Act (NSW), the associated Regulations and Ministerial Order and Council's Investment Policy. Council's investments with AMP were marginally overweight at 31<sup>st</sup> May and this has now been rectified.

Council's investment portfolio is detailed on Attachment 1 and compliance information on Attachment 2 to this report. This information is represented graphically as well as digitally and shows Council's compliance to the investment policy for all key performance indicators in the policy except for the counterparty position mentioned above.

Interest rates continue to be low with no projected improvement for the next two years. A further problem that currently affects the market is the availability of investment opportunities, with many ADI's not offering term deposits on a regular basis. Longer term investments and cash accounts are proving more beneficial to Council at this time and Council has maintained a reasonable return in the current investment climate through longer term investment deposits taken out in prior years. These deposits are starting to mature and Council is seeking to maximise the return on investments when they do so.

"Council remains amongst the best performing in NSW where deposits are concerned, earning on average, around \$80,000 in additional interest income compared to its peers.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act (NSW), 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Ministerial Investment Order 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Investment Policy (Revised and adopted in May 2019)

**Financial Implications:**

As per report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
Financial Institutions

**Conclusion:**

At month end Walgett Shire Council's total cash and invested funds totalled \$29,370,649.51. There is a slight decrease in the portfolio from the previous month. Council's portfolio continues to maintain a steady level.

**Attachment:** Attachment 1 Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets.

**Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer**

1. I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the *Investment Order (of the Minister) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016*. The position with Council's Investments Policy was non-compliant at 31/5/21 due to an overweight position with AMP Bank which has now been rectified.
2. I hereby certify that Council's Cash Book and General Ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at the end of month.

Tony Hughes

**Acting Chief Financial Officer – Responsible Accounting Officer**

**Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

**Recommendation:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets (*Refer to Attachment Document*).

### 10.2.3 REVISED INVESTMENT POLICY

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes – Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14-03

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**Summary:**

Council must review its Investment Policy each year in accordance with the provisions of its policy.

**Background:**

Each year Council must review its Investment Policy. The writer has examined the policy to ensure it meets current legislation and the Office of Local Government guidelines and now submits a revised policy for Council's consideration.

**Current Position:**

The revised Investment Policy as adopted in June 2020 addressed several issues including flexibility required to maximise the rate of return on invested funds in terms of Institutional balances and a number of essential provisions, such as "Risk Management Guidelines" and "Prohibited Investments" that were missing from the policy. This review of the June 2020 adopted policy has addressed some relatively minor changes to procedural matters and, due to the downgrading of certain Authorised Deposit-Taking Institutions (ADIs), the BBB+ to BBB- Category has been split into two (2) separate compliance lines in Long Term Rating Maximum Holdings and Counterparty Limits as advised by Imperium Markets.

**Governance issues:**

Council's compliance with current legislation.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Community

**Financial Implications:**

The revised policy will allow council to reduce credit risk by diversifying amongst the BBB rated sector in the BBB+ or BBB category and the BBB- category.

**Conclusion:**

The changes to the current policy address procedural matters and the diversification limits in the BBB categories and the Acting Chief Financial Officer recommends the adoption of the revised Investment Policy.

| Revised Investment Policy                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Council adopt the revised Investment policy as presented.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Investment Policy (Refer to Attachment Document).

## **10.2.4 ADOPTION 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN INCLUDING FEES AND CHARGES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14-03

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### **Summary**

This report recommends the 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plan and Fees and Charges be formally made and adopted as required under the Local Government Act (1993) for the 2021/2022 financial year.

### **Background**

The 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Budget including all section 356 donations and the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2021/2022 year, the Long Term Financial Plan for the 10 year period starting 2021/2022 were placed on exhibition on 27th May 2021, and public comment invited with submissions closing at 4.00pm on Wednesday 23rd June 2021.

### **Current Position**

Submissions will be tabled on the day.

### **2021-2022 Fees and Charges,**

The fees and charges have been reviewed and increased by 2.5% to 3% on average.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies**

Local Government Act 1993 and Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation.

### **Governance issues**

Council must comply with the Local Government Act 1993 and Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation.

### **Stakeholders**

Walgett Shire Community  
Walgett Shire Council  
Office of Local Government

### **Financial Implications**

The respective financial details relating to the components of this report are detailed in the Operational Plan and long-term budget.

### **Adoption 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plan Including Fees and Charges**

That Council after having considered any submissions received by the 23rd June 2021:

1. Adopts the 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Budget, and Long Term Ten (10) Year Financial Plan.
2. Adopts Fees and Charges for 2021/2022 as listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022 with Council reserving the right to vary fees and charges of a commercial nature as circumstances require.

3. Adopts the Waste Management, Water and Sewer Pricing Structure as set out in the Schedule of Fees and Charges

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments**

Delivery Program/Long-term Financial Plan/Statement of Revenue Policy and Workforce Plan. (*Documents under separate cover*).

## 10.2.5 SECTION 356 - REBATES TO CHURCHES AND OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

**REPORTING SECTION:** Chief Financial Officer  
**AUTHOR:** Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1115

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### **Summary:**

This report provides details of eligible organisations that have made (*or have been invited to make*) application to Council for a rebate on 2021/2022 water, sewer and waste management charges. The report recommends that the eligible organisations be approved and that applicable rebates be granted in line with Council's Donations to Churches and Other Not for Profit Organisations – Sec 356 of the LGA Policy.

### **Background:**

For a number of years Council has granted rebates on annual service charges applied to rate assessments for a number of Churches and Not for Profit Organisations (NFP).

It should be noted that the listed entities are already exempt from the payment of ordinary rates under the provisions of Chapter 15, Part 6, Sections 555 and 556 of the Local Government Act 1993 and therefore are receiving a benefit.

Council adopted the Donations to Churches and Other Not for Profit Organisations – Sec 356 of the LGA Policy on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.

*It is important note that any organisation that meets the definition of a Not for Profit Organisation (NFP) may apply for this rebate concession at any time under the policy therefore the potential number and amount of rebate concessions is "uncapped".*

Each year there is a specific provision made within the budget for rebates to eligible organisations that have applied for a donation under Council's policy.

### **Current Position:**

To date Council has received twenty-four (24) applications from applicable entities for rebates on their water, sewer and waste service charges amounting to \$22,487.25. Applications received to date have been assessed against the policy criteria and are eligible to be granted rebates on their service charges. The 2021/2022 budget provision provides an amount of \$21,595.00 for rebate applications and the attached list details the organisations that have applied for a rebate under Council's policy and the amount applicable to each.

### **Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Chapter 12, Part 1, Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993  
Chapter 15, Part 6, Sections 555 & 556 of the Local Government Act 1993  
Council Policy - Donations to Churches and Other Not for Profit Organisations – Sec 356 of the LGA.

### **Governance issues:**

Council must comply with the provisions of section 356 of the LGA 1993 with a decision to grant a rebate in these cases needing to be by way of Council resolution.

### **Environmental issues:**

N/A

**Stakeholders:**

Not for Profit Entities within Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

Applications received to date have been evaluated against the policy criteria and are eligible for a rebate in accordance with Council’s policy. The total of the rebates across water, sewer, and waste management is \$22,487.25 against the 2021-2022 budget of \$21,595.00 for the year.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

That the applications be refused or granted at a lower level of rebate however this is not able to be supported (*given that a policy has been adopted*) unless the policy itself is cancelled or suitably amended.

**Conclusion:**

It is recommended that Council provide rebates to the organisations on the attached list in line with criteria set out within its Donations to Churches and Other Not for Profit Organisations – Sec 356 of the LGA Policy.

**Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2020/2021**

**Recommendation:**

1. That a budget adjustment of \$892.25 increasing the 2021-2022 budget from \$21,595.00 to \$22,487.25 be approved.
2. That the applications for a donation received/due to be received from eligible churches and not-for-profit organisations as per the attached list are approved and the rebates on annual service charges as detailed therein be granted for 2021-2022

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Section 356 Donations – 2021/2022 Rating Year

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA – 29 JUNE 2021 – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

| Section 356 Donations - 2021/2022 Rating Year                                                                   |        |                                             |                   |                                         |                         |                              |                             |                        |                                 |                                |                                |                                         |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| CHURCHES & NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS - DONATIONS                                                             |        |                                             |                   |                                         | Annual Charges Break Up |                              |                             |                        |                                 |                                |                                |                                         |                                        |
| Applicant                                                                                                       | Ass No | Property Address                            | Water Connection  | Total Annual Charge Donations 2020/2021 | Water Charge (100%)     | Water Charge (100% Donation) | Water Charge (75% Donation) | Sewerage Charge (100%) | Sewerage Charge (100% Donation) | Sewerage Charge (75% Donation) | Waste Management Charge (100%) | Waste Management Charge (100% Donation) | Waste Management Charge (50% Donation) |
| Country Women's Association of NSW (Walgett)                                                                    | 7260   | 32 Pitt St WALGETT NSW 2832                 | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,507.10                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 529.00              |                                 | \$ 396.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Country Women's Association of NSW (Burren Junction)                                                            | 7773   | 13 Waterloo Street BURREN JUNCTION NSW 2386 | No Water or Sewer | \$ 298.85                               |                         |                              | \$ -                        |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Country Women's Association of NSW (Collarenebri) [100% Donation - re: provision of library services agreement] | 11593  | 13 Wilson St Collarenebri NSW 2833          | 20mm R + F        | \$ 2,119.70                             | \$ 1,082.00             | \$ 1,082.00                  | \$ 440.00                   | \$ 440.00              |                                 |                                | \$ 597.70                      | \$ 597.70                               |                                        |
| Cumborah Community Inc                                                                                          | 12187  | 16 Grawin St CUMBORAH NSW 2832              | No Water or Sewer | \$ 298.85                               |                         |                              | \$ -                        |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Australian Indigenous Ministries                                                                                | 30726  | 35 Sutherland St WALGETT NSW 2832           | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,507.10                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 529.00              |                                 | \$ 396.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Australian Indigenous Ministries                                                                                | 30866  | 47 Namoi St WALGETT NSW 2832                | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,507.10                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 529.00              |                                 | \$ 396.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church                                                                                           | 30882  | 89 Arthur St Walgett NSW 2832               | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,507.10                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 529.00              |                                 | \$ 396.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Anglican Diocese of Armidale                                                                                    | 30916  | 19 Pitt St WALGETT NSW 2832                 | 20mm [R x2] + F   | \$ 1,912.85                             | \$ 1,623.00             |                              | \$ 1,217.25                 | \$ 529.00              |                                 | \$ 396.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Anglican Diocese of Armidale                                                                                    | 31054  | 15 Hastings Street BURREN JUNCTION NSW 2386 | No Water or Sewer | \$ 31.35                                |                         |                              |                             |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 62.70                       |                                         | \$ 31.35                               |
| Anglican Property Trust Diocese of Bathurst                                                                     | 31096  | 45-47 Colin Street CARINDA NSW 2831         | 20mm              | \$ 591.35                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church                                                                                           | 31104  | 9 Colin St Carinda NSW 2831                 | 20mm              | \$ 591.35                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Armidale                                                               | 31237  | 2-4 High St Collarenebri NSW 2833           | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,440.35                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 440.00              |                                 | \$ 330.00                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Church of England Diocese of Armidale                                                                           | 31310  | 58-60 Wilson St COLLARENEBRI NSW 2833       | 20mm R + F        | \$ 1,440.35                             | \$ 1,082.00             |                              | \$ 811.50                   | \$ 440.00              |                                 | \$ 330.00                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Church of England Property Trust                                                                                | 31377  | 1 Cumborah St CUMBORAH NSW 2832             | No Water or Sewer | \$ 298.85                               |                         |                              | \$ -                        |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Church of England Property Trust                                                                                | 31492  | Kaolin St LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834          | 20mm              | \$ 934.10                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Jehovah's Witnesses Congregations                                                                               | 31526  | 8 Kopi Street LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834      | 20mm              | \$ 934.10                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church                                                                                           | 31559  | 31 Morilla St Lightning Ridge NSW 2834      | 20mm              | \$ 934.10                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Anglican Diocese of Armidale                                                                                    | 31567  | 13 Morilla St LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834      | 20mm              | \$ 934.10                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Lightning Ridge Historical Society                                                                              | 31575  | 7 Morilla Street LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834   | 20mm              | \$ 934.10                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Australian Conference Association (Seventh Day Adventist)                                                       | 31708  | 12 Silica Street LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834   | 20mm (x 2)        | \$ 1,226.60                             | \$ 780.00               |                              | \$ 585.00                   | \$ 457.00              |                                 | \$ 342.75                      | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church                                                                                           | 31740  | 18 Middle St Rowena NSW 2387                | 20mm              | \$ 591.35                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Roman Catholic Church                                                                                           | 31757  | 4 Middle St Rowena NSW 2387                 | 20mm              | \$ 323.85                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 62.70                       |                                         | \$ 31.35                               |
| Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Armidale                                                                   | 31773  | 14 Shaw St ROWENA NSW 2837                  | 20mm              | \$ 591.35                               | \$ 390.00               |                              | \$ 292.50                   |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 597.70                      |                                         | \$ 298.85                              |
| Grawin Glengarry Sheeppark Opal Field's Men's Shed                                                              | 36970  | Mineral Claim 11572                         | No Water or Sewer | \$ 31.35                                |                         |                              | \$ -                        |                        |                                 | \$ -                           | \$ 62.70                       |                                         | \$ 31.35                               |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                    |        |                                             |                   | <b>\$ 22,487.25</b>                     | <b>\$ 13,877.00</b>     | <b>\$ 1,082.00</b>           | <b>\$ 9,596.25</b>          | <b>\$ 6,707.00</b>     | <b>\$ 440.00</b>                | <b>\$ 4,700.25</b>             | <b>\$ 12,739.80</b>            | <b>\$ 597.70</b>                        | <b>\$ 6,071.05</b>                     |

## 10.2.6 MAKING OF THE ORDINARY RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Chief Financial Officer  
**AUTHOR:** Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/17

### Report:

### Summary:

Council is required to make the rates and charges for the 2021/2022 financial year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, pursuant to sections 500, 534 and 535 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

### Background:

Following the Council resolution at its meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the Operational Plan 2021/2022 incorporating the proposed 2021/2022 Rates & Charges, contained within the Statement of Revenue Policy 2021/2022 and Schedule of Fees & Charges 2021/2022, was placed on public exhibition for 28 days until 23rd June 2021 in accordance with section 532 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

### Current Position:

That, in accordance with section 534 and 535 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the Ordinary Rates for every parcel of rateable land within the Walgett Shire for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 as detailed in the Operation Plan 2021/2022 – Statement of Revenue Policy. A summary of these Ordinary Rates is noted in **Table 1** below.

**TABLE 1**

| Walgett Shire Council - General Income - Ordinary Rates Forecast - 2021/2022                                     |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
|                                                                                                                  |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  | SCENARIO 3 (2.0%)       |                    |  |
| Ordinary Rates - Depicting 2.0% Rates Pegging Increase (Valuations as per VG Supplementary List as at 30.5.2021) |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |  |
| Description                                                                                                      | Number of Assessments | Ad Valorem Amount in the Dollar | Base Amount | Land Value           | 2021/2022 Minimum | 2021/2022 Ad Valorem | 2021/2022 Base Amount | 2021/2022 Minimum | 2021/2022 Above Minimum Ad Valorem | 2021/2022 Totals | 2021/2022 Base Amount % | Avg Per Assessment |  |
| Walgett Residential                                                                                              | 631                   | 0.02075736                      | 205.00      | 10,404,140           | 0                 | 215,962              | 129,355.00            |                   |                                    | 345,317          | 37%                     | 547.25             |  |
| Lightning Ridge Residential                                                                                      | 641                   | 0.01123224                      | 205.00      | 19,703,850           | 0                 | 221,318              | 131,405.00            |                   |                                    | 352,723          | 37%                     | 550.27             |  |
| Collarenebri Residential                                                                                         | 210                   | 0.13910987                      | 180.00      | 452,110              | 0                 | 62,893               | 37,800.00             |                   |                                    | 100,693          | 38%                     | 479.49             |  |
| Burren Junction Residential                                                                                      | 92                    | 0.07121322                      | 140.00      | 405,140              | 0                 | 28,851               | 12,880.00             |                   |                                    | 41,731           | 31%                     | 453.60             |  |
| Carinda Residential                                                                                              | 66                    | 0.06958510                      | 80.00       | 122,570              | 0                 | 8,529                | 5,280.00              |                   |                                    | 13,809           | 38%                     | 209.23             |  |
| Cumborah Residential                                                                                             | 57                    | 0.00967258                      | 80.00       | 673,500              | 0                 | 6,514                | 4,560.00              |                   |                                    | 11,074           | 41%                     | 194.29             |  |
| Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential                                                                                | 37                    | 0.02443725                      | 80.00       | 117,700              | 0                 | 4,053                | 2,960.00              |                   |                                    | 7,013            | 42%                     | 189.55             |  |
| Residential - Preserved Opal Fields                                                                              | 1753                  | 0.11272097                      | 105.00      | 3,576,100            | 0                 | 403,101              | 184,065.00            |                   |                                    | 587,166          | 31%                     | 334.95             |  |
| Residential - Mineral Claim                                                                                      | 0                     | 0.11272097                      | 105.00      |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |  |
| Residential                                                                                                      | 84                    | 0.00584583                      | 155.00      | 5,018,950            | 0                 | 29,340               | 13,020.00             |                   |                                    | 42,360           | 31%                     | 504.28             |  |
| Walgett Business                                                                                                 | 124                   | 0.02968030                      | 305.00      | 3,319,720            | 0                 | 98,530               | 37,820.00             |                   |                                    | 136,350          | 28%                     | 1,099.60           |  |
| Lightning Ridge Business                                                                                         | 119                   | 0.01134607                      | 305.00      | 8,158,360            | 0                 | 92,565               | 36,295.00             |                   |                                    | 128,860          | 28%                     | 1,082.86           |  |
| Collarenebri Business                                                                                            | 30                    | 0.13370170                      | 305.00      | 115,770              | 0                 | 15,479               | 9,150.00              |                   |                                    | 24,629           | 37%                     | 820.95             |  |
| Burren Junction Business                                                                                         | 22                    | 0.04478511                      | 255.00      | 246,940              | 0                 | 11,059               | 5,610.00              |                   |                                    | 16,669           | 34%                     | 757.69             |  |
| Carinda Business                                                                                                 | 14                    | 0.01610763                      | 120.00      | 153,150              | 0                 | 2,467                | 1,680.00              |                   |                                    | 4,147            | 41%                     | 296.21             |  |
| Cumborah Business                                                                                                | 0                     | 0.00970000                      | 105.00      |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    | 0.00             |                         |                    |  |
| Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business                                                                                   | 8                     | 0.02245832                      | 125.00      | 75,800               | 0                 | 1,702                | 1,000.00              |                   |                                    | 2,702            | 37%                     | 337.79             |  |
| Business - Preserved Opal Fields                                                                                 | 46                    | 0.06129490                      | 235.00      | 278,550              | 0                 | 17,074               | 10,810.00             |                   |                                    | 27,884           | 39%                     | 606.17             |  |
| Business - Mineral Claim                                                                                         | 0                     | 0.06129490                      | 235.00      |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |  |
| Business                                                                                                         | 101                   | 0.00917232                      | 155.00      | 3,248,270            | 0                 | 29,794               | 15,655.00             |                   |                                    | 45,449           | 34%                     | 449.99             |  |
| Rural (Farmland)                                                                                                 | 833                   | 0.00230806                      | 125.00      | 1,705,229,310        | 0.00              | 3,935,772            | 104,125.00            |                   |                                    | 4,039,897        | 3%                      | 4,849.82           |  |
| Rural Irrigable (Farmland)                                                                                       | 0                     | 0.00230806                      | 125.00      |                      |                   |                      | 0.00                  |                   |                                    | -                |                         |                    |  |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                                                                    | <b>4868</b>           |                                 |             | <b>1,761,299,930</b> |                   | <b>5,185,005</b>     | <b>743,470</b>        |                   |                                    | <b>5,928,475</b> |                         |                    |  |

### 1. Walgett Residential Rate

A Walgett Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02075736 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Walgett Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$205.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**2. Lightning Ridge Residential Rate**

A Lightning Ridge Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01123224 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Lightning Ridge Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$205.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**3. Collarenebri Residential Rate**

A Collarenebri Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.13910987 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Collarenebri Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$180.00 representing 38% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**4. Burren Junction Residential Rate**

A Burren Junction Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.07121322 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Burren Junction Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$140.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**5. Carinda Residential Rate**

A Carinda Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06958510 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Carinda Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 38% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**6. Cumborah Residential Rate**

A Cumborah Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00967258 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Cumborah Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 41% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**7. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential Rate**

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.03443725 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 42% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**8. Residential – Preserved Opal Fields Rate**

A Residential – Preserved Opal Fields Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.11272097 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Residential – Preserved Opal Fields within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**9. Residential – Mineral Claim Rate**

A Residential – Mineral Claim Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.11272096 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Residential – Mineral Claim within Walgett Shire

in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**10. Residential Rate**

A Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00584583 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as residential in accordance with section 516 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$155.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**11. Walgett Business Rate**

A Walgett Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02968030 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Walgett Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 28% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**12. Lightning Ridge Business Rate**

A Lightning Ridge Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01134607 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Lightning Ridge Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 28% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**13. Collarenebri Business Rate**

A Collarenebri Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.13370170 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Collarenebri Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**14. Burren Junction Business Rate**

A Burren Junction Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.04478511 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Burren Junction Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$255.00 representing 34% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**15. Carinda Business Rate**

A Carinda Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01610763 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Carinda Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$120.00 representing 41% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**16. Cumborah Business Rate**

A Cumborah Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00970000 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**17. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business Rate**

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02245832 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**18. Business – Preserved Opal Fields Rate**

A Business – Preserved Opal Fields Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06129490 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business – Preserved Opal Fields within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$235.00 representing 39% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**19. Business - Mineral Claim Rate**

A Business – Mineral Claim Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06129490 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business – Mineral Claim within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$235.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**20. Business Rate**

A Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00917232 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as Business in accordance with section 518 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$155.00 representing 34% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**21. Rural (Farmland)**

A Rural (Farmland) Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00230806 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as Rural (Farmland) in accordance with section 515 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 3% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**22. Rural Irrigable (Farmland)**

A Rural Irrigable Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00230806 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Rural Irrigable (Farmland) within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (a) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

That, in accordance with section 496 and 501 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the Annual Charges for every parcel of rateable land within the Walgett Shire for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 as detailed in the Operation Plan 2021/2022 – Statement of Revenue Policy. A summary of these Annual Charges is noted in **Table 2** below.

**Domestic Waste Management Services**

That, in accordance with section 496 (1) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge of five hundred and thirty five dollars exactly (\$535.00) per service for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

That, in accordance with section 496 (2) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge of five hundred and thirty five dollars exactly (\$535.00) per service requested to non-rateable residential properties for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

### **Water Supply, Sewerage Services and Waste Management Services**

That, in accordance with section 501 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the annual charges for Water Supply, Sewerage Services and Waste Management Services for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. These charges are set out in Council's *Operational Plan – Statement of Revenue Policy 2021/2022 and Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022* under the headings Waste Management, Commercial Waste Management, Water Supply and Sewerage and listed in **Table 2** below.

**TABLE 2**

#### *Waste Management Charges*

| <b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>                               | <b>DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Domestic Waste Collection Charge (s496) per occupancy | <i>per bin per annum</i>         | \$535.00         |

| <b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>                       | <b>COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 240L MGB Collection – weekly collection       | <i>per bin per annum</i>           | \$535.00         |
| 360L MGB Collection – twice weekly collection | <i>per bin per annum</i>           | \$1,527.00       |
| 360L MGB – weekly service                     | <i>per bin per annum</i>           | \$764.00         |

| <b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>        | <b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Waste Management Charge (s501) | <i>per annum</i>        | \$62.70          |

#### *Water Supply Charges*

All properties either, connected to or within 225 metres of a Council water main and able to be connected are charged.

| <b>ACCESS CHARGES</b>                                   |                        |                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Bore Water – Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b> |                        | <b>2021/2022</b>              |
| 20mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 20mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$390.00                      |
| 25mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 25mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$580.00                      |
| 32mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 32mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$920.00                      |
| 40mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 40mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$1,425.00                    |
| 50mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 50mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$2,227.00                    |
| 75mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 75mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$4,864.00                    |
| 100mm Connection                                        | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00                      |
| 100mm Connection                                        | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$8,642.00                    |
| Unmetered                                               | <i>Residential</i>     | <i>As per applicable size</i> |
| Unmetered                                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | <i>As per applicable size</i> |

| <b>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</b> |  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|
|----------------------------|--|--|

| <b>Bore Water – Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b> |                                | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Usage Charge                                            | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$0.34           |
| Usage Charge                                            | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$0.50           |

| <b>Recreation and Sporting Facilities Water Usage</b> |                      | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Usage Charge                                          | <i>per kilolitre</i> | \$0.34           |

| <b>ACCESS CHARGES</b>                         |                        |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>River Water – Walgett and Collarenebri</b> |                        | <b>2021/2022</b>       |
| 20mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 20mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$541.00               |
| 25mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 25mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$844.00               |
| 32mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 32mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$1,383.00             |
| 40mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 40mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$2,161.00             |
| 50mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 50mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$3,378.00             |
| 75mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 75mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$7,412.00             |
| 100mm Connection                              | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 100mm Connection                              | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$13,178.00            |
| Unmetered                                     | <i>Residential</i>     | As per applicable size |
| Unmetered                                     | <i>Non Residential</i> | As per applicable size |

| <b>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</b>                    |                                |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>River Water – Walgett and Collarenebri</b> |                                | <b>2021/2022</b> |
| Filtered Usage Charge                         | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$1.00           |
| Filtered Usage Charge                         | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$1.53           |
| Raw Usage Charge                              | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$0.34           |
| Raw Usage Charge                              | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$0.50           |

*Sewerage Charges*

All properties either, connected to or within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and able to be connected are charged.

| <b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>                                                        | <b>SEWERAGE</b>  | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Walgett                                                                        | <i>per annum</i> | \$529.00         |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                | <i>per annum</i> | \$457.00         |
| Collarenebri                                                                   | <i>per annum</i> | \$440.00         |
| <b>Additional Sewer Connections (per connection)</b>                           |                  |                  |
| Walgett                                                                        | <i>per annum</i> | \$529.00         |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                | <i>per annum</i> | \$457.00         |
| Collarenebri                                                                   | <i>per annum</i> | \$440.00         |
| <b>Cistern Charges – Applicable to Business Categories (per toilet/urinal)</b> |                  |                  |
| Walgett                                                                        | <i>per annum</i> | \$82.00          |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                | <i>per annum</i> | \$71.00          |
| Collarenebri                                                                   | <i>per annum</i> | \$64.00          |

**Accrual of Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges**

The NSW Office of Local Government via Circular No: 21-04 has set the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges for the 2021/2022 rating year for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (inclusive) of 6.0%, being the maximum rates set by the NSW Office of Local Government. It is recommended that, in accordance with Section 566 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council adopt this rate of interest to be applied on overdue rates and charges in the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies**

NSW Local Government Act 1993  
Office of Local Government Circular 21-04  
Operational Plan – Statement of Revenue Policy 2021/2022  
Operational Plan – Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022

**Governance Issues**

Council will ensure it remains fair, equitable and transparent in the process of making the rates and charges annually and has meet requirements of Section 532 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**Environmental issues:**

There are no identified environmental issues relating to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Residents  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

Council must ensure that it makes the rates and charges for 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 by resolution at a Council meeting and that relevant sections of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* are quoted to ensure legitimacy of these rates and charges once adopted and levied.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no alternative options available to Council when making the annual rates and charges

**Making of the Ordinary Rates for the 2021/2022 Year**

That Council:

1. Resolves in accordance with sections 534 and 535 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, to make the Ordinary Rates for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing 1st July 2021 as set out in **Table 1** below on the land value for all rateable land within each category and sub-category at the amount in the dollar specified and the applicable base amounts for each category and sub-category applied in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**Continued**

**TABLE 1**

| Rates                                                                                                            |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Walgett Shire Council - General Income - Ordinary Rates Forecast - 2021/2022                                     |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  | SCENARIO 3 (2.0%)       |                    |
| Ordinary Rates - Depicting 2.0% Rates Pegging Increase (Valuations as per VG Supplementary List as at 30-5-2021) |                       |                                 |             |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
| Description                                                                                                      | Number of Assessments | Ad Valorem Amount in the Dollar | Base Amount | Land Value           | 2021/2022 Minimum | 2021/2022 Ad Valorem | 2021/2022 Base Amount | 2021/2022 Minimum | 2021/2022 Above Minimum Ad Valorem | 2021/2022 Totals | 2021/2022 Base Amount % | Avg Per Assessment |
| Walgett Residential                                                                                              | 631                   | 0.02075736                      | 205.00      | 10,404,140           | 0                 | 215,962              | 129,355.00            |                   |                                    | 345,317          | 37%                     | 547.25             |
| Lightning Ridge Residential                                                                                      | 641                   | 0.01123224                      | 205.00      | 19,703,850           | 0                 | 221,318              | 131,405.00            |                   |                                    | 352,723          | 37%                     | 550.27             |
| Collarenebri Residential                                                                                         | 210                   | 0.13910987                      | 180.00      | 452,110              | 0                 | 62,893               | 37,800.00             |                   |                                    | 100,693          | 38%                     | 479.49             |
| Burren Junction Residential                                                                                      | 92                    | 0.07121322                      | 140.00      | 405,140              | 0                 | 28,851               | 12,880.00             |                   |                                    | 41,731           | 31%                     | 453.60             |
| Carinda Residential                                                                                              | 66                    | 0.06958510                      | 80.00       | 122,570              | 0                 | 8,529                | 5,280.00              |                   |                                    | 13,809           | 38%                     | 209.23             |
| Cumborah Residential                                                                                             | 57                    | 0.00967258                      | 80.00       | 673,500              | 0                 | 6,514                | 4,560.00              |                   |                                    | 11,074           | 41%                     | 194.29             |
| Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential                                                                                | 37                    | 0.03443725                      | 80.00       | 117,700              | 0                 | 4,053                | 2,960.00              |                   |                                    | 7,013            | 42%                     | 189.55             |
| Residential - Preserved Opal Fields                                                                              | 1753                  | 0.11272097                      | 105.00      | 3,576,100            | 0                 | 403,101              | 184,065.00            |                   |                                    | 587,166          | 31%                     | 334.95             |
| Residential - Mineral Claim                                                                                      | 0                     | 0.11272097                      | 105.00      |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
| Residential                                                                                                      | 84                    | 0.00584583                      | 155.00      | 5,018,950            | 0                 | 29,340               | 13,020.00             |                   |                                    | 42,360           | 31%                     | 504.28             |
| Walgett Business                                                                                                 | 124                   | 0.02968030                      | 305.00      | 3,319,720            | 0                 | 98,530               | 37,820.00             |                   |                                    | 136,350          | 28%                     | 1,099.60           |
| Lightning Ridge Business                                                                                         | 119                   | 0.01134607                      | 305.00      | 8,158,360            | 0                 | 92,565               | 36,295.00             |                   |                                    | 128,860          | 28%                     | 1,082.86           |
| Collarenebri Business                                                                                            | 30                    | 0.13370170                      | 305.00      | 115,770              | 0                 | 15,479               | 9,150.00              |                   |                                    | 24,629           | 37%                     | 820.95             |
| Burren Junction Business                                                                                         | 22                    | 0.04478511                      | 255.00      | 246,940              | 0                 | 11,059               | 5,610.00              |                   |                                    | 16,669           | 34%                     | 757.69             |
| Carinda Business                                                                                                 | 14                    | 0.01610763                      | 120.00      | 153,150              | 0                 | 2,467                | 1,680.00              |                   |                                    | 4,147            | 41%                     | 296.21             |
| Cumborah Business                                                                                                | 0                     | 0.00970000                      | 105.00      |                      |                   |                      | 0.00                  |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
| Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business                                                                                   | 8                     | 0.02245832                      | 125.00      | 75,800               | 0                 | 1,702                | 1,000.00              |                   |                                    | 2,702            | 37%                     | 337.79             |
| Business - Preserved Opal Fields                                                                                 | 46                    | 0.06129490                      | 235.00      | 278,550              | 0                 | 17,074               | 10,810.00             |                   |                                    | 27,884           | 39%                     | 606.17             |
| Business - Mineral Claim                                                                                         | 0                     | 0.06129490                      | 235.00      |                      |                   |                      |                       |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
| Business                                                                                                         | 101                   | 0.00917232                      | 155.00      | 3,248,270            | 0                 | 29,794               | 15,655.00             |                   |                                    | 45,449           | 34%                     | 449.99             |
| Rural (Farmland)                                                                                                 | 833                   | 0.00230806                      | 125.00      | 1,705,229,310        | 0.00              | 3,935,772            | 104,125.00            |                   |                                    | 4,039,897        | 3%                      | 4,849.82           |
| Rural Irrigable (Farmland)                                                                                       | 0                     | 0.00230806                      | 125.00      |                      |                   |                      | 0.00                  |                   |                                    |                  |                         |                    |
| <b>Totals</b>                                                                                                    | <b>4868</b>           |                                 |             | <b>1,761,299,930</b> |                   | <b>5,185,005</b>     | <b>743,470</b>        |                   |                                    | <b>5,928,475</b> |                         |                    |

**1. Walgett Residential Rate**

A Walgett Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02075736 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Walgett Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$205.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**2. Lightning Ridge Residential Rate**

A Lightning Ridge Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01123224 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Lightning Ridge Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$205.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**3. Collarenebri Residential Rate**

A Collarenebri Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.13910987 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Collarenebri Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$180.00 representing 38% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**4. Burren Junction Residential Rate**

A Burren Junction Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.07121322 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Burren Junction Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$140.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**5. Carinda Residential Rate**

A Carinda Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06958510 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Carinda Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 38% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**6. Cumborah Residential Rate**

A Cumborah Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00967258 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Cumborah Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 41% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**7. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential Rate**

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.03443725 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Rowena/Come-By-Chance Residential within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$80.00 representing 42% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**8. Residential – Preserved Opal Fields Rate**

A Residential – Preserved Opal Fields Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.11272097 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Residential – Preserved Opal Fields within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**9. Residential – Mineral Claim Rate**

A Residential – Mineral Claim Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.11272097 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Residential – Mineral Claim within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (b) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**10. Residential Rate**

A Residential Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00584583 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as residential in accordance with section 516 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$155.00 representing 31% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**11. Walgett Business Rate**

A Walgett Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02968030 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Walgett Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 28% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**12. Lightning Ridge Business Rate**

A Lightning Ridge Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01134607 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Lightning Ridge Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 28% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**13. Collarenebri Business Rate**

A Collarenebri Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.13370170 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Collarenebri Business within Walgett

Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$305.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**14. Burren Junction Business Rate**

A Burren Junction Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.04478511 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Burren Junction Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$255.00 representing 34% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**15. Carinda Business Rate**

A Carinda Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.01610763 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Carinda Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$120.00 representing 41% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**16. Cumborah Business Rate**

A Cumborah Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00970000 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Carinda Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$105.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**17. Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business Rate**

A Rowena/Come-By-Chance Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.02245832 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 37% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**18. Business – Preserved Opal Fields Rate**

A Business – Preserved Opal Fields Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06129490 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business – Preserved Opal Fields within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$235.00 representing 39% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**19. Business – Mineral Claim Rate**

A Business – Mineral Claim Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.06129490 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Business – Mineral Claim within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (d) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$235.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**20. Business Rate**

A Business Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00917232 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as Business in accordance with section 518 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$155.00 representing 34% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**21. Rural (Farmland)**

A Rural (Farmland) Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00230806 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land within Walgett Shire categorised as Rural (Farmland) in accordance with section 515 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 3% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

**22. Rural Irrigable (Farmland)**

A Rural Irrigable Ordinary Ad Valorem Amount of 0.00230806 cents in the dollar levied on the land value of all rateable land sub-categorised as Rural Irrigable (Farmland) within Walgett Shire in accordance with section 529(2) (a) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, and having a Base Amount per assessment of \$125.00 representing 0% of the total yield in accordance with section 500 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

22. Resolves in accordance with section 496 (1) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge of \$535.00 per service for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

23. Resolves in accordance with section 496 (2) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make an annual charge of \$535.00 per service to non-rateable residential properties for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

24. Resolves in accordance with section 501 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the annual charges for Water Supply, Sewerage Services and Waste Management Services for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. These charges are set out in Council's *Operational Plan – Statement of Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/2022* under the headings Waste Management, Commercial Waste Management, Water Supply and Sewerage and are included in **Table 2**.

**TABLE 2**

*Waste Management Charges*

| SERVICE PROVIDED                                      | DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT | 2021/2022 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Domestic Waste Collection Charge (s496) per occupancy | <i>per bin per annum</i>  | \$535.00  |

| SERVICE PROVIDED                              | COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT | 2021/2022  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 240L MGB Collection – weekly collection       | <i>per bin per annum</i>    | \$535.00   |
| 360L MGB Collection – twice weekly collection | <i>per bin per annum</i>    | \$1,527.00 |
| 360L MGB – weekly service                     | <i>per bin per annum</i>    | \$764.00   |

| SERVICE PROVIDED               | WASTE MANAGEMENT | 2021/2022 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Waste Management Charge (s501) | <i>per annum</i> | \$62.70   |

*Water Supply Charges*

All properties either, connected to or within 225 metres of a Council water main and able to be connected are charged.

| ACCESS CHARGES                                          |                        | 2021/2022 |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Bore Water – Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b> |                        |           |
| 20mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00  |
| 20mm Connection                                         | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$390.00  |
| 25mm Connection                                         | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00  |

|                  |                        |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 25mm Connection  | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$580.00               |
| 32mm Connection  | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00               |
| 32mm Connection  | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$920.00               |
| 40mm Connection  | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00               |
| 40mm Connection  | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$1,425.00             |
| 50mm Connection  | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00               |
| 50mm Connection  | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$2,227.00             |
| 75mm Connection  | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00               |
| 75mm Connection  | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$4,864.00             |
| 100mm Connection | <i>Residential</i>     | \$390.00               |
| 100mm Connection | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$8,642.00             |
| Unmetered        | <i>Residential</i>     | As per applicable size |
| Unmetered        | <i>Non Residential</i> | As per applicable size |

|                                                         |                                |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</b>                              |                                |                  |
| <b>Bore Water – Lightning Ridge, Carinda and Rowena</b> |                                | <b>2021/2022</b> |
| Usage Charge                                            | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$0.34           |
| Usage Charge                                            | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$0.50           |

|                                                       |                      |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Recreation and Sporting Facilities Water Usage</b> |                      | <b>2021/2022</b> |
| Usage Charge                                          | <i>per kilolitre</i> | \$0.34           |

|                                               |                        |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ACCESS CHARGES</b>                         |                        |                        |
| <b>River Water – Walgett and Collarenebri</b> |                        | <b>2021/2022</b>       |
| 20mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 20mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$541.00               |
| 25mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 25mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$844.00               |
| 32mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 32mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$1,383.00             |
| 40mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 40mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$2,161.00             |
| 50mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 50mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$3,378.00             |
| 75mm Connection                               | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 75mm Connection                               | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$7,412.00             |
| 100mm Connection                              | <i>Residential</i>     | \$541.00               |
| 100mm Connection                              | <i>Non Residential</i> | \$13,178.00            |
| Unmetered                                     | <i>Residential</i>     | As per applicable size |
| Unmetered                                     | <i>Non Residential</i> | As per applicable size |

|                                               |                                |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>CONSUMPTION CHARGES</b>                    |                                |                  |
| <b>River Water – Walgett and Collarenebri</b> |                                | <b>2021/2022</b> |
| Filtered Usage Charge                         | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$1.00           |
| Filtered Usage Charge                         | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$1.53           |
| Raw Usage Charge                              | <i>per kilolitre &lt;600kl</i> | \$0.34           |
| Raw Usage Charge                              | <i>per kilolitre &gt;600kl</i> | \$0.50           |

*Sewerage Charges*

All properties either, connected to or within 75 metres of a Council sewer main and able to be connected are charged.

| <b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>                                                               | <b>SEWERAGE</b>  | <b>2021/2022</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Walgett                                                                               | <i>per annum</i> | \$529.00         |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                       | <i>per annum</i> | \$457.00         |
| Collarenebri                                                                          | <i>per annum</i> | \$440.00         |
| <b>Additional Sewer Connections (<i>per connection</i>)</b>                           |                  |                  |
| Walgett                                                                               | <i>per annum</i> | \$529.00         |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                       | <i>per annum</i> | \$457.00         |
| Collarenebri                                                                          | <i>per annum</i> | \$440.00         |
| <b>Cistern Charges – Applicable to Business Categories (<i>per toilet/urinal</i>)</b> |                  |                  |
| Walgett                                                                               | <i>per annum</i> | \$82.00          |
| Lightning Ridge                                                                       | <i>per annum</i> | \$71.00          |
| Collarenebri                                                                          | <i>per annum</i> | \$64.00          |

25. Resolves in accordance with Section 566 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, to adopt an interest rate on overdue rates and charges for the 2021/2022 rating year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (inclusive) of 6.0%, being the maximum rates set by the NSW Office of Local Government.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 10.3 ENGINEERING / TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 10.3.1 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2021

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen - Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council about the road maintenance programme on Shire Roads for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

**Background:**

The maintenance budget has been prepared based on the available funding to maintain the Unsealed Local and Regional Roads to provide an acceptable level of service. This budget will be used to maintain the roads as per demand and Road best practice manual.

**Current Position:**

Maintenance grading expenditure for the month of April only includes works carried out on the Grawin Opal Fields Shire Road. All other works carried out on Council's Shire Roads have been repairs under ongoing flood works. Details of maintenance grading and flood work locations are detailed in the attached report.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's approved 2020/2021 Shire Roads Maintenance Grading Works schedule.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, Walgett Residents, Tourists.

**Financial Implications:**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - \$383,152.62 has been spent. Flood work costs up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 \$865,472.99

**Conclusion:**

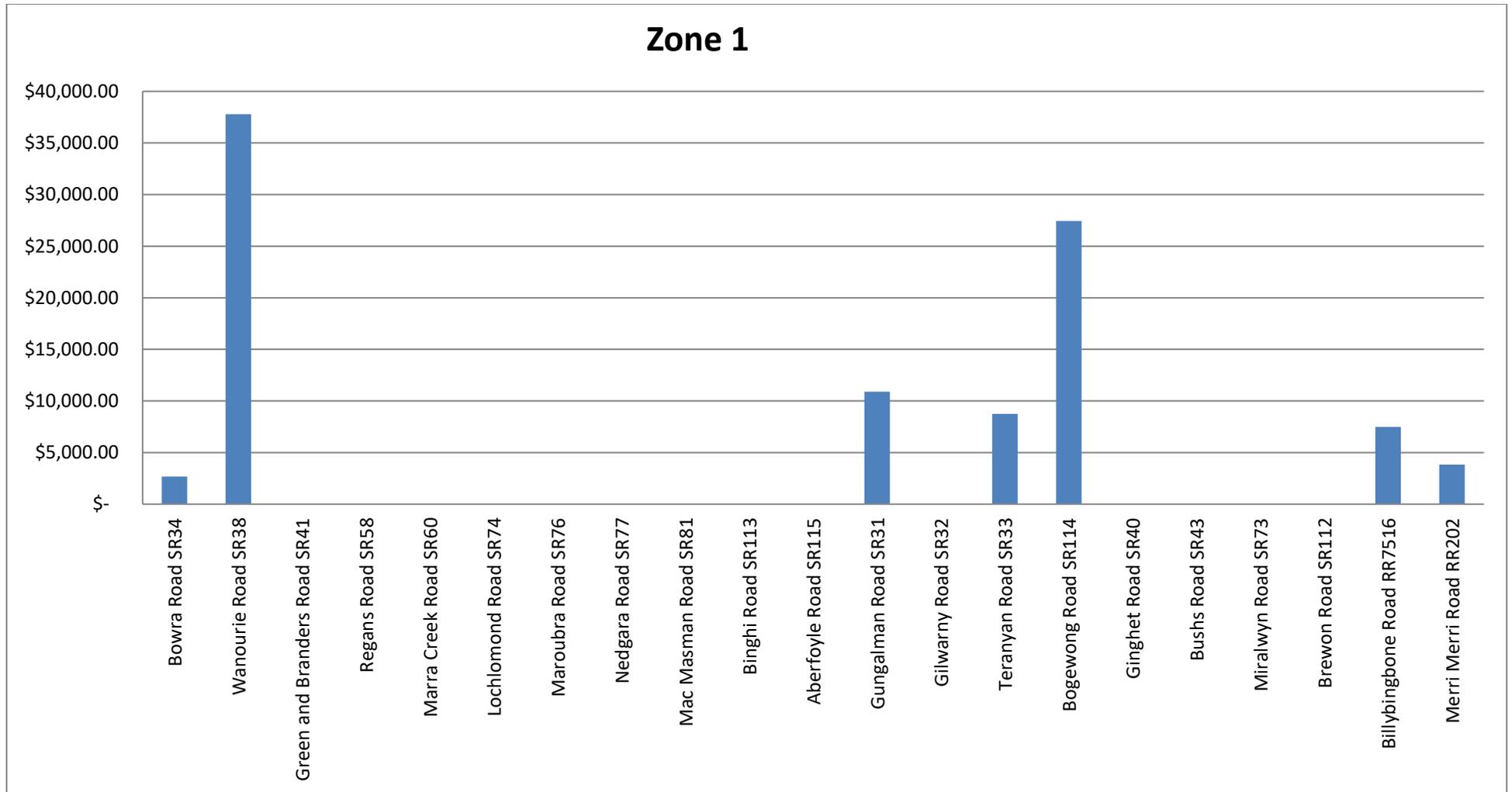
Council has established a system to monitor progress continually to keep within the approved budget.

| Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 30 April 2021                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

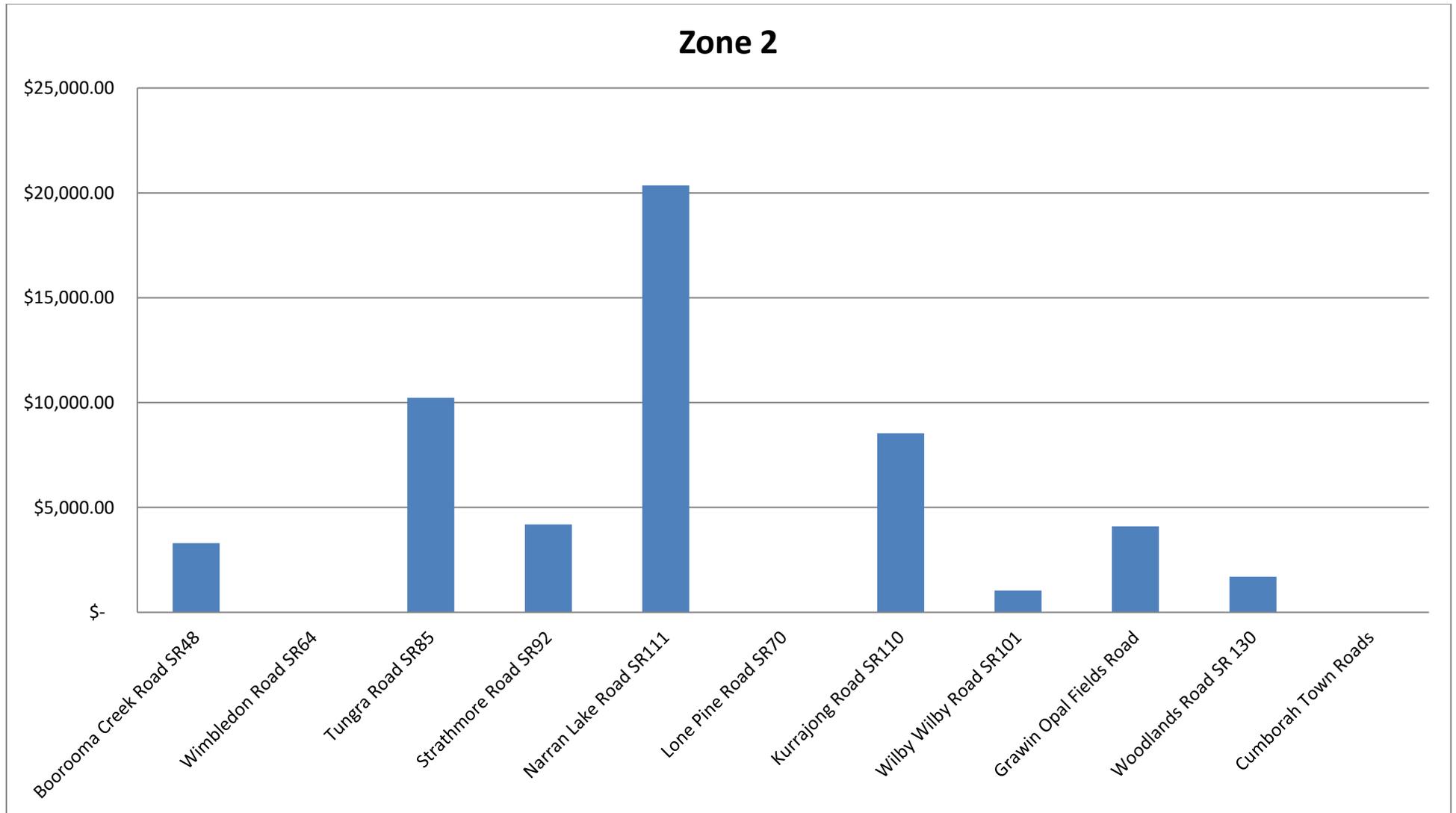
**Attachments:**

Monthly maintenance grading works.

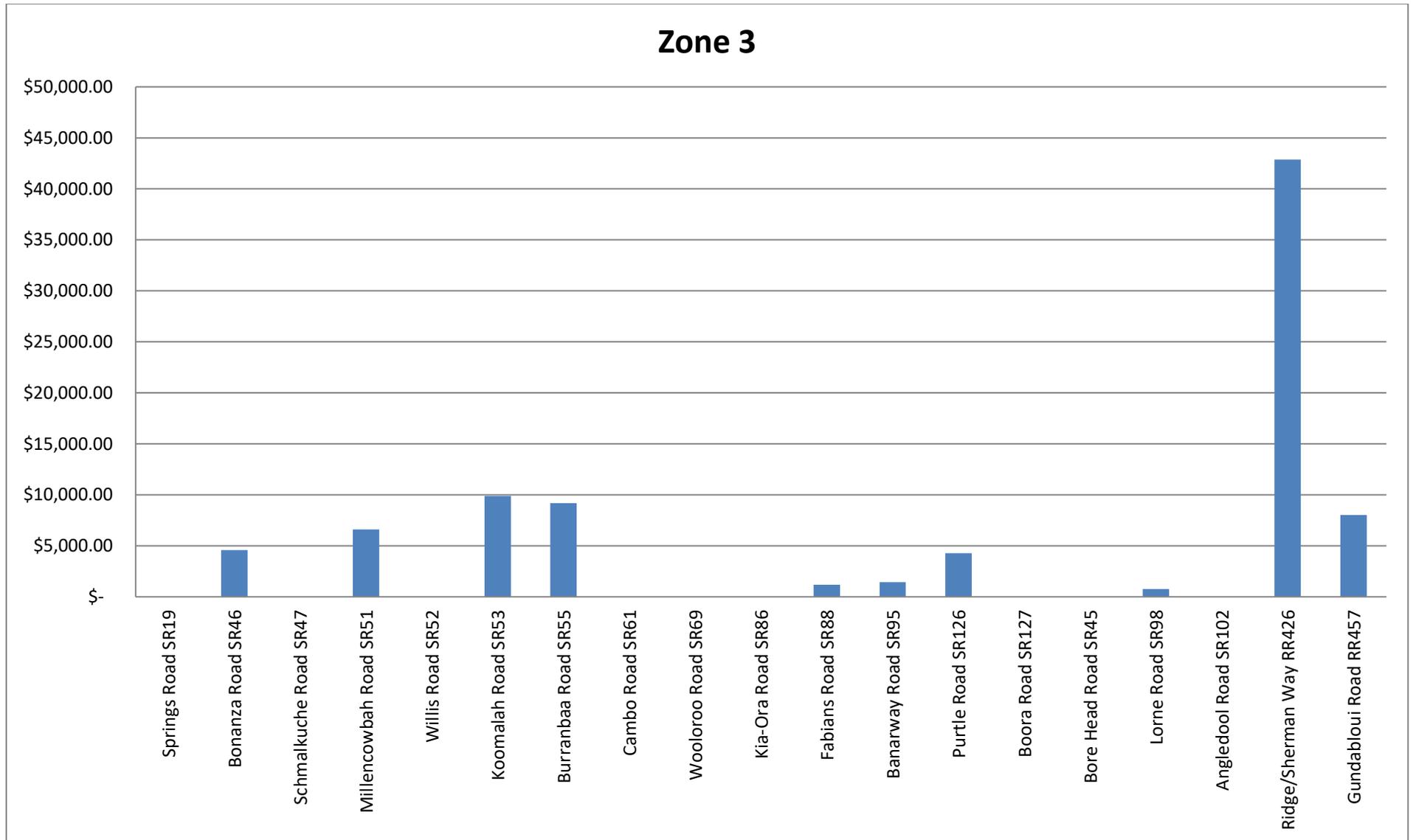
| Road Name                    | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For May 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 May 2021 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 1</b>                |                      |                                 |               |                          |                                      |
| Bowra Road SR34              | 3.95                 | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                          | \$ 2,680.52                          |
| Wanourie Road SR38           | 6.5                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                          | \$ 37,800.00                         |
| Green and Branders Road SR41 | 11.3                 | \$ 7,006.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Regans Road SR58             | 3.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Marra Creek Road SR60        | 17.5                 | \$ 10,850.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Lochlomond Road SR74         | 8.4                  | \$ 5,208.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Maroubra Road SR76           | 8.3                  | \$ 5,146.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Nedgara Road SR77            | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Mac Masman Road SR81         | 8                    | \$ 4,960.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Binghi Road SR113            | 20.1                 | \$ 12,462.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Aberfoyle Road SR115         | 26.2                 | \$ 16,244.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Gungalman Road SR31          | 43.7                 | \$ 27,094.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 10,893.69                         |
| Gilwamy Road SR32            | 7.9                  | \$ 4,898.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Teranyan Road SR33           | 13.7                 | \$ 8,494.00                     | D             |                          | \$ 8,734.88                          |
| Bogewong Road SR114          | 48.7                 | \$ 30,194.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 27,431.16                         |
| Ginghet Road SR40            | 47.6                 | \$ 29,512.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Bushs Road SR43              | 8.7                  | \$ 5,394.00                     | D             |                          |                                      |
| Miralwyn Road SR73           | 17.9                 | \$ 11,098.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Brewon Road SR112            | 54.7                 | \$ 33,914.00                    | C             |                          |                                      |
| Billybingbone Road RR7516    | 18.67                | \$ 11,532.00                    | C             |                          | \$ 7,485.04                          |
| Merri Merri Road RR202       | 6.57                 | \$ 7,166.00                     | C             |                          | \$ 3,824.73                          |
| <b>Sub total Zone 1</b>      | <b>392.29</b>        | <b>\$ 250,640.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ 98,850.02</b>                  |



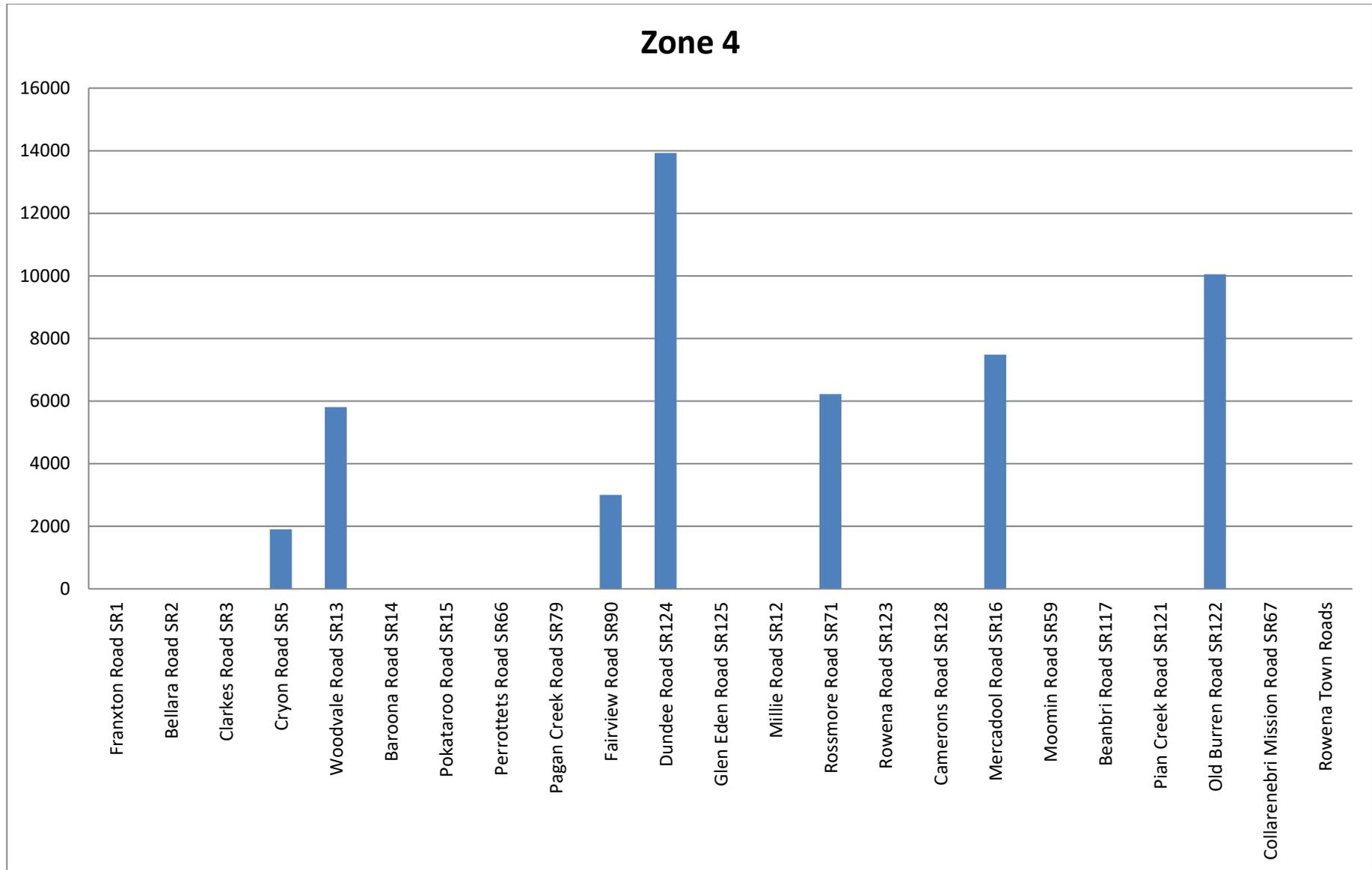
| Road Name                | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For May 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 May 2021 |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 2</b>            |                      |                                 |               |                          |                                      |
| Boorooma Creek Road SR48 | 19.1                 | \$ 11,842.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 3,299.51                          |
| Wimbledon Road SR64      | 3.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Tungra Road SR85         | 12.7                 | \$ 7,874.00                     | F             |                          | \$ 10,234.83                         |
| Strathmore Road SR92     | 16.42                | \$ 11,904.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 4,188.80                          |
| Narran Lake Road SR111   | 61                   | \$ 37,820.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 20,352.58                         |
| Lone Pine Road SR70      | 9.6                  | \$ 5,952.00                     | D             |                          |                                      |
| Kurrajong Road SR110     | 27.8                 | \$ 17,236.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 8,530.08                          |
| Wilby Wilby Road SR101   | 28.7                 | \$ 17,794.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 1,035.53                          |
| Grawin Opal Fields Road  | 0.9                  | \$ 557.00                       | C             |                          | \$ 4,097.13                          |
| Woodlands Road SR 130    | 2.33                 | \$ 1,445.00                     | D             |                          | \$ 1,702.50                          |
| Cumbarah Town Roads      |                      |                                 | E             |                          |                                      |
| <b>Sub total Zone 2</b>  | <b>181.95</b>        | <b>\$ 116,702.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ 53,440.96</b>                  |



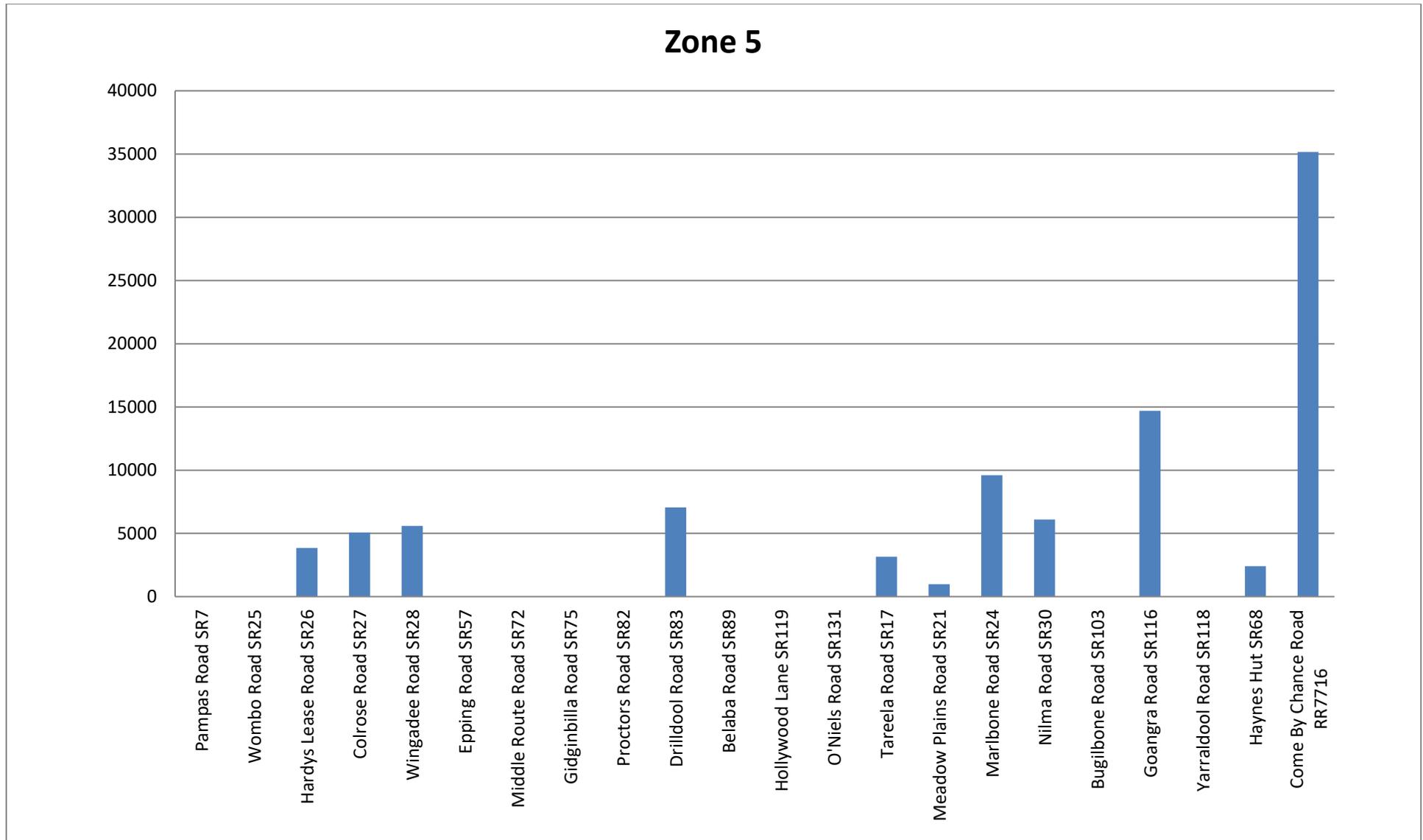
| Road Name               | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For May 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 May 2021 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 3</b>           |                      |                                 |               |                          |                                      |
| Springs Road SR19       | 2.7                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Bonanza Road SR46       | 16.9                 | \$ 10,478.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 4,585.56                          |
| Schmalkuche Road SR47   | 14.4                 | \$ 8,928.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Millencowbah Road SR51  | 27.7                 | \$ 17,174.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 6,610.45                          |
| Willis Road SR52        | 14.5                 | \$ 8,990.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Koomalah Road SR53      | 28.4                 | \$ 17,608.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 9,882.95                          |
| Burrabaa Road SR55      | 18.1                 | \$ 11,222.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 9,176.39                          |
| Cambo Road SR61         | 21.1                 | \$ 13,082.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Woolaroo Road SR69      | 1                    | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Kia-Ora Road SR86       | 6.8                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Fabians Road SR88       | 24.8                 | \$ 15,376.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 1,178.10                          |
| Banarway Road SR95      | 1.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                          | \$ 1,435.00                          |
| Purtle Road SR126       | 26.8                 | \$ 16,616.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 4,286.11                          |
| Boora Road SR127        | 63.8                 | \$ 39,556.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Bore Head Road SR45     | 5.1                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                          |                                      |
| Lorne Road SR98         | 6.9                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                          | \$ 775.00                            |
| Angledool Road SR102    | 49.3                 | \$ 30,566.00                    | C             |                          |                                      |
| Ridge/Sherman Way RR426 | 70.1                 | \$ 68,275.00                    | C             | \$ 3,992.45              | \$ 42,873.80                         |
| Gundabloui Road RR457   | 40.9                 | \$ 32,798.00                    | C             |                          | \$ 8,016.74                          |
| <b>Sub total Zone 3</b> | <b>440.5</b>         | <b>\$ 316,337.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ 3,992.45</b>       | <b>\$ 88,820.10</b>                  |



| Road Name                      | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For May 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 May 2021 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 4</b>                  |                      |                                 |               |                          |                                      |
| Franxton Road SR1              | 19                   | \$ 11,780.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Bellara Road SR2               | 21.4                 | \$ 13,268.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Clarkes Road SR3               | 6                    | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Cryon Road SR5                 | 56.75                | \$ 35,185.00                    | C             |                          | \$ 1,900.00                          |
| Woodvale Road SR13             | 8.96                 | \$ 8,556.00                     | E             |                          | \$ 5,810.00                          |
| Barooka Road SR14              | 11.1                 | \$ 6,882.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Pokataroo Road SR15            | 8.1                  | \$ 5,022.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Perrottets Road SR66           | 5.9                  | \$ 3,658.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Pagan Creek Road SR79          | 1.3                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Fairview Road SR90             | 12.6                 | \$ 7,812.00                     | F             |                          | \$ 3,000.00                          |
| Dundee Road SR124              | 13.9                 | \$ 8,618.00                     | F             |                          | \$ 13,930.00                         |
| Glen Eden Road SR125           | 24.6                 | \$ 15,252.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Millie Road SR12               | 9.1                  | \$ 5,642.00                     | C             |                          |                                      |
| Rossmore Road SR71             | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | C             |                          | \$ 6,225.00                          |
| Rowena Road SR123              | 34.5                 | \$ 21,390.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Camerons Road SR128            | 15.2                 | \$ 9,424.00                     | D             |                          |                                      |
| Mercadool Road SR16            | 57.7                 | \$ 35,774.00                    | C             |                          | \$ 7,484.11                          |
| Moomin Road SR59               | 31                   | \$ 19,220.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Beanbri Road SR117             | 4.9                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | C             |                          |                                      |
| Pian Creek Road SR121          | 41.7                 | \$ 25,854.00                    | C             |                          |                                      |
| Old Burren Road SR122          | 33.9                 | \$ 21,018.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 10,050.00                         |
| Collarenebri Mission Road SR67 | 4.6                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | C             |                          |                                      |
| Rowena Town Roads              |                      | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                          |                                      |
| <b>Sub total Zone 4</b>        | <b>432.91</b>        | <b>\$ 282,379.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ 48,399.11</b>                  |

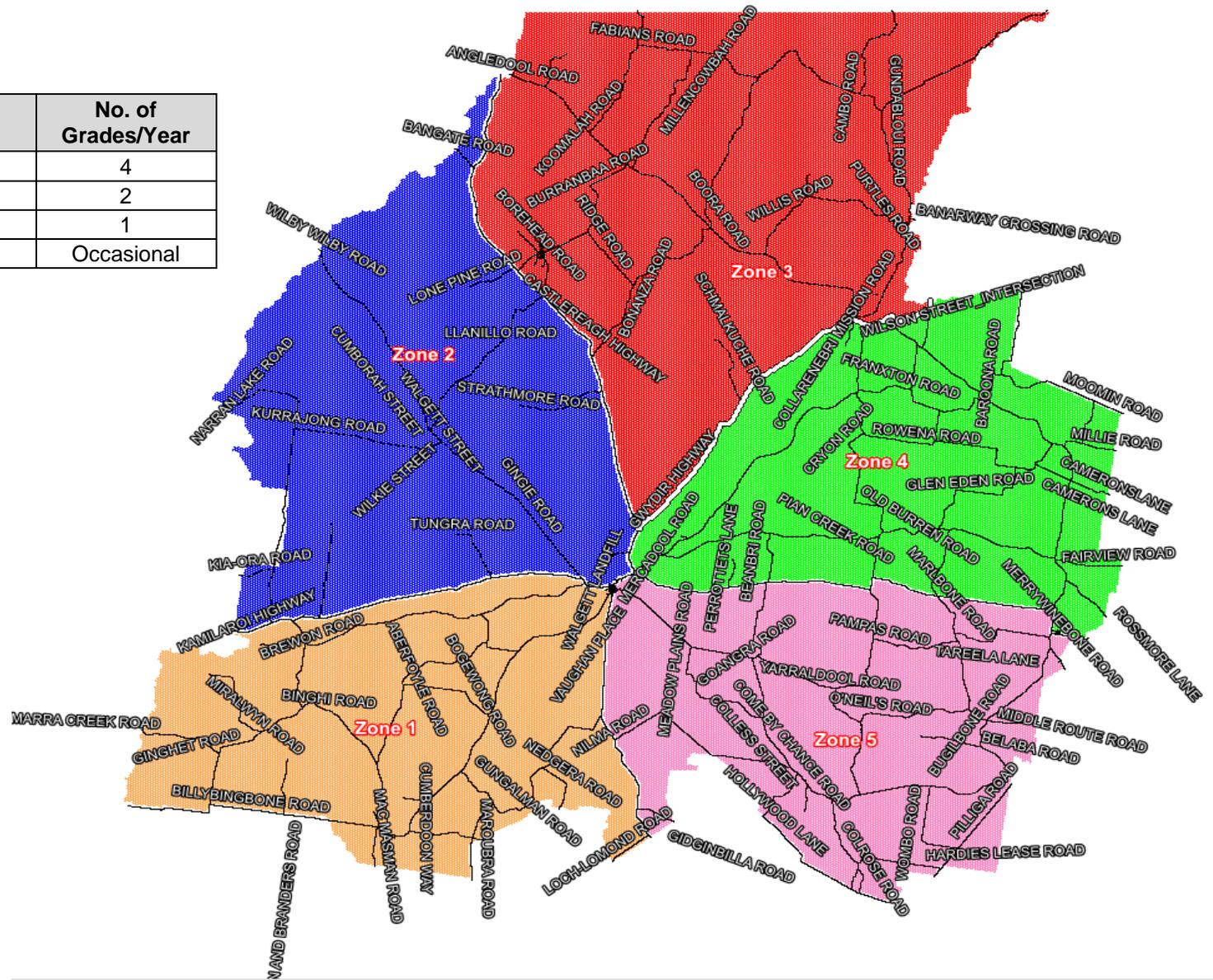


| Road Name                  | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For May 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 May 2021 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 5</b>              |                      |                                 |               |                          |                                      |
| Pampas Road SR7            | 16.3                 | \$ 10,106.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Wombo Road SR25            | 17.7                 | \$ 10,974.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| Hardys Lease Road SR26     | 16                   | \$ 9,920.00                     | E             |                          | \$ 3,850.00                          |
| Colrose Road SR27          | 20.6                 | \$ 12,772.00                    | E             |                          | \$ 5,060.00                          |
| Wingadee Road SR28         | 11.8                 | \$ 7,316.00                     | E             |                          | \$ 5,590.00                          |
| Epping Road SR57           | 15.4                 | \$ 9,548.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Middle Route Road SR72     | 9.6                  | \$ 5,952.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Gidginbilla Road SR75      | 7.4                  | \$ 4,588.00                     | E             |                          |                                      |
| Proctors Road SR82         | 4.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Drilldool Road SR83        | 5.1                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             | \$ 1,050.00              | \$ 7,048.29                          |
| Belaba Road SR89           | 11.2                 | \$ 6,944.00                     | F             |                          |                                      |
| Hollywood Lane SR119       | 29.9                 | \$ 18,538.00                    | E             |                          |                                      |
| O'Niels Road SR131         | 31.1                 | \$ 19,282.00                    | D             |                          |                                      |
| Tareela Road SR17          | 19.4                 | \$ 12,028.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 3,150.00                          |
| Meadow Plains Road SR21    | 23.9                 | \$ 14,818.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 990.00                            |
| Marlbone Road SR24         | 28.4                 | \$ 17,608.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 9,600.00                          |
| Nilma Road SR30            | 37.8                 | \$ 23,436.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 6,090.00                          |
| Bugilbone Road SR103       | 28.7                 | \$ 32,725.00                    | C             |                          |                                      |
| Goangra Road SR116         | 16.4                 | \$ 10,168.00                    | D             |                          | \$ 14,690.93                         |
| Yarraldool Road SR118      | 41.3                 | \$ 25,606.00                    | C             |                          |                                      |
| Haynes Hut SR68            | 4.5                  | \$ 2,790.00                     | E             |                          | \$ 2,415.00                          |
| Come By Chance Road RR7716 | 60.9                 | \$ 65,450.00                    | C             |                          | \$ 35,158.21                         |
| <b>Sub total Zone 5</b>    | <b>457.8</b>         | <b>\$ 329,125.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ 1,050.00</b>       | <b>\$ 93,642.43</b>                  |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,905.45</b>      | <b>1,295,183.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ 5,042.45</b>       | <b>\$ 383,152.62</b>                 |



Road Category

| Road Category | No. of Grades/Year |
|---------------|--------------------|
| C             | 4                  |
| D             | 2                  |
| E             | 1                  |
| F             | Occasional         |



**10.3.2 SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT – AS AT 31 MAY 2021**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen – Acting Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council with regards Engineering Services works progress up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

**Background:**

The revised budget of the Engineering and Technical Service Department for capital & maintenance works, Quarry management, fleet management, water works, parks & garden, Walgett weir and engineering administration for 2020/2021 is \$ \$40,761,298 excluding depreciations (\$5,022,185).

The breakdown of the budget is as follows.

Breakdown of budgets:

| Items                               | Budget              | Expenditure up to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 | Percentage (%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Transportation including RMCC works | \$30,891,831        | \$17,897,766                                | 58%            |
| Water works ( maintenance)          | \$2,494,900         | \$1,487,993                                 | 60%            |
| Water works ( Capital)              | \$6,624,191         | \$4,661,123                                 | 70%            |
| Sewer works ( Maintenance works)    | \$1,225,927         | \$796,745                                   | 65%            |
| Sewer works (Capital works)         | \$750,376           | \$413,989                                   | 55%            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$40,761,298</b> | <b>\$25,257,616</b>                         | <b>62%</b>     |

**Current Position:**

The status of work progress is as follows;

| Items                                                                   | Status                                                                                            | Remarks                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Walgett Weir                                                            | Completed                                                                                         |                                    |
| Grawin Access Road                                                      | Completed ( except 10 m sealing work either side of the grid)                                     |                                    |
| Water system upgrade project in Rowena                                  | Two Tanks of 150,000 litre capacity installed .Work in progress                                   |                                    |
| Collarenebri bore- Shade for cooling tower                              | Awaiting further quotations                                                                       |                                    |
| Gundabloui Road Reconstruction and sealing                              | Works have been ceased on this project as we have spent funding, we are 1.6 KM short of programme | Investigating spend and allocation |
| Walgett additional new bore                                             | Lot number , DP number have been provided to RMS                                                  |                                    |
| Cycle way between in Fox street between Euroka and Alex Trevallion Park | Contract has been awarded and will be completed by June 2021                                      | In progress                        |

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget

**Governance issues:**

Due processes are followed on a routine basis i.e. procurement and tendering.

**Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues are assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
Walgett Shire Residents and Rate Payers

**Financial Implications:**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, \$25,257,616 has been spent.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor the work progress of all the activities to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines and project estimates.

**Monthly Progress Report – May 2021**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for May 2021.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Nil

### 10.3.3 FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS – UPDATE

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen – (Acting) Director Engineering Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the March 2021 flood restoration works as of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021.

**Background:**

In March 2021, Walgett Shire suffered major flood disasters and significantly affected Shire Roads and Regional roads. The people of the Walgett Shire were particularly affected and the Shire's infrastructure sustained severe damage. Council is in process to submit the claims under Natural Disaster Assistance (NDA) programme.

**Current Position:**

All the flood restoration works in progress

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Inspection report

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Resident/tourist

**Financial Implications:**

As at 31 May 2021, \$865,472.99, has been spent on the flood restoration works.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The March 2021 flood works repairs will be ongoing for several months

| Flood Restoration Works - Update                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the flood restoration works report for May 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Table - Expenditure to Date - May 2021 Flood Works

| <b>Expenditure to Date - May 2021 Flood Works</b> |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Rowena Village                                    | \$ 40,827.21         |
| Collarenebri                                      | \$ 9,862.71          |
| Walgett                                           | \$ 46,810.81         |
| Shire Roads                                       | \$ 248,264.58        |
| Regional Roads                                    | \$ 519,707.68        |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 865,472.99</b> |

## **10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### **10.4.1 MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kobus Nieuwoudt, Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** Various

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This report provides notes from the Director of Environmental Services (DES) on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Planning & Regulatory Services Division.

#### **Walgett Race Club – Proposed Liquor License**

Liquor & Gaming NSW has received an application for a Liquor - limited licence Single-function.

Application details:

Liquor licence: P J O'Brien Memorial Race Day

Application: Liquor - limited licence Single-function

Application number: APP-0008762173

Application date: 22 May 2021

Proposed Licensee: Brennan Lockyer O'Keeffe

Premises Address: Walgett Racecourse and Showground 1 Pilliga Road WALGETT NSW 2832 Australia

#### **Regional NSW Planning Portal Grant - \$50,000**

The NSW Planning Portal is a digital space where community, industry and government can access a range of services and information that supports effective planning and decision making in NSW. In November 2019 the Premier mandated that ePlanning Digital Services (NSW Planning Portal) would become mandatory for councils to process all their planning applications by 1 July 2021.

Council has received confirmation of payment of a one-off grant payment of \$50,000 to support transition to the portal. Damien Ingle & Associates have advised that Council is on track to accept application from the portal from the 1st of July 2021.

#### **PP\_Mulder & Large Lot Residential Strategy**

To assist Council, the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Employment has at its own cost engaged the services of CityPlan planning consultancy to progress and finalise the Mulder planning proposal and the large lot residential strategy work. CityPlan have commenced work on an agreed brief to prepare the required documentation. It is hoped to complete the work in the current financial year. Both planning proposals are with the consultants for action.

#### **Dilapidated and Dangerous Building - Ass 111924 – Come By Chance**

Council has made contact again with Chris Newbold of Newbold Bulk Haulage who has been contracted by the Public Trustee to undertaking the demolition work. The building has been demolished, Council will carry out an inspection of the site to ensure the property has been cleaned up.

#### **Village Landfills**

Recycling facilities (pods) and additional signage are currently being rolled out to all Landfills. A development application has been prepared and is awaiting owners consent in relation to installation of bin banks at Grawin and Sheeppyard.

**Return and Earn – Cleanaway Tomra**

Lightning Ridge- Return and Earn Lightning Ridge advises that returns are slowing down due to winter coming on.

Walgett- Trevor Murray of Gilgandra Return and Earn has now opened a facility in Walgett. Negotiations have commenced with Return and Earn Operations are Collarenebri & Rowena.

**Impounding Matters**

Council’s Ranger has provided the following information for the month of May.

- Rehomed 17 dogs
- Rehomed 9 Cats
- Put down 5 vicious dogs
- Put down 73 feral cats
- Walgett Shire Council was accepted into the RSPCA Keep Cats Safe At Home Program.
- Our de-sexing days where conducted on 8th and 9th of June with a response from the public like never before.
- 51 animals are booked in for De-sexing over the next few months using NW Vets.
- 85 Animals were vet checked.
- A further 13 dogs and 7 cats where surrendered to us.

**Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**



# **AGENDA FOR CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

## **29 June 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Closed Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held at Walgett Shire Council Chambers on **29 June 2021** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## Agenda

### 11. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

#### MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

**Time:** .....

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- (c) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (d) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 12. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS/CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

#### 12.1 ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL SERVICES

##### *12.1.1 CASUAL PLANT TENDER*

### 13. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

| Return to open session                                                                                                 | Time: ..... |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council return to open session.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |             |

### 14. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

| Adoption of closed session reports                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 15. CLOSE OF MEETING

**Time:** .....