



# **AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **26 March 2019**

**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 at the **Rowena Hall** on **26<sup>th</sup> March 2019** commencing at **10:00am** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

**Please note: A Citizenship Ceremony will commence at 9:30am.**

Greg Ingham  
**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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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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| <b>Leave of Absence</b> |
| <b>Recommendation:</b>  |

That the leave of absence received from Cllr Tanya Cameron are accepted and a leave of absence granted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

#### **4. WELCOME TO VISITORS**

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS**

*(Limited to five minutes presentations and must also relate to items listed within the Business Paper)*

*Mr Michael Schiller – RAM Aviation*

- *Presentation on Commercial Flight Charter operating between the Gold Coast, QLD and Lightning Ridge NSW.*

*Mr Adrian Newton*

- *Presentation in relation to private management of Tungra Road (SR85)*

## 6. 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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## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

### 7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19 FEBRUARY 2019

| <b>Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 19 February 2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 19 February 2019, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 19 February 2019



## **MINUTES FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**19 February 2019**

Greg Ingham  
GENERAL MANAGER

19 February 2019

Ordinary Council Meeting

Council Minutes

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| <b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10:00AM</b> |
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**PRESENT**

Clr Manuel Martinez (Mayor)  
 Clr Ian Woodcock (Deputy Mayor)  
 Clr Jane Keir  
 Clr Bill Murray  
 Clr Michael Taylor  
 Clr Tanya Cameron  
 Clr Lawrence Walford  
 Clr Kelly Smith  
 Clr Robert Turnbull  
 Greg Ingham (General Manager)  
 Jessica McDonald (Director Environmental Services)  
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Ray Graham (Project Engineer)  
 Rebecca Wilson (Minute Secretary)

**Leave of Absence – Nil****Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests**

| Councillor   | Item No. | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason          |
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| Clr Keir     | 13.1     | Pecuniary               | Family Business |
| Clr Turnbull | 11.3.2   | Pecuniary               | Family Property |

**Public Presentations:**

- *Peter Rufford – PEECE Consulting provided Council with a comprehensive presentation on Ridge Road Feasibility.*

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| <b>1/2019/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 18 December 2019</b> |
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**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 18 December 2019, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Keir  
**CARRIED**

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| <b>1/2019/2 Mayoral Report</b> |
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**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

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| <b>1/2019/3 Council's Decision Action Report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the Resolution Register as at February 2019 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> C/r Turnbull<br><b>Seconded:</b> C/r Smith<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>1/2019/4 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars published 12/12/18, 18/12/18, 19/12/18, 18/01/19 & 8/2/19 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.<br><br>That the NSW electoral commission be engaged to administer the 2020 elections on behalf of Council.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> C/r Taylor<br><b>Seconded:</b> C/r Keir<br><b>CARRIED</b> |
| <b>1/2019/5 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings and Events</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That Council receive and note the list of upcoming meetings and events.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> C/r Smith<br><b>Seconded:</b> C/r Turnbull<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>1/2019/6 Tourism Development Report – February 2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Recommendation:</b><br><br>1. That Council approve the recommendation that Walgett Shire Tourism Advisory Committee take over the management and existing funds of the Walgett Bulldust to Bitumen Festival from 2019.<br><br>2. That the matters listed from brief mention or information only be received and noted<br><br><b>Moved:</b> C/r Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> C/r Taylor<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                    |

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| <b>1/2019/7 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 December 2018</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the Investment report as at 31 December 2018 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cameron<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Turnbull<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>1/2019/8 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 January 2019</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>That the Investment report as at 31 January 2019 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Smith<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>1/2019/9 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>The December 2018 outstanding rates report be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Turnbull<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>1/2019/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Resolved:</b><br><br>The January 2019 outstanding rates report be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Turnbull<br><b>CARRIED</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>1/2019/11 Renaming of Park – Opal Street, Lightning Ridge</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Recommendation:</b><br><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Council name the Park in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge "Opal Park".</li><li>2. Application be made to the Geographical Names Board for registration of the parks name "Opal Park".</li></ol><br><b>Moved:</b> Clr Woodcock<br><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br><b>CARRIED</b> |

| 1/2019/12 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Year End Delivery Program 18/19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the content of the report be noted</li><li>2. That Council accept the progress made on the 2018/2019 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Turnbull<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

11:12am - Clr Cameron left the meeting

11:15am - Clr Cameron returned to the meeting

| 1/2019/13 Procurement and Disposal Policy & Procedure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Chief Financial Officers report be received.</li><li>2. That Walgett Shire Council Procurement and Disposal Policy &amp; Procedure as presented, be adopted.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Taylor<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Turnbull<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

11:19am - Clr Walford left the meeting

| 1/2019/14 Quarterly Budget Review Statement 2018/2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, as tabled.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Turnbull<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Taylor<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

11:21am - Clr Walford returned to the meeting

| 1/2019/15 Community Development Report October 2018 – January 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the report for Community Development &amp; Capacity Building October 2018 – January 2019 be received.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Keir<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Woodcock<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |

**1/2019/16 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From CFO**

**Recommendation:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer in the following areas; Property Matters, Finance & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Walford  
Seconded: Clr Turnbull  
CARRIED

**1/2019/17 Walgett Water Supply Incident**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note this information.

Moved: Clr Smith  
Seconded: Clr Taylor  
CARRIED

**1/2019/18 Lightning Ridge Feasibility Study**

**Recommendation**

1. That Council receive and note the Lightning Ridge Road Feasibility Study
2. That Council consider its options, for adoption at the March 2019 meeting.

Moved: Clr Taylor  
Seconded: Clr Smith  
CARRIED

**1/2019/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from Director Engineering/Technical Services – February 2019**

**Recommendation**

That Council receive and note this report

Moved: Clr Cameron  
Seconded: Clr Turnbull  
CARRIED

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| <p><b>1/2019/20 Landfill Management &amp; Operations Tender Process – Walgett &amp; Lightning Ridge</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to tender for the Management &amp; Operations of the Walgett Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks</li> <li>2. Go to tender for the Management &amp; Operations of the Lightning Ridge Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks</li> <li>3. That operational hours be amended to 9-12pm &amp; 1-5pm to accommodate working residents.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Clr Smith<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Keir<br/>                 CARRIED</p> |
| <p><b>1/2019/21 Boundary Adjustment of Kaolin Street to the Benefit of Lightning Ridge Bowling Club</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council resolves to authorise the adjustment of Kaolin Street to the benefit of Lightning Ridge Bowling Club and classify the land as 'operational land'.</li> <li>2. That Council resolves to donate the land involved in the boundary adjustment to the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Clr Taylor<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Woodcock<br/>                 CARRIED</p>                                                     |
| <p><b>1/2019/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from Director Environmental Services</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That the Council receive and note this report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention or information only.</p> <p>Moved: Clr Woodcock<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Keir<br/>                 CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>1/2019/23 Walgett Weir Raising</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council endorse the Weir raising project in accordance with the approved Safe and Secure funding project.</li> <li>2. That Council continues to investigate options for providing improved water supply security for Walgett.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Clr Keir<br/>                 Seconded: Clr Walford<br/>                 CARRIED</p>                                                                                                                 |

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.26pm  
The meeting resumed at 1.15pm*

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| <p><b>1/2019/24 Move into Closed Session</b></p> <p><b>Time:</b> 1:15pm</p> <p>That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A (2) (a) (c) &amp; (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:</p> <p>(a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Walford<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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*Clr Keir declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 1.15pm*

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| <p><b>1/2019/25 RFT 18/003 Design &amp; Construction of Goangra Bridge</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the alternative solution 4, as outlined in the report</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Walford<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Murray<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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| <p><b>1/2019/26 Return to Open Session</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Time:</b> 1.42pm</span></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council return to open session.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Cameron<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Smith<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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*Clr Keir returned to the meeting at 1.43pm*

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| <p><b>1/2019/27 Adoption of closed session reports</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Turnbull<br/><b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br/><b>CARRIED</b></p> |
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**Questions for Next Meeting**

**Clr Keir**

- Q1: Can Council consider sponsoring the gate entry fees the Walgett Show on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Mother's day?
- Q2: Can Council investigate the dumping of rubbish on the northern bank of the Namoi River, opposite golf course?

**Clr Murray**

- Q1: Who owns the BAC building in Fox Street and what is happening with it?
- Q2: What is the progress with replacing the Walgett levee bank on the southern side?
- Q3: When is the kerb and guttering in Wee Waa Street, Walgett happening?

**Clr Woodcock**

- Q1: Can Council investigate the transfer of water from the bath bore to Miner's Dams via the pump due to water shortages?
- Q2: Can Council investigate installing 3 phase power to the bore bath pumps in Lightning Ridge?
- Q3: What is happening with Collarenebri Boat Ramp?
- Q4: When will Council commence drug testing and who will be conducting it?

**Clr Taylor**

- Q1: Can Council investigate its capacity to water trees in Lightning Ridge or advertise for a contractor to carry out the watering?
- Q2: Which days does the street sweeper operate in Lightning Ridge and is it able to visit the villages?
- Q3: Can the street banners be audited in Lightning Ridge?

**Clr Smith**

- Q1: Do Council require staff to hold appropriate accreditation to operate the filtration plant?
- Q2: Can Council investigate if raw water rates can be waived for Collarenebri and Walgett residents while water restrictions are in place?
- Q3: Can the Collarenebri Boat ramp project be escalated to ensure completion whilst the water levels in the river are very low?
- Q4: Can the old building in the main street of Collarenebri be inspected for public safety purposes?
- Q5: Can Council find funding to complete footpath in Walgett Street, Collarenebri from aged care units, (100m required)?
- Q6: What is happening with the \$100,000 grant allocated to Albert Street, Collarenebri to top seal the road?
- Q7: Can the cricket pitch on Collarenebri oval be reinstated and how can the football oval be brought back to an acceptable standard for use, once water is available?
- Q8: Can Council investigate upgrading the Collarenebri tennis court club house?
- Q9: What is happening with the replacement of the Collarenebri golf club house?
- Q10: Can the drainage issues at Collarenebri and Rowena be investigated or rectified?
- Q11: Can Council investigate repair works (potholes, shoulder work, roadside vegetation and table drains) for RR329, Merrywinebone Road?
- Q12: Can Council grant permission to the Collarenebri Pony Club to utilise country behind rubbish depots and cemetery to construct a new cross-country course?
- Q13: Can Council organise regular maintenance and flushing of town hydrants?
- Q14: Can all streets with kerb and guttering in the Walgett Shire be cleaned of all dirt and debris?

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2.23pm.  
To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager

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## **8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/DELEGATES - NIL**

## 9. MAYORAL MINUTES

Report to be tabled

| <b>Mayoral Report</b>                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the Mayoral report.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 10. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### 10.1 Clr Bill Murray

#### Notice of Motion

Tungra Road

That Shire road (SR85), Tungra Road be transferred from the Shire to a privately managed road. The landholders who have access to this road wish to have the road under their derestriction.

## 11. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### 11.1 GENERAL MANAGER

#### 11.1.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham - General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 18/260

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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. Overtime the register has grown in size because, whilst resolutions are always actioned after the meeting, it is not always possible to resolve issues quickly especially if other government agencies are involved or our own in-house resources are stretched. And we have 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 February 2019 be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Resolution Register

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA – 26 March 2019 – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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| 28.04.17 | 3/2017/22  | That Council considers realigning the 35km section of Ridge Road from Shermans Way and Burrnbaa Road intersection to Angeldool Road intersection - Option 4 (Realignment across Big Warrambool).<br>That Council consult with affected landholders with regards to Option 4.<br>This option includes a bridge across Big Warrambool and land acquisition. Social, environmental impacts should be assessed before this option is implemented. In addition, geotechnical, hydrologic studies must be conducted for this option. Topographical survey and designs must also be completed prior to implementation. | DETS | 9.8.17 Surveyor engaged<br>22.8.17 Report to Council to resolve for compulsory acquisition.<br>5.9.17 GM and DETS held talks with Brian Lees, Al Lees and Norman Lees of Tipperary and Ringwood regarding alignment next to their property. They will sketch their preferred alignment and send to Council.<br>21.11.17 DETS held talks with Peter Scoles. He has indicated no objection.<br>7.12.17 Consulting held with Brian, Sue and Nathan Lees of Tipperary. Three options selected. DETS to cost options and hold further consultation with Lees's.<br>12.04.18 DETS meets Lees's and all agree on Option 2.<br>16.08.18 Additional survey ongoing |  |
| 28.04.17 | 3/2017/25  | That Council using the "Open Tendering" method call Tenders for the restoration of the Colless Grandstand at the Walgett Showground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CFO  | 27.6.17 In Progress – Request for Engineers Report<br>13.12.17 Engineers report required<br>5.2.18 waiting on information from structural engineer<br>18.4.18 Engineer inspected facility, costing and report underway<br>21.8.18 Costing for refurbishment underway<br>12.12.18 Report to December Council Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 23.5.17  | 4/2017/34  | Lightning Ridge Bore Baths<br>1. Council receive the CFO report<br>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<br>3. Recommendations of the structural assessment be implemented<br>4. The General Manager arrange for a design and cost of the bore bath renewal and submit this to Council for consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                        | CFO  | 27.6.17 Quotation for design & construction to be called in coming months. Work to be carried out during November 17 to March 18<br>18.9.17 CFO in discussions with firm for engineers design<br>18.10.17 CFO Issued purchase order for design of new tank<br>22.11.17 Draft plan Received -RFQ to be issued<br>13.12.17 Waiting on new specifications & plan<br>18.4.18 Project postponed until November 2018.<br>18.4.18 RFQ to be issued and contractor engaged prior to October 2018                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/25  | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | DETS | 8.9.17 DETS hold talks with Mr Raymond Pike and his wife. They verbally agreed to the swap.<br>5.11.17 Quotes received for cadastral survey<br>30.03.18 Cadastral survey completed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/26  | 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.<br>2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Minister to approve the compulsory acquisition process.                                                                                                                                                      | DETS | 5.11.17 Quote received for cadastral survey<br>10.1.18 Quote accepted<br>16.08.18 Survey ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/27  | 1. That Council engage a consultant for the investigation of the alternatives to improve pre-treatment and prepare a concept design & business case for funding for the Collarenebri Water Supply.<br>2. That Council proceeds with the compulsory acquisition of additional land for the construction of recommended pre-treatment.<br>3. Lodge an expression of interest (EOI) for the safe and secure water programme.                                                                                                                                                                                       | DETS | 8.10.17 Council lodges EOI under SSWP<br>9.1.18 Council invited for detailed application<br>26/02/2018 Detailed application submitted.<br>12.12.18 Funding received – development of RFQ for study underway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 28.11.17 | 11/2017/3  | 1. That Council receive and note this report and<br>a. Investigate & proceed with land acquisition process for land required for installing the Wind Indicator for Runway 10.<br>And/or<br>b. Allocate additional funding in the budget for constructing an AWIB & ongoing commitment to the budget for operation & maintenance.<br>c. Commence using Runway 28 straight in approach once windsock and safety case approved by CASA.                                                                                                                                                                            | DETS | Safety case lodged with CASA<br>28/02/2018 Crownlands license received.<br>30.03.18 IW1 installed<br>16.08.18 CASA coming in September 2018 to assess the runway extension<br>16.11.18 CASA inspection awaiting report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 19.12.17 | 12/2017/25 | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | CFO  | 5.2.18 Proposal in the planning phase                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

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|          |            | building asset for the Collarenebri Sports Ground as per concept proposal and the Council shall accept liability for ongoing future maintenance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8.02.18  | 1/2018/2   | That Council:<br>1. Defer any Special Rate Variation Application to IPART to fund the upgrade of the strategic rural road network until such time as there is majority support for such a proposal.<br>2. Continue to work with the community to achieve a greater level of understanding of the cost and level of services and facilities it provides.<br>3. Lobby relevant state agencies to address an adequate level of maintenance of the road infrastructure network on the opal fields<br>4. Concentrate on providing a consistently high quality water supply to all towns within the Shire.<br>5. Arrange for an independent community satisfaction survey to be undertaken within the next six months.<br>6. Investigate the re-establishment of precinct committees.<br>7. Lobby the State Government to open Opal Prospecting Area (OPA) 4. | GM           | 19.03.18 ongoing                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 13.02.18 | 2/2018/33  | 1. That Council rejects the request for water connection to the property on Lot 100 DP 1076808 since it is located in a non-urban residential zone, and current relevant policy does not permit such connections.<br>2. The Director of Environmental Services to provide a report to the March Council meeting in relation to the illegal water connections in each town after researching previous reports presented to Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DETS/<br>DES | 15.02.18 Applicant advised of resolution<br>7.06.2018 – GIS Continuing to map illegal water connections to be provided to DETS in due course.<br>12.12.18 Refer to resolution 14/2018/17 |
| 27.03.18 | 3/2018/25  | 1. That Council receives and notes the report.<br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DETS         | 12.12.18 Not yet commenced                                                                                                                                                               |
| 01.05.18 | 5/2018/28  | It would be appropriate for Council to enter into negotiations with the DoL as the agency responsible for Western Land Leases/Crown Land to undertake maintenance of the private roads on which the "car door tours" operate or alternatively take the necessary steps to dedicate them as public roads.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | GM           | 19.03.19 Significant issues to be considered & investigated. Higher priorities at this stage.                                                                                            |
| 26.06.18 | 10/2018/22 | That Council finances the fencing project from a transfer from the Lightning Ridge toilet upgrade reserve in 18/19, and the \$20,000 be placed into the Len Cram park fence reserve at the 30th June 2018.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | CFO          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 26.06.18 | 10/2018/30 | That Council (a) Conduct a broad community consultation meeting with local community and showground user groups to determine if users would like the grandstand replaced, and if community support is for a new grandstand Councils proceeds with (b) (c) and (d),<br>(b) Council call for quotations to demolish the existing Colless grandstand<br>(c) Council acquire quotations for the construction of 3 X 5 Tier X 6 m wide prefabricated grandstand system to be erected on the site of the old Colless grandstand.<br>(d) The new structure be called the "Colless Grandstand".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CFO          | 21.8.18 A second community meeting to be arranged for late September 2018<br>12.12.18 Report to December Council Meeting                                                                 |
| 28.8.18  | 13/2018/18 | Not provide permanent seating to the Collarenebri Main Street (Wilson Street) and immediate CBD area and to continue investigations into alternate locations within the town, close to the CBD where new seating can be installed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DES          | For DETS consideration                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 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           |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 25.9.18  | 14/2018/34 | That in light of concerns regarding the future of the waste management in the Shire and subject to the contractor agreeing, the current contract be extended and a future report be submitted to an early meeting to allow Council to determine the future management options for both landfills; Walgett and Lightning Ridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DES          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 30.10.18 |            | That Council consider and, if appropriate, endorse projects to be applied for under the Extension of Drought Communities Programme or seek nominations of projects from community for consideration at the November meeting<br>Council endorses the following projects (in no particular order)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | DETS         | 19.03.19 Wee Waa St, Walgett & Opal St L.R - Tender report on 26 March agenda<br>19.03.19 Boat Ramp – in progress                                                                        |

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|          |           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing of the Burren Junction landfill - \$80,000</li> <li>• Extension of the Town Beautification Projects: Walgett – Wee Waa Street and Lightning Ridge – Opal Street - \$350,000 each project</li> <li>• Replacement of the boat ramp at Collarenebri - \$150,000</li> <li>• Drainage improvements at Rowena - \$60,000</li> </ul>                           |      |                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/11 | <p>That Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) name the Park in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge, “Opal Park”</li> <li>(b) Application be made to the Geographical Names Board for registration of the parks name, “Opal Park”</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                    | CFO  |                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/18 | <p>That Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Receive and note the Lightning Ridge Feasibility Study</li> <li>(b) That Council consider its options, for adoption at the March 2019 meeting</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  | DETS |                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/20 | <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to tender for the Management &amp; Operations of the Walgett Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks</li> <li>2. Go to tender for the Management &amp; Operations of the Lightning Ridge Landfill for a period of 4-5 weeks</li> <li>3. That operational hours be amended to 9-12pm &amp; 1-5pm to accommodate working residents</li> </ol> | DES  | The tenders went live in 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 and close on 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019. Pre-tender meetings, question and answer sessions were held on 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019. |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/21 | <p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resolves to authorise the adjustment of Kaolin Street to the benefit of the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club and classify the land as 'operational land'</li> <li>2. Resolves to donate the land involved in the boundary adjustment to the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club.</li> </ol>                                                          | DES  |                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/23 | <p>That Council;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorse the Weir raising project in accordance with the approved Safe and Secure funding project</li> <li>2. Continues to investigate options for providing improved water supply security for Walgett.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                        | DETS | 19.03.2019 Tender document preparation being finalised                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 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.                                                                                                                   |  |

## 11.1.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**REPORTING SECTION:** General Manager  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham - General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 18/260

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### Summary:

Copies of circular 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:

#### 08 Feb 2019

- [19-02 IPART review of the costs of conducting local government elections and extension of the deadline for councils to make a decision on the administration of their elections.](#)

#### 14 Mar 2019

- [19-03 2018-19 and 2019-20 Joint Organisation Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements](#)

### 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                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 19-02 to 19-03 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

### Attachments:

Circulars

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| Circular Details     | 19-02 / 8 February 2019 / A635365                                                                   |
| Previous Circular    | 18-43 Council decisions on the administration of the September 2020 elections                       |
| Who should read this | Councillors / General Managers / Council Governance Staff                                           |
| Contact              | Council Governance Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| Action required      | Information                                                                                         |

IPART review of the costs of conducting local government elections and extension of the deadline for councils to make a decision on the administration of their elections

#### What's new or changing?

- The Government has approved a review by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) of the costs of conducting local government elections in NSW. The matters for consideration under the review's terms of reference are provided in the attachment to this circular.
- The purpose of IPART's review is to ensure a robust methodology for determining costs is applied, in order to minimise the financial burden on councils and ratepayers and to ensure local government elections are conducted efficiently and cost effectively.
- IPART has been requested to report to the Minister for Local Government recommending a costing methodology to be applied in determining the amount the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC) charges councils to administer their ordinary elections.
- In undertaking its review, IPART is expected to consult with relevant stakeholders including councils.
- IPART is to report to the Minister for Local Government by **30 August 2019**.
- As the outcomes of the IPART review may impact on the administration of the September 2020 council elections, it is proposed to introduce legislation in the first parliamentary sitting period of 2019 following the NSW State Election to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* (the LGA) to extend the deadline for councils to make a decision on the administration of their elections under sections 296AA and 296. This deadline will be extended to **1 January 2020**.

#### What this will mean for your council

- Under the proposed amendments, councils will have until **1 January 2020** to resolve to make a decision on the administration of their elections and enter into any arrangements with the NSWEC.

#### Key points

- Under section 296AA of the LGA, councils must, at least 18 months before each ordinary council election, resolve to either enter into an election arrangement with the NSWEC to administer its elections or that elections are to be administered by the council's general manager.

- Under section 296(3)(b), where a council enters into an election arrangement with the NSWEC, the arrangement must be entered into no later than 15 months before the ordinary council elections.
- Under section 296(5), councils can enter into an election arrangement for the NSWEC to administer an ordinary council election less than 15 months before the election if the council has resolved to enter into the election arrangement and the NSWEC is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances that make it necessary or desirable for the election to be administered by the NSWEC.

**Where to go for further information**

- Contact OLG's Council Governance Team by telephone on 02 4428 4100 or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au)
- Contact the NSW Electoral Commission by telephone on 02 9290 5999.



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**Attachment**

**Matters for consideration under IPART's terms of reference**

**Matters for consideration**

IPART is requested to provide a report to the Minister for Local Government recommending a costing methodology to be applied in determining the amount the NSWEC charges councils which use the NSWEC to administer their ordinary elections.

The purpose of the IPART's review is to ensure a robust methodology for determining costs is applied, in order to minimise the financial burden on councils and ratepayers and ensure local government elections are conducted efficiently and cost effectively.

In undertaking the review, IPART is to:

- review the NSWEC's existing methodology for determining the amount to be charged to councils which use the NSWEC to conduct their elections
- consider whether it is appropriate for the amount charged to be limited to the direct and unavoidable costs of conducting the council's election
- have regard to the market for electoral services in which the NSWEC operates
- have regard to any differences in the costs involved in conducting elections in metropolitan and regional areas
- have regard to any other matters it considers relevant.

**Consultation**

IPART should consult with relevant stakeholders and NSW Government agencies as part of its review. It may also hold public hearings and publicly release a draft report.

**Reporting**

IPART is to submit its final report to the Minister for Local Government by Friday 30 August 2019.

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| Circular Details     | Circular No 19-03 / 14 March 2019 / A603695                           |
| Previous Circular    | NA                                                                    |
| Who should read this | Councillors / General Managers / Joint Organisation Executive Officer |
| Contact              | Performance Team (02) 4428 4100                                       |
| Action required      | Information / Joint Organisations to Implement                        |

### 2018-19 and 2019-20 Joint Organisation Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements

#### What's new or changing

- The 2018-19 Calendar of Compliance and Reporting Requirements for Joint Organisations is now available.

#### What this will mean for your Joint Organisation

- Joint Organisations should use the Calendar to assist in planning strategic and operational tasks for 2018-19 and 2019-20 as applicable.

#### Key points

- The Calendar includes key statutory and other reporting deadlines for Joint Organisations and takes into consideration the different proclamation dates for establishing Joint Organisations.
- The Far North West and Far South West Joint Organisations need to ensure they follow the separate dates for requirements due to their different establishment proclamation date.
- The online Joint Organisation Calendar of Compliance and Reporting, developed by the Office of Local Government (OLG), will be established to reflect the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Calendars.

#### Where to go for further information

- The Calendar of Compliance and Reporting for Joint Organisations is available on OLG's website at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au).



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### 11.1.3 MONTHLY CALENDAR APRIL 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 18/260

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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 AND 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><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**IMPORTANT DATES - Upcoming Meetings and Events**

| <b>DATE</b>                    | <b>MEETING/FUNCTION</b>   | <b>LOCATION</b> | <b>NOTES</b>                             |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> April<br>2019 | ANZAC Day<br>Celebrations | Walgett         | Mayor                                    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> April<br>2019 | Council Meeting           | Walgett         | Councillors, GM & Directors<br>to attend |
|                                |                           |                 |                                          |

### 11.1.4 ADOPTION OF MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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**Summary:**

This report is to present the new *Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW* for adoption. The document has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

**Background:**

This Code of Meeting Practice is made under section 360 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Regulation 2005. Previously there was no uniform set of meeting rules beyond those prescribed in the LG Act or Regulations. This resulted in inconsistencies between NSW Councils practices and rules. The manner in which some Councils conducted meetings reduced their capacity to make informed decisions.

Walgett Shire Councillors attended professional development training on the new Code in Brewarrina on the 7th February 2019.

This new Code seeks to address past inconsistencies and to ensure that decisions made by Council are in the best interests of the organization and the community as a whole. Councils must adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Meeting Code. A council and a committee of council of which all the members are Councillors must conduct its meetings in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

It is important to note the changes in some areas and mandatory provisions which have implications for Mayors and Councillors;

- Optional rules for public forums
- Requirement for meetings to be webcast (can be audio)
- New rules limiting the use of mayoral minutes without notice to cases of urgency
- Acts of disorder by Councillors
- Altering or rescinding motions
- Questions from Councillors
- Optional rules for placing time limits on meetings

The new Model Code of Meeting Practice has been circulated to Councillors under separate cover.

**Relevant Documents/Policies:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

*Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*

*Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW*

NSW Office of LG Circular 18-45 (see Ordinary Council Meeting agenda 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Government

Federal Government

Walgett Shire Council

**MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receives and adopts the *Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW*

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 11.1.5 ADOPTION OF MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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**Summary:**

This report is to present the new *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* for Council adoption.

**Background:**

The *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* is made under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993 the *Regulation 2005*. The new Code was prescribed on 14th December 2018 and Councils must adopt the Code within 6 months of prescription, ie by 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Walgett Shire Councillors attended professional development training on the new Code in Brewarrina on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. NSW Office of LG Circular 18-44 was included on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Ordinary Council meeting agenda.

The Model Code of Conduct sets the minimum standards of conduct for council officials. It is prescribed by regulation to assist council officials to:

- understand and comply with the standards that are expected of them
- enable them to fulfil their statutory duty to act honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence (section 439)
- act in a way that enhances public confidence in local government.

The key changes in this new Code include:

- increased pecuniary interest provisions
- new standards relating to discrimination and harassment, bullying, WHS and access to information
- new rules governing the acceptance of gifts
- a new disclosure requirement for councillors and designated persons requiring disclosure of new interests in return of interests within three months of becoming aware of them
- requirement for councillors to disclose in their returns of interests whether they are a property developer or a close associate of a property developer.

The Brewarrina professional development training focused extensively on the existing provision within the Code and the above changes and what constitutes a breach of the Code. It is important that individuals are aware of what constitutes a breach and if in doubt they should seek clarification.

Failure by a councillor to comply with the standards of conduct prescribed under this Code constitutes misconduct for the purposes of the Local Government Act. The LGA provides for a range of penalties that that may be imposed on councillors for misconduct, including suspension or disqualification from public office.

Failure by a member of staff to comply with the Code may give rise to disciplinary action. The new *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW* has been distributed to Councillors under separate cover.

**Relevant Documents/Policies:**

*Local Government Act 1993*

*Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*

*Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW*

Various other Acts for eg Anti-Discrimination etc

NSW Office of LG Circular 18-44 December 2018 (see 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting agenda)

**Stakeholders:**

NSW Government

Federal Government

Walgett Shire Council

**MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL COUNCILS IN NSW**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receives and adopts the *Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW*.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 11.1.6 GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS DEC 2018 - MARCH 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Greg Ingham – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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#### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to keep Council informed of the more pertinent General Manager activities for the previous month. Note this report covers a three month period, December 2018 to March 2019, future reports will cover a month.

- 11 December** Meet staff – Walgett  
Clr Murray – various matters
- 12 December** North West JO with Mayor and Dep Mayor – Bourke
- 14 December** Apex Park Project - on site Community members – Walgett
- 17 December** Apex Park Project – various matters, Clrs Murray, Kier & Cameron – Walgett
- 18 December** Council meeting – Walgett
- 19 December** Yard meeting Walgett depot – Walgett
- 20 December** Staff Christmas party Sports Club - Walgett
- 8 January** Conference call neighboring GM's re river water
- 9 January** Community members G Rummery, D Kelly re Walgett water - Walgett  
Radio 2GB interview Walgett water
- 10 January** Intro to CEO REDI, G Fernando and T Shillingworth - Walgett  
Town meeting Walgett water, Namoi boat ramp  
ABC interview Walgett water
- 14 January** Cumborah Bore – J Warden – Walgett
- 15 January** NSW Regional sport – M Horton - Walgett
- 16 January** Teleconference NSW Water regards Barwon Weir raising  
Upcoming Australia Day events Mayor and Clr Taylor  
Minister N Blair Walgett water. Site visit to Weir No 11A and filtration plant  
and river offtake locations
- 17 January** teleconference A Albury DPC General water issues  
Barwon weir 11A height Clr Murray  
Lightning Ridge matters – C Hundy
- 18 January** NSW Water project site visits – Walgett

- 21 January** Christine Corby Aboriginal Medical Centre  
Meeting with Jennifer Colless – Walgett History and other matters  
Meeting with Jo Coleman
- 22 January** MANEX Meeting
- 23 January** WHS Committee meeting  
2VM RADIO interview (Walgett Water quality/sodium levels)  
Conference call Barwon Darling (Sydney Dialling)
- 24 January** Consultative Committee meeting  
Teleconference with Ashley Albury, Director, Western NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet meeting regarding the water issues affecting Walgett
- 25 January** Burren Junction and Come by Chance visit - BJ Swimming pool, BJ playground, Haines Hut Road, Come by Chance Road  
Hand over / thank you funds for Community support during drought  
Daniel Walford – bottled water distribution/Gray Park  
Australia Day Ambassador dinner
- 26 January** Australia Day celebrations Collarenebri  
Aboriginal cemetery - Joe Flick
- 27 January** Premier NSW, Minister Niall Blair visit Walgett Water sites - meeting chambers with Mayor
- 30 January** Cirs Ian Woodcock and Michael Taylor at Lightening Ridge – informal road matters, recycling, streetscapes  
Meet and Greet community at Carinda – several matters discussed including Bowie Festival, street upgrade, community hall upgrade and park improvements.
- 4 February** Meeting - Public Health – Walgett water
- 6 February** Collarenebri matters with Clr Smith
- 7 February** Councillor Professional Development training – Brewarrina
- 12 February** MANEX meeting  
Tourism Advisory Committee – Walgett
- 13 February** Minister Blair visit – Cumborah Bore, Barwon Weir – Council Chambers  
Local Emergency Management meeting – Police Station Walgett
- 14 February** Teleconference - James McTavish/Ash Albury - Walgett Water update  
Walgett Water Security – community meeting – Walgett Sports Club
- 15 February** GMAC meeting – Nyngan
- 18 February** Modification of Namoi River offtake - Troy Yeoman, Robin Beckwith, Malcolm Jones

- 19 February** Council Meeting – Walgett  
Teleconference - Water Palatability Review Panel – George Fernando, Wendy Spencer, Ted Russell, Ray Graham. Others by dial in. James McTavish
- 20 February** Chris Archer State Cover (Council's Insurer). HR manager and RMO
- 21 February** Jillian Kilby – Barwon Weir, Engineering Services - Dubbo  
ABC radio interview - Dubbo  
Michael McMahon CEO – resource sharing, regional waste facility – Dubbo
- 24 - 26 February** Western Division Conference – Bourke
- 27 February** Local Area Traffic Management Committee  
Meeting with LGNSW President Clr Linda Scott
- 28 February** WHS Committee Meeting  
Meeting with Russell Steadman, Walgett Bakery  
Meeting with Jo Coleman, Spectator – media releases  
Ulumbi Bore Trust Meeting (Greg Weber & Paul Duncan)
- 3 March** Water is Life Rally
- 4 March** Outdoor staff yard meeting, Walgett
- 5 March** Alex Trevallion Park Meeting (Matt Woodham)  
Aboriginal Lands Council Meeting (Michael Cooper)
- 6 March** Luke & Carolyn Farr, Walgett meeting  
St Vincent's, Walgett meeting – water distribution
- 7 March** Cumborah Community Meeting, Cumborah  
Murray Darling Economic Development, Collarenebri with Clr Smith
- 8 March** Dharriwaa Elders, Walgett meeting
- 10 March** Australian Opal Centre, Lightning Ridge Funding announcement
- 12 March** Department of Premier & Cabinet, Walgett Meeting -Susan Harris & Anna Shaw  
Water NSW Conference
- 13 March** Outdoor Staff yard meeting, Lightning Ridge  
Walgett Water Acceptability Panel meeting
- 14 March** ABC Interview RE: Bustin' the Dust Festival  
Oval Meeting regarding Ulumbi Bore  
Morning tea Dharriwaa Elders  
Chris Archer State Cover teleconference
- 18 March** James McTavish & Ash Albury Water NSW meeting

**GENERAL MANAGER ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS DEC 2018 – MARCH 2019**

**Recommendation:**

That that General Manager Activity report for December 2018 – March 2019 be received.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

### 11.1.7 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT REPORT – MARCH 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Alana Copelin – Senior Visitor Information Centre Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 17/21

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#### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

In the past month we have posted over 18 stories to the Council Facebook Page from water restrictions, council events and road works. Stories with images are performing better than standard flyers however media releases are being shared more widely. Our audience is growing all the time, with posts being liked and shared daily. Negative comments are remaining low and engagement is positive.

Directors are being encouraged to provide social media updates to help better communicate with the Community and provide insight as to what projects are happening at Council.

#### **WEEKLY BULLETIN**

The bulletin has seen 10% growth in the last month. We have also increased our conversion to the website through the bulletin links which means the community are seeing more of our content.

Last Week's Bulletin Statistics:

Successful deliveries: 632 99.4%

Open rate 37.0%

List average 29.7%

Industry average (Government) 24.2%

Clicks per unique opens 7.3%

Total clicks 24

#### **WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL WEBSITE**

We have been working with Julia Carlisle from Department of Premier and Cabinet to act as the lead for other Councils in promoting our current water situation with our local and wider community and providing a page where people can get the most up to date information. We have also linked to their website to extend communications further afield.

All the broken links are currently being fixed and all accommodations listings are being updated with current information.

The Lightning Ridge Visitor Centre are also contacting all accommodation providers to get current booking information for the Easter period so we can provide potential visitors with information on what is available and alternative arrangements if necessary.

#### **WALGETT COMMUNITY OUTDOOR MARKETS**

The markets on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> March were quite disappointing with only 6 stalls and two food tents. Patronage was also down. Contributing factors may include the appearance of Apex Park, the lack of on-site coffee, the League that was on in Dubbo and several private functions. Stall Holders are also choosing to attend larger markets that are on at the same time as Walgett; Dubbo, Moree and Narrabri are all direct competition for our markets. One of the biggest restrictors to stall holders attending is the requirement to have current individual public liability insurance.

All the stall holders that did attend did feel they were still relatively successful and are keen to keep having the markets. Long term changes need to be looked at to draw new stalls & patrons. Some ideas that have been put forward include: changing to a night/evening markets, once market a year, having a car boot sale. In the short term, I will create a logo for the markets, a dedicated webpage on the Walgett Shire Council Site and establish a facebook page to try and promote the markets further online. Once there is a logo I will also order some flags to draw passer-by's attention.

### **Walgett Shire Visitor Guide**

Jimijam hopes to have the draft proof to WSC by the week of 18th March 2019.

### **WSC TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Please find attached minutes from the meeting of the Walgett Shire Tourism Advisory Committee held at the Walgett Library on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The next meeting of the Tourism Advisory Committee will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **CWA WELCOME TO WALGETT**

The Walgett Visitor Centre provided 20 information packs for the Walgett CWA's Welcome to Walgett Night on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Packs contained Community Directories, Maps, Tourist Information, Postcards, Stickers and information from Council's Planning & Regulatory Team and Walgett Library also provided information and books.

### **AVIC NETWORK UPDATE (The Tourism Group)**

The next AVIC IAG meeting will be held in Parramatta on 29 March 2019. This is a time where the AVIC IAG representatives get together to discuss agenda items relevant to the development of the network.

Destination NSW will shortly email you a link to a quick survey about the availability of Wi-Fi in your destination. The survey should take no more than 4 to 5 minutes to complete. Your participation in the survey will provide Destination NSW with the latest information about your AVIC as well as the digital connectivity within your region and the wider NSW AVIC network.

Destination NSW and the Tourism Group will be staffing a booth at the Caravan Camping and Holiday Supershow at Rosehill Racecourse in late April 2019.

IAG Rep for Country & Outback: Penny Jobling (Narrabri AVIC)  
- [pennyj@narrabri.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pennyj@narrabri.nsw.gov.au) or 6799 6799

### **OUTBACK ARTS**

We have contacted Outback Arts about hosting the "Land & Light" Exhibition by Lightning Ridge Artist Volker Leder.

Liaised with Outback Arts & Signal Creative about hosting their River Stories exhibition, this will now appear in the Library from Friday the 15h March.

Outback Arts contacted WSC to discuss the idea of a street art and junk art project together with John & Vicky Murray and another Melbourne Artist possibly with local youth. We are currently waiting on a quote to find out how WSC might be able to contribute.

### **DESTINATION COUNTRY & OUTBACK NSW (DNCO)**

The New Chair, Clyde Thomson AM GM and new Director Natalie Forsyth-Smith have joined the DNCO Board, and we look forward to their valuable contribution to DNCO. Stephen Bartlett he will continue as a Director. The DNCO Board will meet in Narrabri on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **LIGHTNING RIDGE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE REPORT**

Although February was a hot month the LRVIC had the highest number of tourists for the month.

Total numbers for February is 944 up by 236 people – approx. 25% increase

We have had more overseas visitors to the Shire. Some have been accompanied by relatives that live in Australia. Also through the month, we have had a lot of interest from Tourist Bus Companies as a destination to stay 3-4 nights.

There has been interest in the Church used for "Goddess of 1967 to be used for a video. The organiser wants to use the out & inside of the church, he is looking on behalf Jessica Mauboy. Cross fingers for another artist to be put on the Walgett Hall of Fame regarding music videos. Please see attached Lightning Ridge Visitor Numbers from 2003-2019

**SIGNAGE**

WSC has engaged local business Iron Lumbar to print and manufacture sign for Carinda Primitive Camping Ground.

Feedback has been received from Community members regarding the Cumborah sign and has been sent to the graphic designer for a final draft.

New camping signage for Walgett Showground currently with a local designer.

**Conclusion:**

If there are no other queries, the above matters should be received and noted.

**MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY – MARCH 2019**

**Recommendation:**

That the matters listed for brief mention or information only be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Meeting Minutes - Walgett Shire Tourism Advisory Committee

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALGETT SHIRE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT WALGETT LIBRARY  
ON 12 February, 2019 AT 5:00PM**



**PRESENT**

Alana Copellin  
Erin McGrath  
Kristie Bouffler  
Paul Regan  
Judy Regan  
Jo Coleman  
Greg Ingham

**APOLOGIES**

Jane Keir  
Joy Dare (Let's Dance Carinda Festival  
Committee)  
Kirsty Witts  
Cathie Colless  
Alan Douglas

**1. Meeting Opened:**

- Alana Copellin declared meeting opened at 5.10pm and welcomed members

**2. Outstanding Actions**

- Alana went over all the outstanding actions the advisory committee have from the past 12months to refresh everyone's memory after the Christmas break
- Outstanding Actions listed at the end of these minutes

**4. General Business**

- Greg discussed plans for the development of Alex Trevallion Park:
  - Green Space
  - Natural Materials
  - Aesthetically pleasing
  - Parks & Garden to look after ATP
  - Block access through the park
  - Take everything out of the cages
  - Make more room and better spaces for vans

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALGETT SHIRE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT WALGETT LIBRARY  
ON 12 February, 2019 AT 5:00PM**

- New ablution block
- Jalopy Derby
  - Alana told the group that Rural Aid Jalopy Derby were coming through the Walgett Shire stopping for lunch in Carinda and overnight at Lightning Ridge on 25<sup>th</sup> August
  - Judy said that Carinda community will be catering the lunch
  - Judy will be giving a tour of a cotton farm for any of the tour participants who are interested
  - One of the organisers is a big Bowe Fan – which could be a great avenue to pursue (VIVO)
- In a Good Place
  - Apply for funding
  - Get local men affected by the drought organised in a community project
  - Use the Showground or Tin Shed as the venue
  - Ideas for the project: Sunset Deck, Sculptures, exchange of skills, men shed roadshow, landscape gardening workshop: drought proofing your garden, gallery
  - Alana to speak to Outback Arts
  - Approach GMIT - they may donate some materials for the project
  - Alana to find out if we can use the money from "Sculptures on the Highway Project" to top up the 20 grand funding
  - Need an artist or project officer to oversee the project
  - Nick Warfield – Possible Artist
  - John Murray – Possible Artist
- Bulldust to Bitumen
  - Alana included a recommendation that Walgett Tourism Advisory Committee take over the Bulldust to Bitumen Festival as agreed by the group at the last meeting.
  - If successful the group wants to meet as a whole to plan the event rather than form a smaller B2B Committee
  - Focus or Theme the event
  - Shorten the length of the event maybe in to 4 days maximum culminating with the Walgett Rodeo & Campdraft.
  - Look at Events like Gourmet in Gundy for inspiration
  - Approach Sarah Glover to host a dinner – possibly the opening of the festival
  - Approach a winery to compliment the food.
  - Keep events such a wine with words
  - Pop Up Shop – Art Gallery
  - Light Illumination Show – historical theme?
  - Nomadic Belle Glamping Tents for extra accommodation
  - Bob Gammage Theatre of Living
  - Dreamtime stories

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ON 12 February, 2019 AT 5:00PM**

- o Entertainment
- o Limited Budget

**6. Next Meeting**

- Proposed meeting date for the next meeting is Tuesday 12 March 2018 at 5:00pm

**7. Close**

- The Meeting closed at 7:10pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WALGETT SHIRE TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD AT WALGETT LIBRARY  
ON 12 February, 2019 AT 5:00PM

| TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE      |                                                     |                                                      |                                  |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Actions from Minutes            |                                                     |                                                      |                                  |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Meeting Date: 12 September 2018 |                                                     |                                                      |                                  |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Action No.                      | Actions                                             | Responsible Person                                   | Due Date                         | Completed Date | Notes / Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1                               | New Toilets Alex Trevallion Park & Landscaping      | Walgett Shire Council                                | On going                         |                | New GM Greg Ingham spoke to the group about the developments proposed for Alex Trevallion Park to incorporate new amenities better sites for parking new signage and landscaping                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2                               | Link Bowle Website to Walgett Shire Council Website | Let's Dance Carinda Committee & Senior V.I.C Officer | As soon as new website completed |                | Website development ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3                               | Sculptures on the Highway Competition               | Senior V.I.C Officer                                 | New date TBC                     |                | Move away from this competition idea to a more focused Sunset Viewing Platform (see item 5)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4                               | Event Development Guide                             | Tourism Advisory Committee                           | New date TBC                     |                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan to have an events meeting with all local events in the new to develop an event planning guide (see item 7)</li> <li>- Also to support events through co-operative promotion and marketing opportunities</li> <li>- So many funding opportunities – put a wish list together and collectively apply for grants – pool funds</li> <li>- Speak to Events Groups about purchasing flag poles at entrances to town to better promote local events</li> </ul> |
| 5                               | Sunset Viewing Platform                             | Tourism Advisory Committee                           | New date TBC                     |                | Display sculptures on platform on Castlereagh Highway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6                               | Transportable Toilets                               |                                                      | New date TBC                     |                | Alan was an apology will follow up on a quote for next time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7                               | Organise a meeting with local Event Committees      | Senior VIC Officer                                   | New date TBC                     |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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ON 12 February, 2019 AT 5:00PM**

|    |                    |                    |                                |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8  | Tourism Logo       | TAC                | Development phase              |                                | Develop tourism logo separate from Council Logo<br>Currently with designer Joel Pringle<br>Kristie to bring draft to next TAC Meeting for discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9  | In a Good Place    | Senior VIC Officer | 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019    |                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alana to contact Outback Arts (Outback Arts are keen to help us with our application and will supply a letter of support)</li> <li>- Alana to find out how much money is in the sculptures along the highway fund</li> <li>- Alana to email FRRR to find out if our project is eligible for funding.</li> <li>- Jo Coleman to approach Ghit regarding possible material donations</li> </ul> |
| 10 | Buldust to Bitumen | Senior VIC Officer | 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 | Council received and moved Alana's recommendation for the Tourism Advisory Committee to take over the running of the Buldust to Bitumen Festival                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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## 11.2 CORPORATE / COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 11.2.1 CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT AS AT 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate  
**AUTHOR:** Hafiz Malik – Graduate Accountant  
**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 28th February 2019.

**Background:**

The investment portfolio consists of on-call bank accounts, fixed rate interest bearing deposits and variable rate interest bearing deposits. The portfolio is regularly reviewed in order to maximise investment performance and minimise risk. Council's investment portfolio 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 that meet Council's policy guidelines.

All investments at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 are compliant with the Relevant Reference Documents/Policies listed later in this report.

**Current Position:**

Council at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 held a total of \$32,675,095.89 in on-call and interest bearing deposits with financial institutions within Australia. All investments were held with approved deposit taking institutions with a short term rating A-2(A2)/BBB or higher. Council does not have any exposure to unrated institutions.

At the close of the reporting period Council had earned \$542,393.57 in interest including interest accrued to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This result is in excess of the current budget of \$479,384 for the first eight months of the financial year and validates Council's current investing strategy.

Council's investments had an average interest rate of 2.8% per annum and a weighted average interest rate of 2.92%, both of which are higher than the 3 and 6 months BBSW rates of 2.05% and 2.173% respectively as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It is worth noting that the BBSW has been steadily decreasing in value again over the past month.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) has kept the cash rate unchanged at 1.5%.

| <b>Overall Portfolio Maturity</b> |                              |                              |                               |                           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><u>Maturity Periods</u></b>    | <b><u>Policy Minimum</u></b> | <b><u>Policy Maximum</u></b> | <b><u>% of Money held</u></b> | <b><u>Amount held</u></b> |
| Portfolio % < 1 year              | 40%                          | 100%                         | 41.85%                        | \$ 13,675,095.79          |
| Portfolio % > 1 year, < 3 years   | 0%                           | 60%                          | 48.97%                        | \$ 16,000,000.10          |

|                                 |    |     |         |                  |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|---------|------------------|
| Portfolio % > 3 year, < 5 years | 0% | 40% | 9.18%   | \$ 3,000,000.00  |
| Portfolio % > 5 years           | 0% | 10% | 0.00%   | \$ -             |
|                                 |    |     | 100.00% | \$ 32,675,095.89 |

**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 2016)

| <b>Overall Portfolio Maturity as at 28 February 2019</b> |                       |                       |                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Maturity Periods</u>                                  | <u>Policy Minimum</u> | <u>Policy Maximum</u> | <u>% of Money held</u> | <u>Amount held</u> |
| Portfolio % < 1 year                                     | 40%                   | 100%                  | 60.21%                 | \$ 19,675,095.89   |
| Portfolio % > 1 year, < 3 years                          | 0%                    | 60%                   | 30.60%                 | \$ 10,000,000.00   |
| Portfolio % > 3 year, < 5 years                          | 0%                    | 40%                   | 9.18%                  | \$ 3,000,000.00    |
| Portfolio % > 5 years                                    | 0%                    | 10%                   | 0.00%                  | \$ -               |
|                                                          |                       |                       | 100%                   | \$ 32,675,095.89   |

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

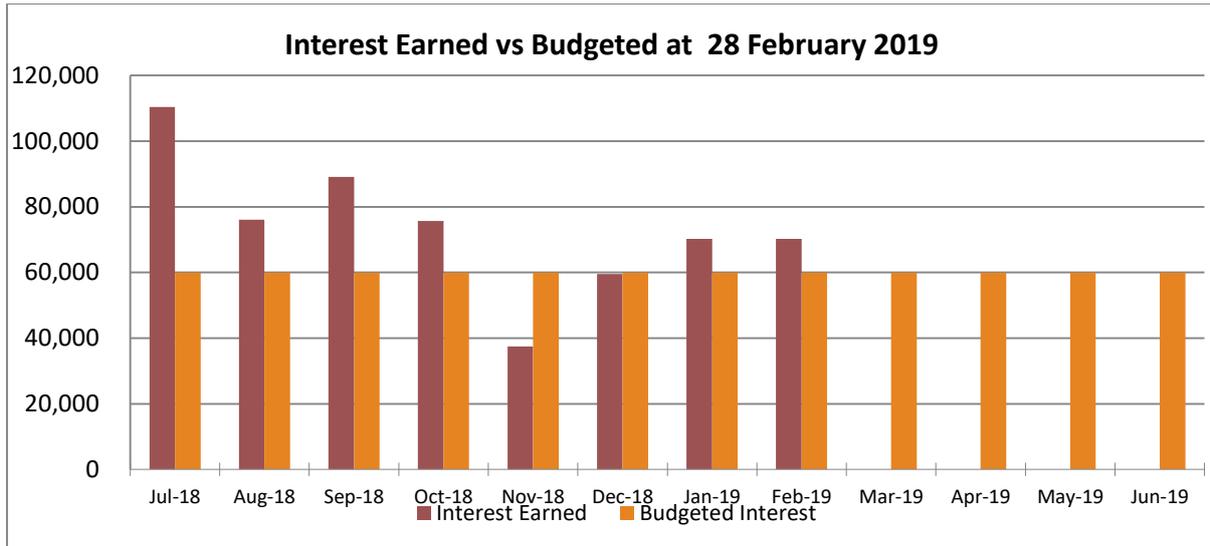
Walgett Shire Council  
 Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
 Financial Institutions

**Financial Implications:**

As per report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

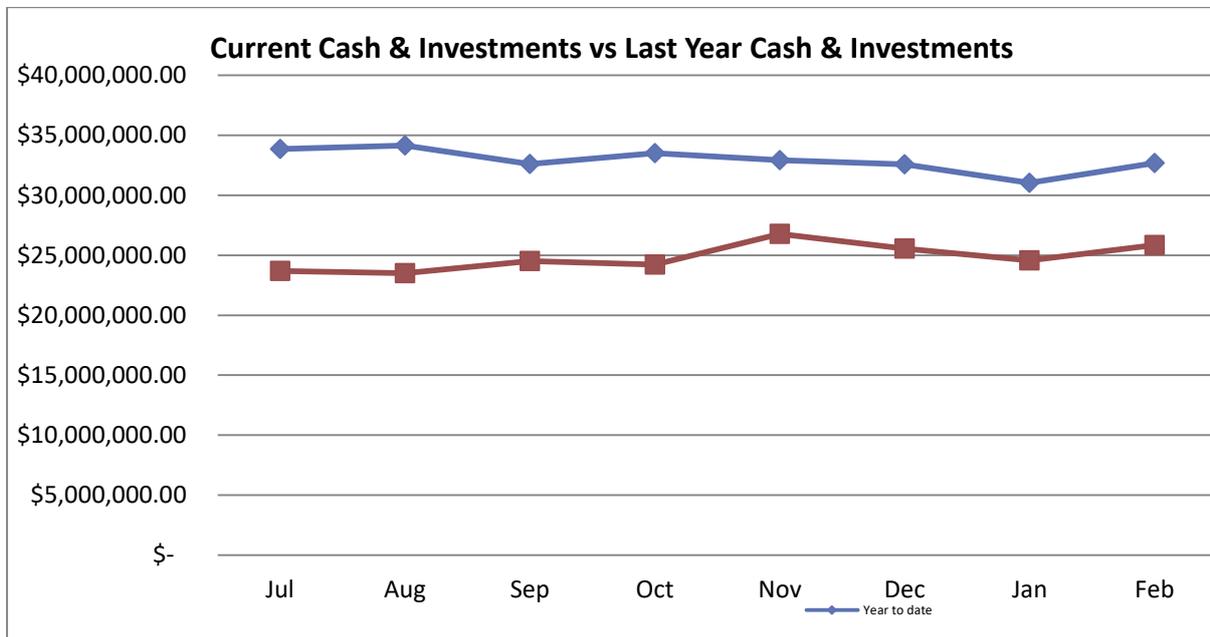
Nil



**Conclusion:**

As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Walgett Shire Council’s total available cash and invested funds totalled \$32,675,095.89, an increase of \$1,656,213.10 from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. This increase in the total portfolio is attributed largely to the receipt of the quarterly rates income, Restart, Drought Communities and Financial Assistance Grants during the month offset by continued focus on grant financed major works projects.

Council’s portfolio return for the month is above original estimates, largely due to the improved investment strategy allowing for longer term investments and variation in investment products.



**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* and Council’s Investments Policy.

2. I hereby certify that Councils cash book and ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Michael J Urquhart  
**Chief Financial Officer – Responsible Accounting Officer**

| <b>CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019</b> |
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| <b>Recommendation:</b> |
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| That the Investment report as at 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 be received and noted. |
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| <b>Moved:</b> |
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| <b>Seconded:</b> |
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## 11.2.2 OUTSTANDING RATES REPORT AS AT FEBRUARY 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kevin Dunshea – Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/183

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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 achieve a recovery of rates and annual charges levied in any given financial year of greater than 90%.

In 2013 financial year the Consolidated Rates Arrears percentage was reported as 13.09%. This improved in 2014 to 9.33% and again in 2015 to 9.32%, however, in 2016 the unrecovered balance increased to 11.63%, a consequence of reduced debt recovery, due to vacancies in the rating area. The audited result of 10.37% for 2016/17 was a good outcome, with a big improvement again in 2017/18 with an audited result of 9.48%.

### **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."

All NSW councils are categorised into Groups. Walgett Shire Council is classified as a Group 10 Council. Each KPI is benchmarked and the benchmarks vary between Council groups. Group 10 Council's should achieve a KPI of less than 10% for the Rates, Annual Charges, interest & Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage by the end of each financial year.

### **Current Position:**

Collection of the current years levy and arrears as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 is 71.18% which is 1.20% less than the previous year's collection of 72.34%. Collections this financial year have slowed with an increasing number of ratepayers choosing to make longer term payment plans, no doubt a result of the prolonged drought conditions. However, at the 10<sup>th</sup> March the recovery had increased to 72.61%. The Staff continue with the recovery process and communicate regularly with ratepayers not making payment or alternative arrangements. Ratepayers currently on other arrangements total 445 rates and 41 for water usage charges.

The 445 assessments include alternative pay arrangements, pay deferrals, payroll deductions, exhausted debt recovery, general queries and assessments on hold.

### **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.

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

**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 will 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 and ongoing commitment to sustain, maintain and improve this key performance indicator.

Council revenue staff in conjunction with debt collection agencies, continue with the debt recovery program.

| MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES REPORT                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The outstanding rates report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates Report

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges as at 28 February 2019

Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 28 February 2019

|                                                         | 10 March 2018         | 28 February 2018      | 28 February 2018      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arrears from previous year                              | 832,246.36            | 832,246.36            | 729,437.40            |
| Adjustment                                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Sub Total                                               | 832,246.36            | 832,246.36            | 729,437.40            |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                            |                       |                       |                       |
| Legal fees (Including write off's)                      | 40,947.00             | 33,112.20             | 39,931.40             |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 9,360,736.60          | 9,360,736.60          | 9,158,166.37          |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | 35,663.36             | 35,490.12             | 33,913.95             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (890.89)              | (890.89)              | (13,026.12)           |
| Sub Total                                               | 9,436,476.07          | 9,430,468.03          | 9,238,987.80          |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>10,268,722.43</b>  | <b>10,262,714.39</b>  | <b>9,968,425.20</b>   |
| <b>Payments</b>                                         | <b>(7,257,780.39)</b> | <b>(7,106,347.02)</b> | <b>(7,032,188.49)</b> |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (98,913.54)           | (98,913.54)           | (98,273.74)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (80,933.50)           | (80,933.50)           | (80,409.79)           |
| Discount                                                |                       | 0.00                  | 13.81                 |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (18,337.50)           | (18,337.50)           | 0.00                  |
| Sub Total                                               | (7,453,988.93)        | (7,304,553.56)        | (7,210,856.21)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>2,812,733.50</b>   | <b>2,958,158.83</b>   | <b>\$2,757,568.99</b> |
| <b>Current</b>                                          | <b>2,224,892.64</b>   | <b>2,366,126.81</b>   | <b>2,150,599.34</b>   |
| <b>Arrears</b>                                          | <b>400,420.06</b>     | <b>404,216.56</b>     | <b>383,418.34</b>     |
| <b>Interest b/f from previous years</b>                 | <b>(2,400.40)</b>     | <b>3,142.61</b>       | <b>13,761.93</b>      |
| <b>Current year interest</b>                            | <b>28,098.30</b>      | <b>28,369.75</b>      | <b>27,099.80</b>      |
| <b>Legals</b>                                           | <b>161,722.90</b>     | <b>156,303.10</b>     | <b>180,689.38</b>     |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>2,812,733.50</b>   | <b>2,958,158.83</b>   | <b>\$2,757,568.99</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 | 72.61%                | 71.18%                | 72.34%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 76.91%                | 73.36%                | 76.11%                |

### **11.2.3 REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE – INTERNATIONAL OPAL JEWELLERY DESIGN AWARDS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 17/57

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**Summary:**

This report aims to assist Council in assessing the request from the International Opal Jewellery Design Awards Association Inc (IOJDAA).

**Background:**

Council each year makes a contribution to the IOJDAA towards its operations and the 18/19 contribution totals \$3,500.

**Current Position:**

The IOJDAA has written to Council seeking a one-off increase in the contribution from \$3,500 to \$7,500 for the financial year 18/19. The IOJDAA is seeking additional support to assist with the purchase of new trade booths. (See attached letter)

The writer has suggested to the Association the booth renewal program be staged with 50% purchase this financial year and the remaining booths at a later date. The IOJDAA has accumulated substantial funds that can facilitate the staged purchase of the booths.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

WSC Procedures – AFM – Requests for Assistance  
Section 356 Local Government Act 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

**Governance issues:**

Council is able to grant financial assistance to community organisations in accordance with Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**Environmental issues:**

No environmental issues have been identified in relation to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
IOJDAA  
Walgett Shire Community and Ratepayers

**Financial Implications:**

The IOJDAA has substantial funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 which would allow the staged purchase and renewal of the trade booths

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

That Council resolve to approve the request.

**Conclusion:**

The CFO recommends Council make the financial assistance contribution to the IOJDAA in accordance with the amount of \$3,500 as advertised in the 18/19 Operational Plan.

**SECTION 356 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE – INTERNATIONAL OPAL JEWELLERY  
DESIGN AWARDS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve a contribution of \$3,500 to the International Opal Jewellery Design Awards Association Inc as advertised in the 18/19 Operational Plan.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Letter received from International Opal Jewellery Design Awards Association.



18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Walgett Shire Council  
Post Office Box 31  
Walgett NSW 2832

**Attention: General Manager and Councillors of Walgett Shire Council**

Dear Sirs and Madams

The committee of the International Opal Jewellery Design Awards Association Inc (IOJDAA) would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Walgett Shire Council for the continued support they have given over the many years that the Awards and Opal Exhibition (Trade Show) have been running.

It is a testament to the popularity of our local area and the marvel and allure of our National Gemstone that the Opal Jewellery Design Awards, the Ultimate Opal Exhibition (formally known as the Trade Show) and the Opal Festival activities continue to be such a draw card to the local area each year.

As a not for profit organisation IOJDAA is run solely by volunteers to the benefit of the local area and enjoyment of many, many visitors to the area. The voluntary efforts of IOJDAA members are a major factor in the overall successful of the Awards, Gala Dinner and Opal Exhibition. Being a not for profit organisation we do rely on the generosity of our wonderful sponsors such as Walgett Shire Council.

In 2019 the committee's goal is to replace the Trade booths used for the Ultimate Opal Exhibition. These important assets are really starting to show their age. The current booths have been in use for over 16 years. Quotes to replace these booths have been given at around \$30,000.00. The IOJDAA committee is asking their loyal sponsors to assist with the replacement of this necessary asset by giving an increased sponsorship amount for 2019. The committee is asking that the generous councillors might consider an increased sponsorship of \$7,500 to assist with the replacement of such an expensive asset however any amount contributed will be graciously received.

The IOJDAA committee would like to again thank the Councillors for their generosity and assistance in past and future events. If you would like to discuss any details pertaining to this request please contact Kavitha Barron President IOJDAA 0427 347 949 or myself 0411 989 405 or email [iojdaa@bigpond.com](mailto:iojdaa@bigpond.com).

With sincere thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Smith".

Sara Smith Secretary  
On Behalf of Kavitha Barron President  
and the International Opal Jewellery Design Awards Association Committee

(Confirmation of receipt of this letter would be most appreciated)

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## 11.2.4 APPOINTMENT OF A NATIVE TITLE MANAGER

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 17/176

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### Background

As part of the crown land reform process, the NSW Government repealed various crown land management legislation replacing them with the new Crown Land Management Act 2016 (the “CLM Act”). The CLM Act came into full force as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

As a consequence, local councils being crown land managers (*previously reserve managers whom managed crown land*) are now responsible for compliance with native title legislation in relation to applicable dedicated or vested land. Local councils are also responsible for compliance with native title legislation in relation to their dealings and activities on Crown reserves and other vested land that they manage.

To ensure compliance with native title legislation, local councils must employ/engage at least one native title manager and obtain written advice from them about native title in relation to certain dealings with land.

A native title manager is a person who has undertaken approved training or qualifications provided by the NSW Crown Solicitor.

In Dubbo on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, Council’s Chief Financial Officer, *Michael John Urquhart*, and Council’s Rates Clerk, *Kevin Andrew Dunshea*, attended introductory native title training delivered by the NSW Crown Solicitor’s Office. As a consequence, both persons were subsequently confirmed by the NSW Department of Industry in 2018 as being qualified persons.

### Current Position

Under the CLM Act, Council, being the crown land manager, must notify the Minister in writing about whether they have engaged or employed a native title manager, including their name and contact details. The notice must be given as soon as practicable after 30 June (*but not after 31 October*) each year.

In order for the required notification to be facilitated, Council needs to resolve to appoint a native title manager.

### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies

Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993  
Commonwealth Native Title Amendment Act 1998  
Native Title (New South Wales) Act 1994  
NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016  
NSW Local Government Act 1993  
NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

### Governance Issues

Council is obliged to appoint a native title manager in accordance with the CLM Act in order to administer applicable crown land which is subject to or may be subject to native title.

### Environmental issues:

There are no identified environmental issues relating to this matter.

**Stakeholders:**

Native Title Claimants  
NSW Government  
Walgett Shire Residents  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

Under the CLM Act where a local council is the crown land manager or owns land vested in it by the Minister and does an act that has an impact on native title rights and interests, the local council is made liable for any compensation that is payable by the State for that act.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no viable alternative options available as Council is an existing crown land manager, managing a number of crown reserves and other vested lands. Under the CLM Act a local council cannot resign as a crown land manager without the Minister’s consent.

**APPOINTMENT OF A NATIVE TITLE MANAGER**

**Recommendation:**

That Council appoint

- (a) Kevin Andrew Dunshea as the “primary” native title manager
- (b) Michael John Urquhart as the “alternate” native title manager

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**11.2.5 SECTION 356 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME ROUND 2  
2018/2019**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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*Report to be tabled at meeting*

## 11.2.6 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 17/18

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### 1. Property Matters

- The CFO has already updated Councillors, Senior Management and the Jockey Club President on the closure of the **Collarenebri Showground grandstand**. A further report shall be tabled when more information is to hand.
- **Colless grandstand**. Following on from the CFO's December report, a "request for Tender" is being developed and will be issued shortly. The proposed grant funds have been reallocated to the Walgett Showground amenities project. Separate report to March 19 Ordinary meeting.
- **Collarenebri Sportsground Amenities shed**. The shed proposal has changed yet again, with approval now given to a local shed builder to construct a facility including a kiosk and provision made for a toilet and shower area at the rear of the shed.
- **Lightning Ridge Multi-purpose Centre**, discussions held with engineers regarding plans.
- **Walgett PCYC** The transfer of land process is progressing with discussions between NSW State Government and the PCYC. Alternate site chosen at the Walgett High School.
- The consultant has provided Council with a report on the condition of the **Lightning Ridge bore bath** and the amenities building which has been reported to Council. A survey is now complete, Engineer lodged plans with Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 19..
- Refurbishment of the bathroom facilities at the **Administration Centre** was originally put on hold. A Request for Quotation was issued early December 18 for the works with no contractors attending the inspection day, and no quotations received. The RFQ has been posted on Tenderlink.
- Work has commenced on the painting of the **Walgett Swimming Pool** amenities. Painting of the kiosk/entry will commence after the 18/19 season.
- Painting of the **Walgett big pool**. The contractor shall return at the end of the 18/19 season to paint the big pool, repair leaks in the expansion joints and replace tiles around the gutters.
- **Burren Junction Hall** grant application approved. Contracts issued, work commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 18. Work to be completed by mid May.
- **Burren Junction Bore Bath** camping charges. Signs for the bore bath are underway and the EFTPOS machine has been received. All will be in readiness for the 2019 winter season. The 355 Committee has continued to collect donations from the honesty box for the 2018 season.

- Tourism signage at **Burren Junction**. Plans are underway to renew the big green Welcome To Burren Junction sign at Burren Junction along with a number of smaller signs at the bore bath.
- A new **Burren Junction Bore Bath toilet facility** is being investigated with drawings underway and discussions regarding the best treatment system continue.
- Painting/refurbishment and air conditioning of the **Collarenebri Town Hall**. It was recommended this project be also funded from the “Drought Communities program”. *Project withdrawn due to changes in priority of possible program projects. This project may be re-considered as part of another grant program.*
- Grant application submitted for two (2) sheds for the **Collarenebri Showground**. Grant approved, sheds nearing completion.
- The **Lightning Ridge depot** has a number of Workplace Health and Safety issues and the amenity improvements are underway.
- The **Collarenebri Golf Club** replacement is an insurance matter, a Request for Quotation to be issued February 19.
- **Carinda hall** painting project has been awarded and purchase orders issued.
- **Walgett Showground**- maintenance painting of Rabo pavilion and repair of ticket box to be completed by the end of April 19.

## 2. Finance & Administration

- Water standpipe testing continuing with Info Services Co-ordinator to prepare for training of staff and issue of information brochure. Underway.
- FBT Policy to be developed. In progress.
- Email sent to OLG regarding special rates for water access by ratepayers outside reticulation system. Information received and a separate report to be tabled to Council.
- Development of WH & S Strategy.
- Council to look at Statewide Airport management system.
- CFO presentation to community forums to include Council initiative for placing defibrillators in shire villages and towns.
- School to work program underway and in place.
- Preliminary works commenced on the 19/20 budget reports.
- Integrated Planning & reporting community consultation program to commence March/April.

**MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY – FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**Recommendation:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the Chief Financial Officer in the following areas; Property Matters, Finance & Administration and Community Services be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 11.3 ENGINEERING / TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 11.3.1 MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT – MARCH 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress with regards RMCC works till 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

**Background:**

The RMS has approved a contract of \$ 3,269,818 for 2018/2019 financial year. The details are:

| RMS RMCC Contract Works | Budget                 | Expenditure            | Progress   |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| RMCC -Routine Services  | \$ 780,876.00          | \$ 344,482.00          | 44%        |
| RMCC Ordered Works      | \$ 2,488,942.00        | \$ 1,148,150.00        | 46%        |
| <b>Sub total</b>        | <b>\$ 3,269,818.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,492,632.00</b> | <b>46%</b> |

**Current Position:**

Currently Council is carrying out the routine services only.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

RMS approved budget

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire  
 Walgett Residents

**Financial Implications:**

As at 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, \$1,492,632 (46%) has been spent.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor the work progress of RMCC to ensure the works complete within the guidelines.

**MONTHLY RMCC WORKS – MARCH 2019**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for March 2019.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## 11.3.2 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT – MARCH 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit 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 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019.

### **Background:**

Council has allocated amounts of \$ \$3,135,340.00 to maintain the unsealed & sealed Local and Regional Roads to provide acceptable level of service. The Budget has been distributed to each road based on the length of road to allow maintenance grading at least once a year. Most roads get damaged after rain events several times in each year. Due to the draught condition, Council has not been succeeded to grade most of the roads.

### **Current Position:**

Council is continuing to check the moisture situation on local roads and carrying out maintenance grading works on an ongoing basis.

Details of maintenance grading locations are detailed in the attached report.

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

Council's approved 2018/2019 Shire Roads Maintenance Grading Works schedule

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

### **Financial Implications:**

As of 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, \$1,799,318.00 ( 57%) has been spent from a total amount of \$3,135,340.00 provided in the 2018/2019 budget and operational plan.

### **Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

### **Conclusion:**

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

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT – MARCH 2019**

**Recommendation:**

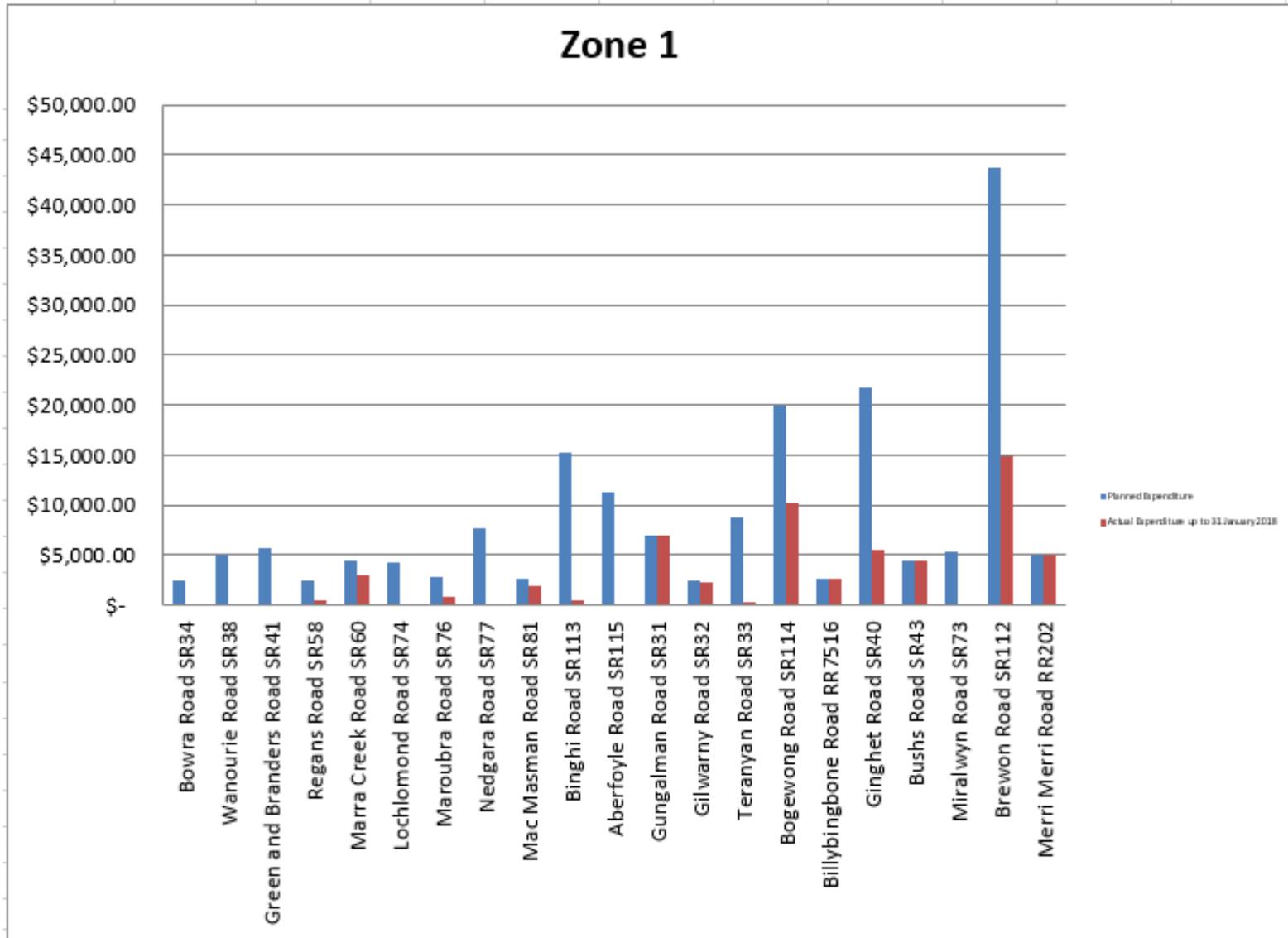
That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for March 2019.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

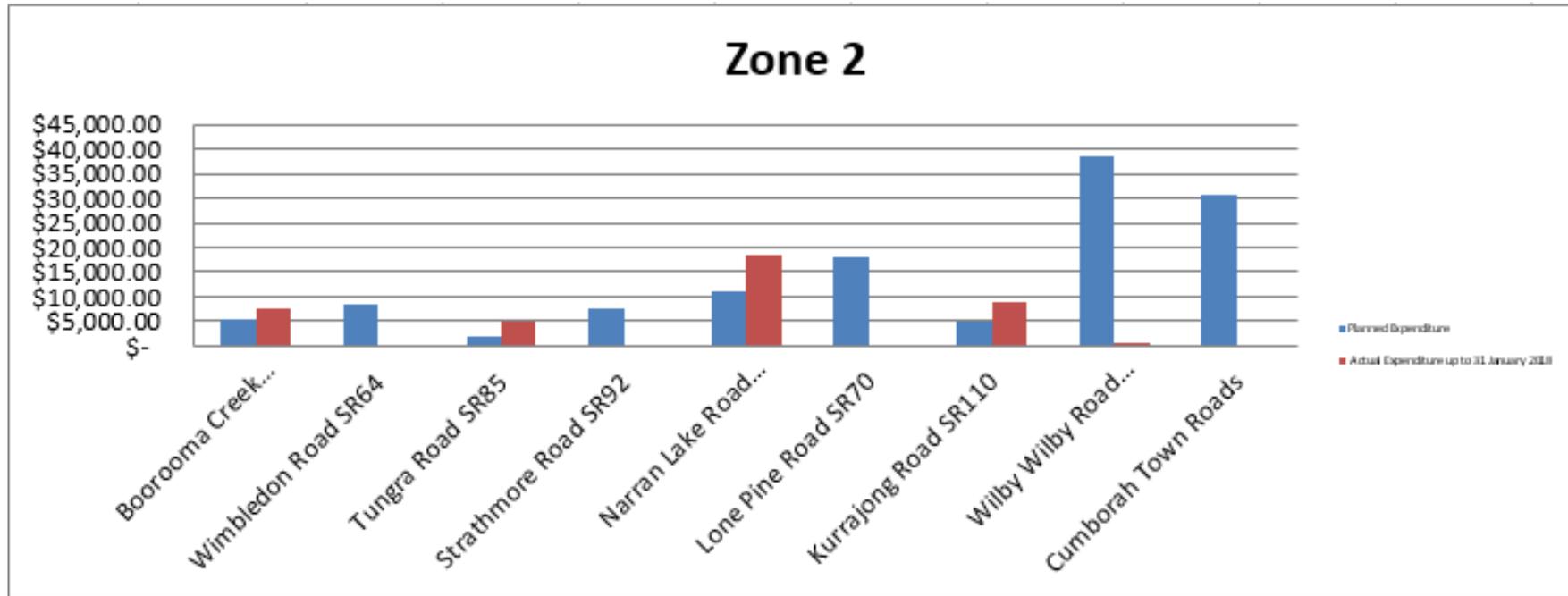
**Attachments:**

Maintenance works progress summary.



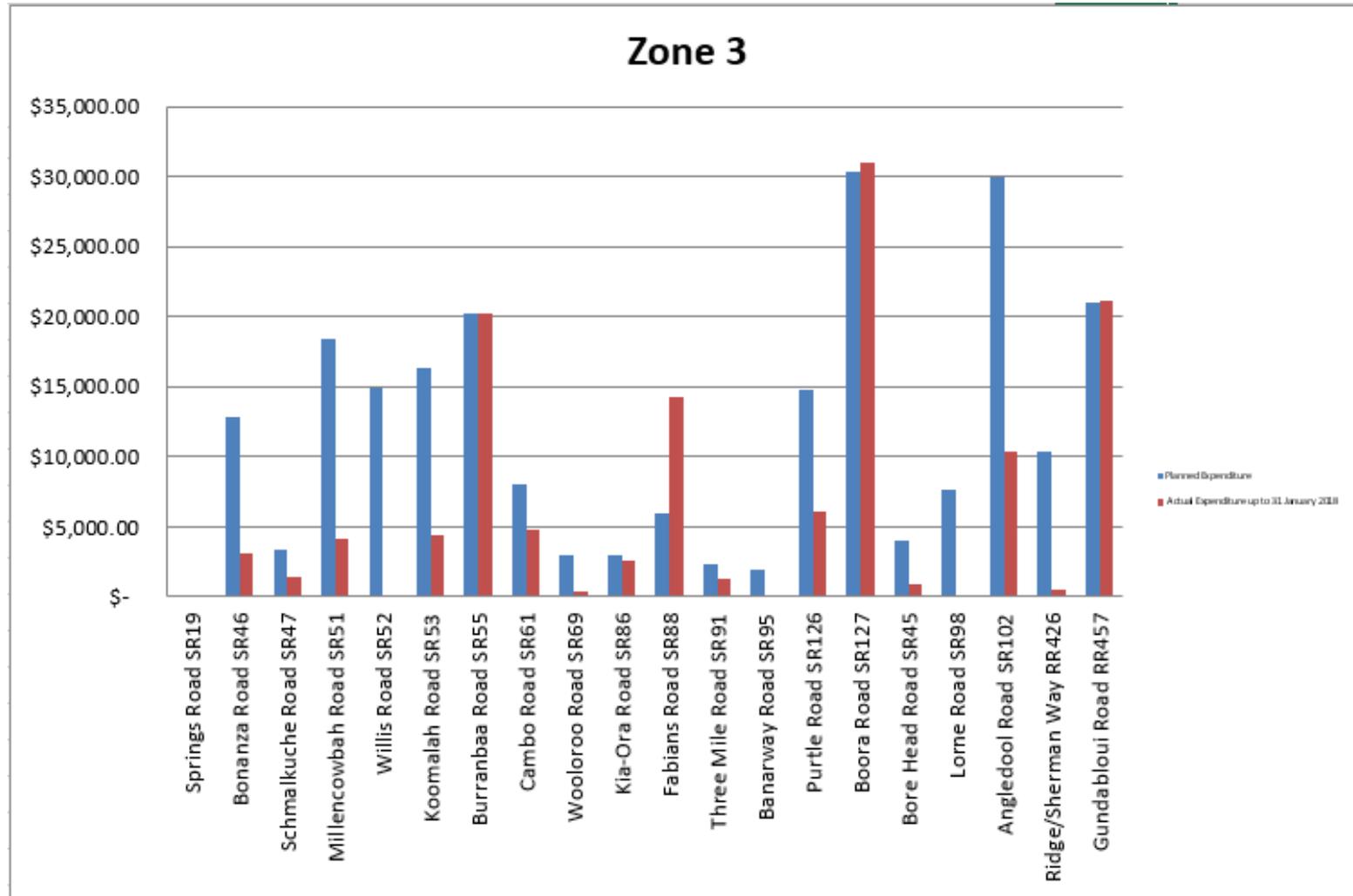
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| Road Name                    | Total Length of Road | Planned Length | Planned Expenditure  | Road Category | Actual End date | Actual Expenditure up to 31 January 2018 | %          |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Zone 1</b>                |                      |                |                      |               |                 |                                          |            |
| Bowra Road SR34              | 3.95                 | 3.95           | \$ 2,514.59          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Wanourie Road SR38           | 6.5                  | 6.5            | \$ 4,964.62          | E             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Green and Branders Road SR41 | 11.3                 | 11.3           | \$ 5,674.71          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Regans Road SR58             | 3.2                  | 3.2            | \$ 2,412.50          | F             | 13-11-17        | \$560.00                                 | 23%        |
| Marra Creek Road SR60        | 17.5                 | 17.5           | \$ 4,503.74          | E             | 28-07-17        | \$2,940.00                               | 65%        |
| Lochlomond Road SR74         | 8.4                  | 8.4            | \$ 4,307.07          | E             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Maroubra Road SR76           | 8.3                  | 8.3            | \$ 2,817.84          | E             | 15-11-17        | \$840.00                                 | 30%        |
| Nedgara Road SR77            | 10.7                 | 10.7           | \$ 7,708.90          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Mac Masman Road SR81         | 8                    | 8              | \$ 2,634.69          | E             | 23-11-17        | \$1,890.00                               | 72%        |
| Binghi Road SR113            | 20.1                 | 20.1           | \$ 15,200.11         | E             | 20-01-18        | \$560.00                                 | 4%         |
| Aberfoyle Road SR115         | 26.2                 | 26.2           | \$ 11,349.42         | D             |                 | \$95.68                                  | 1%         |
| Gungalman Road SR31          | 43.7                 | 43.7           | \$ 7,000.00          | D             | 02-10-17        | \$7,000.00                               | 100%       |
| Gilwarny Road SR32           | 7.9                  | 7.9            | \$ 2,432.02          | F             | 15-10-17        | \$2,205.00                               | 91%        |
| Teranyan Road SR33           | 13.7                 | 13.7           | \$ 8,768.78          | D             | 17-10-17        | \$350.00                                 | 4%         |
| Bogewong Road SR114          | 48.7                 | 48.7           | \$ 20,000.00         | D             | 25-09-17        | \$10,220.00                              | 51%        |
| Billybingbone Road RR7516    | 18.67                | 18.67          | \$ 2,578.25          | C             | 23-08-17        | \$2,578.25                               | 100%       |
| Ginghet Road SR40            | 47.6                 | 47.6           | \$ 21,820.61         | D             | 23-07-17        | \$5,460.00                               | 25%        |
| Bushs Road SR43              | 8.7                  | 8.7            | \$ 4,410.00          | D             | 25-10-17        | \$4,410.00                               | 100%       |
| Miralwyn Road SR73           | 17.9                 | 17.9           | \$ 5,369.96          | D             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Brewon Road SR112            | 54.7                 | 54.7           | \$ 43,635.21         | C             | 20-01-18        | \$14,980.00                              | 34%        |
| Merri Merri Road RR202       | 6.57                 | 6.57           | \$ 5,040.00          | C             | 23-08-17        | \$5,040.00                               | 100%       |
| <b>Sub total Zone 1</b>      | <b>392.29</b>        | <b>392.29</b>  | <b>\$ 185,142.99</b> |               |                 | <b>\$ 59,128.93</b>                      | <b>32%</b> |



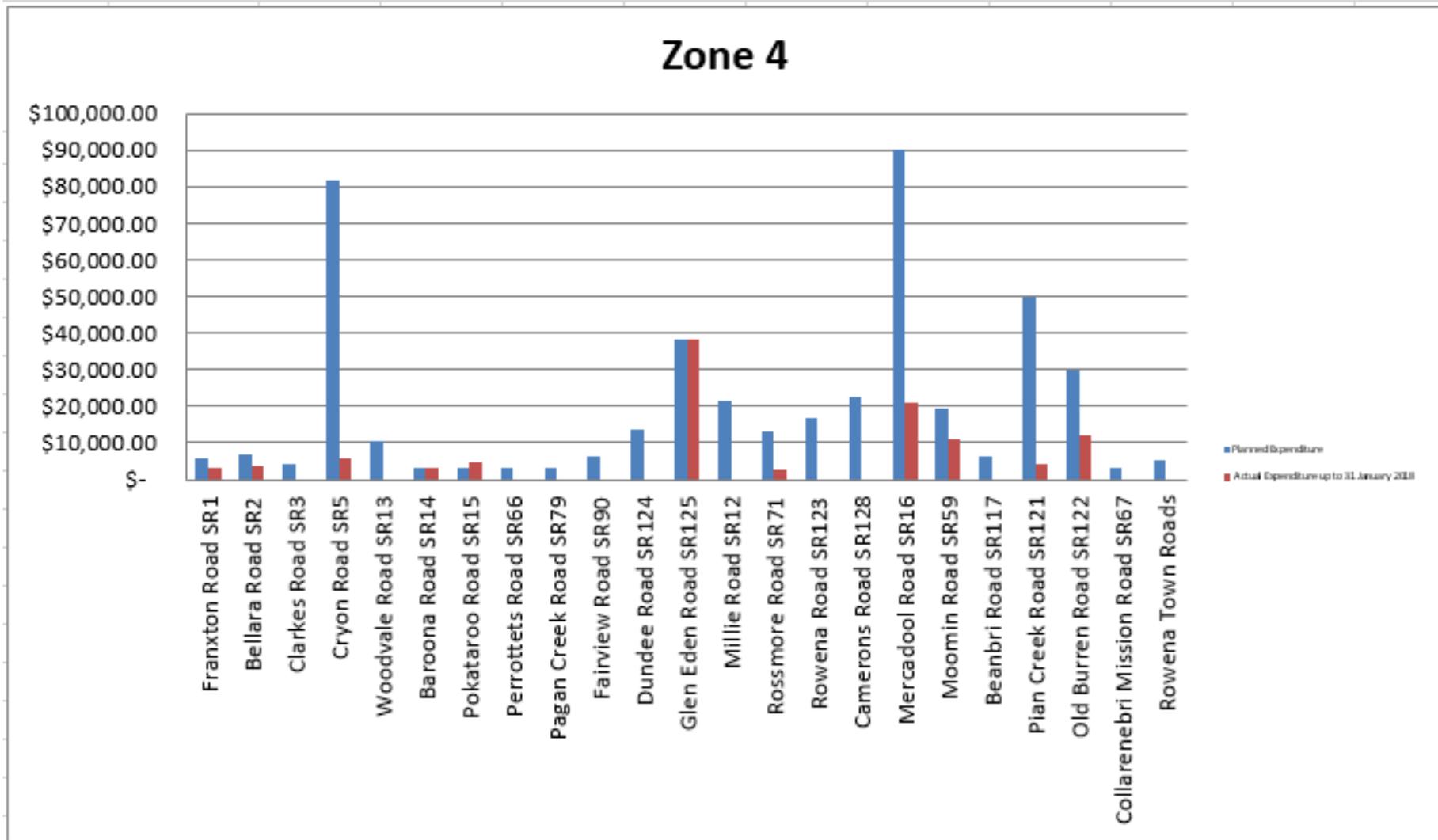
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Zone 2</b>            |                             |                       |                            |                      |                        |                                                 |            |
| Boorooma Creek Road SR48 | 19.1                        | 19.1                  | \$ 5,515.00                | E                    |                        | \$7,738.26                                      | 140%       |
| Wimbledon Road SR64      | 3.4                         | 3.4                   | \$ 8,279.37                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Tungra Road SR85         | 12.7                        | 12.7                  | \$ 1,963.63                | F                    | 05-12-17               | \$4,802.12                                      | 245%       |
| Strathmore Road SR92     | 16.42                       | 16.42                 | \$ 7,506.23                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Narran Lake Road SR111   | 61                          | 61                    | \$ 10,935.00               | D                    | 14-07-17               | \$18,658.70                                     | 171%       |
| Lone Pine Road SR70      | 9.6                         | 9.6                   | \$ 18,014.95               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Kurrajong Road SR110     | 27.8                        | 27.8                  | \$ 4,999.15                | D                    |                        | \$8,726.80                                      | 175%       |
| Wilby Wilby Road SR101   | 28.7                        | 28.7                  | \$ 38,673.59               | D                    |                        | \$4.54                                          | 0%         |
| Cumborah Town Roads      |                             |                       | \$ 30,694.47               | E                    |                        |                                                 |            |
| <b>Sub total Zone 2</b>  | <b>178.72</b>               | <b>178.72</b>         | <b>\$ 126,581.38</b>       |                      |                        | <b>\$ 39,930.42</b>                             | <b>32%</b> |



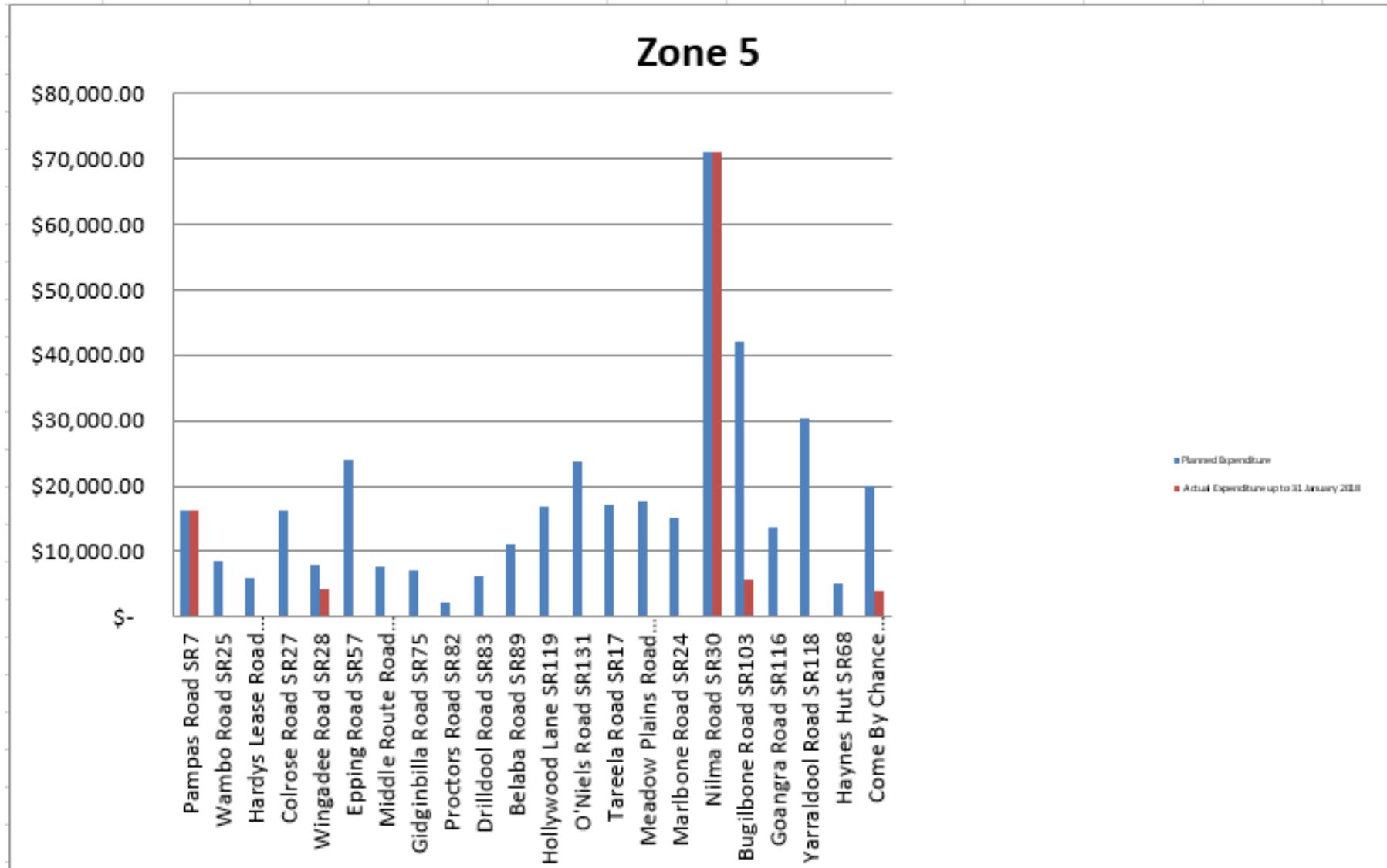
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| Road Name               | Total Length of Road | Planned Length | Planned Expenditure  | Road Category | Actual End date | Actual Expenditure up to 31 January 2018 |            |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Zone 3</b>           |                      |                |                      |               |                 |                                          |            |
| Springs Road SR19       | 2.7                  | 2.7            | \$ -                 | E             |                 |                                          |            |
| Bonanza Road SR46       | 16.9                 | 16.9           | \$ 12,880.69         | E             | 04-07-17        | \$3,080.00                               | 24%        |
| Schmalkuche Road SR47   | 14.4                 | 14.4           | \$ 3,340.27          | E             | 26-07-17        | \$1,431.87                               | 43%        |
| Millencowbah Road SR51  | 27.7                 | 27.7           | \$ 18,420.28         | E             | 08-11-17        | \$4,180.00                               | 23%        |
| Willis Road SR52        | 14.5                 | 14.5           | \$ 14,934.39         | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Koomalah Road SR53      | 28.4                 | 28.4           | \$ 16,363.58         | E             | 28-11-17        | \$4,440.00                               | 27%        |
| Burrabaa Road SR55      | 18.1                 | 18.1           | \$ 20,240.00         | E             | 29-07-17        | \$20,240.00                              | 100%       |
| Cambo Road SR61         | 21.1                 | 21.1           | \$ 8,096.22          | E             | 27-04-17        | \$4,820.40                               | 60%        |
| Woolaroo Road SR69      | 1                    | 1              | \$ 3,002.49          | E             | 10-10-17        | \$350.00                                 | 12%        |
| Kia-Ora Road SR86       | 6.8                  | 6.8            | \$ 3,002.49          | F             | 21-07-17        | \$2,595.68                               | 86%        |
| Fabians Road SR88       | 24.8                 | 24.8           | \$ 5,989.97          | E             | 01-12-17        | \$14,320.00                              | 239%       |
| Three Mile Road SR91    | 0.2                  | 0.2            | \$ 2,374.97          | E             | 19-10-17        | \$1,302.14                               | 55%        |
| Banarway Road SR95      | 1.2                  | 1.2            | \$ 1,926.10          | D             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Purtle Road SR126       | 26.8                 | 26.8           | \$ 14,808.29         | E             | 13-09-17        | \$6,155.31                               | 42%        |
| Boora Road SR127        | 63.8                 | 63.8           | \$ 30,378.10         | D             | 03-08-17        | \$31,008.10                              | 102%       |
| Bore Head Road SR45     | 5.1                  | 5.1            | \$ 4,068.38          | D             | 10-10-17        | \$910.00                                 | 22%        |
| Lorne Road SR98         | 6.9                  | 6.9            | \$ 7,686.38          | D             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Angledool Road SR102    | 49.3                 | 49.3           | \$ 30,000.00         | C             | 12-11-17        | \$10,340.00                              | 34%        |
| Ridge/Sherman Way RR426 | 70.1                 | 70.1           | \$ 10,371.75         | C             | 13-01-18        | \$560.00                                 | 5%         |
| Gundabloui Road RR457   | 40.9                 | 40.9           | \$ 21,000.00         | C             | 07-08-17        | \$21,098.29                              | 100%       |
| <b>Sub total Zone 3</b> | <b>440.7</b>         | <b>440.7</b>   | <b>\$ 228,884.34</b> |               |                 | <b>\$ 126,831.79</b>                     | <b>55%</b> |



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|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Zone 4</b>                  |                      |                |                      |               |                 |                                          |            |
| Franxton Road SR1              | 19                   | 19             | \$ 5,992.97          | E             | 03-08-17        | \$3,403.40                               | 57%        |
| Bellara Road SR2               | 21.4                 | 21.4           | \$ 6,755.61          | D             | 23-07-17        | \$3,534.30                               | 52%        |
| Clarkes Road SR3               | 6                    | 6              | \$ 4,027.84          | E             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Cryon Road SR5                 | 56.75                | 56.75          | \$ 81,852.42         | C             | 31/7/2017       | \$5,563.25                               | 7%         |
| Woodvale Road SR13             | 8.96                 | 8.96           | \$ 10,348.09         | E             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Barooka Road SR14              | 11.1                 | 11.1           | \$ 3,340.27          | E             | 28-12-17        | \$3,166.70                               | 95%        |
| Pokataroo Road SR15            | 8.1                  | 8.1            | \$ 2,946.95          | E             | 11-12-17        | \$4,612.05                               | 157%       |
| Perrottets Road SR66           | 5.9                  | 5.9            | \$ 3,002.49          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Pagan Creek Road SR79          | 1.3                  | 1.3            | \$ 3,002.49          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Fairview Road SR90             | 12.6                 | 12.6           | \$ 6,095.06          | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Dundee Road SR124              | 13.9                 | 13.9           | \$ 13,661.34         | F             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Glen Eden Road SR125           | 24.6                 | 24.6           | \$ 38,470.54         | E             | 30-09-17        | \$38,470.54                              | 100%       |
| Millie Road SR12               | 9.1                  | 9.1            | \$ 21,619.44         | C             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Rossmore Road SR71             | 10.7                 | 10.7           | \$ 13,135.90         | C             | 14-12-17        | \$2,682.50                               | 20%        |
| Rowena Road SR123              | 34.5                 | 34.5           | \$ 16,519.71         | E             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Camerons Road SR128            | 15.2                 | 15.2           | \$ 22,698.83         | D             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Mercadool Road SR16            | 57.7                 | 57.7           | \$ 90,000.00         | C             | 22-12-17        | \$20,950.85                              | 23%        |
| Moomin Road SR59               | 31                   | 31             | \$ 19,364.57         | D             | 05-01-18        | \$11,034.90                              | 57%        |
| Beanbri Road SR117             | 4.9                  | 4.9            | \$ 6,134.09          | C             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Pian Creek Road SR121          | 41.7                 | 41.7           | \$ 49,701.74         | C             | 15-01-18        | \$4,397.45                               | 9%         |
| Old Burren Road SR122          | 33.9                 | 33.9           | \$ 29,634.59         | D             | 12-12-17        | \$12,035.00                              | 41%        |
| Collarenebri Mission Road SR67 | 4.6                  | 4.6            | \$ 3,002.49          | C             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| Rowena Town Roads              |                      |                | \$ 5,404.48          | D             |                 |                                          | 0%         |
| <b>Sub total Zone 4</b>        | <b>432.91</b>        | <b>432.91</b>  | <b>\$ 456,711.90</b> |               |                 | <b>\$ 109,850.94</b>                     | <b>24%</b> |



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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Zone 5</b>              |                             |                       |                            |                      |                        |                                                 |            |
| Pampas Road SR7            | 16.3                        | 16.3                  | \$ 16,385.00               | E                    | 01-12-17               | \$16,385.00                                     | 100%       |
| Wombo Road SR25            | 17.7                        | 17.7                  | \$ 8,444.51                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Hardys Lease Road SR26     | 16                          | 16                    | \$ 5,992.97                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Colrose Road SR27          | 20.6                        | 20.6                  | \$ 16,314.04               | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Wingadee Road SR28         | 11.8                        | 11.8                  | \$ 7,944.59                | E                    |                        | \$4,370.00                                      | 55%        |
| Epping Road SR57           | 15.4                        | 15.4                  | \$ 24,140.03               | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Middle Route Road SR72     | 9.6                         | 9.6                   | \$ 7,551.27                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Gidginbilla Road SR75      | 7.4                         | 7.4                   | \$ 7,160.94                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Proctors Road SR82         | 4.4                         | 4.4                   | \$ 2,251.87                | F                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Drilldool Road SR83        | 5.1                         | 5.1                   | \$ 6,200.14                | F                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Belaba Road SR89           | 11.2                        | 11.2                  | \$ 11,244.33               | F                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Hollywood Lane SR119       | 29.9                        | 29.9                  | \$ 16,828.96               | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| O'Niels Road SR131         | 31.1                        | 31.1                  | \$ 23,695.66               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Tareela Road SR17          | 19.4                        | 19.4                  | \$ 17,000.00               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Meadow Plains Road SR21    | 23.9                        | 23.9                  | \$ 17,815.28               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Marlbone Road SR24         | 28.4                        | 28.4                  | \$ 15,000.00               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Nilma Road SR30            | 37.8                        | 37.8                  | \$ 71,128.76               | D                    | 23-11-17               | \$71,128.76                                     | 100%       |
| Bugilbone Road SR103       | 28.7                        | 28.7                  | \$ 42,137.43               | C                    | 12-08-17               | \$5,800.00                                      | 14%        |
| Goangra Road SR116         | 16.4                        | 16.4                  | \$ 13,604.29               | D                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Yarraldool Road SR118      | 41.3                        | 41.3                  | \$ 30,265.11               | C                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Haynes Hut SR68            | 4.5                         | 4.5                   | \$ 5,059.20                | E                    |                        |                                                 | 0%         |
| Come By Chance Road RR7716 | 60.9                        | 60.9                  | \$ 20,000.00               | C                    | 17-11-17               | \$4,060.00                                      | 20%        |
| <b>Sub total Zone 5</b>    | <b>457.8</b>                | <b>457.8</b>          | <b>\$ 386,164.38</b>       |                      |                        | <b>\$ 101,743.76</b>                            | <b>26%</b> |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,902.42</b>             | <b>1,902.42</b>       | <b>\$ 1,383,485.00</b>     |                      |                        | <b>437,485.84</b>                               | <b>32%</b> |



### 11.3.3 MONTHLY SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT– MARCH 2019

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering/Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council with regards Engineering Services works progress up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**Background:**

A budget of \$ 35.177 Million including RMCC work has been allocated to the Rural Infrastructure and Support Service for capital & maintenance works, Quarry management, fleet management and engineering administration for 2018/2019.

A budget for water works is 4.626 Million including licencing and waste water is 1.823 Million including CCTV and Depreciation. The total budge of engineering works is 41.626 Million.

**Current Position:**

The status of work progress is as follows;

**1. Transportation division :**

| Items                                    | Comments  |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Gravel Pits - Restoration                | Completed |
| Corridor - Vegetation Control            | Completed |
| Rural Unsealed Pavement Reshape Form     | Completed |
| Replace Bus Shelter - RR426              | Completed |
| Shire Boundary Sign renewals             | Completed |
| Walgett Skate Park                       | Completed |
| New Bores (Cumborah)                     | Completed |
| Walgett - K&G/Footpath (Wee Waa-Euroka)  | Completed |
| Cryon Road Gravel Resheeting             | Completed |
| Lorne Road Gravel Resheeting             | Completed |
| Dewhurst St K&G and reseal (Spoon Drain) | Completed |
| Billybingbone Road Gravel Resheeting     | Completed |

**2. Water works**

| Items                                    | Comments  |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Lightening Ridge                         |           |
| Save Water Alliance Fees-                | Completed |
| Pumping station -Repairs and maintenance | Completed |
| Prepaid Billing System (Standpipe)       | Completed |
| Pump Station Switchboard Replacement     | Completed |
| Collarenebri                             |           |
| Save Water Alliance Fees                 | Completed |
| Pump Station Switchboard Replacement     | Completed |

**3. Sewer works**

| Items              | Comments    |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Works in all towns | In progress |

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

2018/19 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, \$ 18.204 Million (43.80 %) has been spent from a total amount of \$ 41.626 Million allocated for the 2018/2019 budget.

**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.

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**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for March 2019.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Nil

### 11.3.4 MERCADOOL ROAD

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering/Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

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**Summary:**

This report seeks Council's resolution regarding the Mercadool Road Project.

**Background:**

A budget of \$ 583,624 under Roads to Recovery funding has been allocated to gravel and levelling of road surface and removing corrugations on the Mercadool Road. Council has spent a significant amount in last few years to bring acceptable level of service. Due to the significant movement vehicle the road gravel has been turned to dust form and requires more works in future.

**Current Position:**

Comparing to the other Shire Roads, the Mercadool Road is one of the busiest roads of the shire and has been attended in regular basis to maintain the road.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's approved 2018/2019 budget

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

The estimated cost to gravel of 3 km is \$ 583,624

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Seal the road for long life

**Conclusion:**

Council has spent a significant amount money to gravel the proposed section in previous years and has been turned to dust form. Hence it recommended to seal the section by using the available budget of \$ 583,624 for longer life. The estimated length that can be sealed is approximately 2.5 km.

| MERCADOOL ROAD                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council resolves to authorise to seal 2.5 km starts from 6 km from Castlereagh Highway on the Mercadool Road.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Nil

### 11.3.5 SEALING OF ABERFOYLE ROAD

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

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**Summary:**

This report seeks Council's resolution regarding the sealing of Aberfoyle Road.

**Background:**

A budget of \$ 110,000 under Roads to Recovery funding has been allocated to seal a segment of 400 m on the Aberfoyle Road. The proposed project is situated between chainage 17.075 km and Chainage 17.475 km measured from the Brewon Road.

**Current Position:**

The Aberfoyle Road ( SR 115 ) is a dirt road and links to Brewon Road ( SR112 ) , Wanourie Road ( SR 38) and Bogewong Road ( SR114).

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's approved 2018/2019 budget

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

The estimated cost to seal the 400 m long reach is \$ 110,000

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

**Conclusion:**

The proposed segment of 400 m long reach will provide service for one family only and hence it is recommended either transfer the budget to Wanourie Creek Road to seal a section of 400 m between the Cumberland Way and newly sealed section or to gravel the Aberfoyle Road starts from the Wanourie Road towards the Bogewong Road.

| SEALING OF ABERFOYLE ROAD                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council resolves to authorise to transfer the budget to seal the Wanourie Creek Road (400 m) between the Cumberland way and the sealed section.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Nil

### 11.3.6 LIGHTNING RIDGE ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering/Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Raju Ranjit - Director Engineering Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 11/211

**Summary:**

This report relates to the consideration of options received from the feasibility study for sealing the back road from Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.

**Background:**

The back road between Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge has been identified by Council as a constraint for access for the transport of agricultural products and services between the two communities within the Shire. The current link is an unsealed road that becomes impassable in wet weather. PEECE Pty Ltd were requested to undertake a feasibility assessment on upgrading and sealing the road. PEECE have undertaken the assessment and have developed two (2) reports, being:

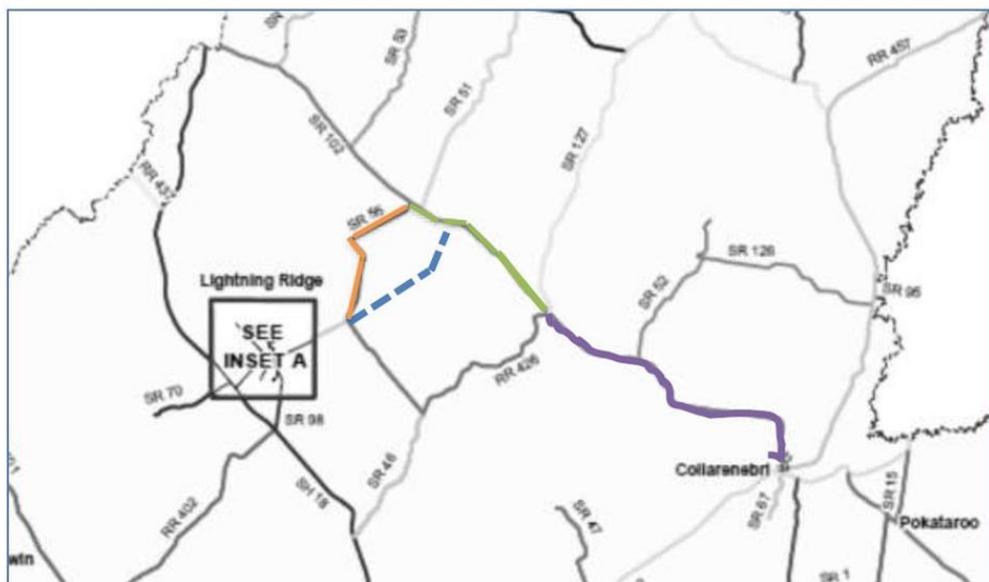
- Sealing the Back Road between Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri – Feasibility Study
- Business Case for Sealing the Back Road between Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri

**Current Position:**

A feasibility report had been discussed in February 2019 Council meeting. The following two options were discussed in the meeting;

Option 1: Extension of Shermans Way with a new link to Angledool Road following Angledool Road (SR102) to the Crossroads and then Ridge Road (RR426) to Collarenebri

Option 2 : Following the existing Burranbaa Road ( SR 55) from Shermans Way to Angledool Road ( SR102).Follow the Angledool Road ( SR102) to the Ridge Road ( RR426) to Collarenebri.



|  |                                                 |  |                                                       |
|--|-------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Extension of Shermans Way (new link) - Option 1 |  | Angledool Road - different lengths for Option 1 and 2 |
|  | Burranbaa Road - Option 2                       |  | Ridge Road - both Options                             |

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Sealing the Back Road between Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri – Feasibility Study  
Business Case for Sealing the Back Road between Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri

**Governance issues:**

N/A.

**Environmental issues:**

N/A

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Collarenebri Community  
Lightning Ridge Community  
Freight industries

**Financial Implications:**

Funding has not been allocated for this project yet.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

**Conclusion:**

Option 1 involves 16.55km of new construction and 48.15km of upgrading on the existing alignment giving a total length of 64.70km, whilst option 2 involves upgrading of 69.5 km of existing road.

Option 1 was estimated to cost \$16.18 million, with option 2 estimated at \$16.13 million, with a detailed Cost Benefit Analysis being undertaken of both options.

The feasibility assessment indicates that there are significant benefits to Walgett Shire Council in the sealing of the Lightning Ridge to Collarenebri Road. The report goes onto recommend Option 2 as the preferred options through reduced risk to Council in terms of:

- Construction across difficult flood prone terrain
- Issues relating to the acquisition of a road reserve for a new link
- The need to secure a large grant to complete the new link in a single year. Council will not be able to start the new link in Option 1 until it has funding.

**LIGHTNING RIDGE ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council note and adopt the option 2 (Following the existing Burranbaa Road (SR 55) from Shermans Way to Angledool Road (SR102). Follow the Angledool Road (SR102) the Ridge Road (RR426) to Collarenebri).

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## 11.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### 11.4.1 BUILDING FUTURE COMMUNITIES PROJECT

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Glenn Petersen - Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/256

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**Summary:**

This report seeks to inform Council of the Building Future Communities Project led by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The project intends to better prepare Council and the community to better respond to population change. A description of the project and the intended outcomes is attached (Attachment A). It is recommended that Council note the Building Future Communities Project Brief.

**Background:**

The *Far West Regional Plan 2036* outlines the NSW Government's strategy for planning decision in our region. Part of this plan includes dealing with population change.

Council also has an obligation to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community.

**Current Position:**

DPE has requested two workshops to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> during Council meetings. DPE have indicated this is their preference due to its success during the trial project at Bourke and Cobar Shire Councils.

The workshops will last about one and a half hours.

The DPE Demographic team from Sydney will be collecting and presenting information at the workshop.

DPE have also requested a key stakeholder contact list which they will contact to invite to the workshop. The list includes:

- Dharriwaa Elders Group
- Local Aboriginal Land Council - Lightning Ridge
- Local Aboriginal Land Council – Walgett
- State ALC
- Walgett Aboriginal Medical Services
- Western NSW LHD
- Lightning Ridge Miners Association
- Grawin Glengary Sheepyards Miners Assoc.
- NSW Police
- NSW Farmers

DPE have also indicated that the workshop will be advertised via various media such as radio, newspaper, social media and flyers with rates notices. They also intend to advertise the workshop on Council's Facebook page and notice boards.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Far West Regional Plan 2036
- Community Strategic Plan

**Governance issues:**

Council's charter: - Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council's charter, which includes:

- \* to exercise community leadership
- \* to have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
- \* to engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community
- \* to exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

**Environmental issues:**

Any environmental issues that arise as part of a targeted action plan will be assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, Local Community, Department of Planning and Environment, various State agencies that provide community services.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing.

**Conclusion:**

**BUILDING FUTURE COMMUNITIES PROJECT**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council note the Building Future Communities Project Brief and the intended dates for the workshops.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

A – 2019 Building Future Communities Project Brief from Department of Planning and Environment

## Attachment A – 2019 Building Future Communities Project Brief from Department of Planning and Environment.

### 2019 Building Future Communities Project Brief

As you are aware the Minister for Planning, the Hon Anthony Roberts has released the final Far West Regional Plan 2036. This Plan outlines the NSW Government's strategy for guiding planning decisions for the region for the next 20 years.

One of the priority actions identified in the Plan is to undertake modelling with local communities to better understand the implications and factors contributing to population change (see Action 20.2). The Building Future Communities Project has been designed to address this action. The focus of this action is to build the capacity of Council and the community to respond effectively to population change through a targeted Action Plan that sets a vision and corresponding actions. The project aims to build on the existing strategic plans of Council.

#### Key objectives of the project

- establish a shared understanding of relevant LGA community profiles and vision;
- establish an understanding of different factors contributing to current demographic change;
- acknowledge the outcomes of other community forums in identifying opportunities to strengthen prosperity; and to
- identify actions can be taken to deliver a sustainable community.

#### Project Workshops

We plan to hold 2 community workshops in the Walgett LGA, the **first in April** and the **second in August**.

#### #1 Demography Workshop

The focus of the demography workshop is to develop a better understanding of population change across the LGA (with both Council and the community) and to build the capacity of Council to respond effectively to population change. The project team will work with Council to recognise population change and promote a better understanding of the factors influencing change. Our Demography Team will assist with collecting and presenting information at the workshop. The content presented by the Demography Team will be specific to the Walgett LGA and local communities including information on population trends, housing types, age groups and industry shifts.

#### #2 Community Action Forum

The community action forum focuses on recognising opportunities for the community, and in the process, focus on the valuable contribution people play in steering positive outcomes for their communities. By identifying opportunities and working collaboratively with community leaders and State agencies, the workshop considers and recognises the social and economic opportunities that each individual community is best placed to respond to. The community action forum challenges and inspires communities to think outside the box when it comes to opportunities in their community and build positive steps towards effectively managing population change.

#### Targeted Action Plan

The key output of these workshops is a targeted, Council led action plan that sets a vision and recommends actions to help manage population change in the Walgett LGA. Targeted action plans

are developed by Council and the community, with the support of DPE, and are intended to be integrated with Council's strategic plans including the Community Strategic Plans.

### Council Participation

Council's participation in the project will involve commitment of relevant Council staff and Councillors and will include:

1. Attendance at an initial workshop with relevant Council staff and community leaders to acknowledge population change and discuss the factors influencing change.
2. Involvement in the Community Action Forum which will assist in the development of and inform the recommendations in the targeted Action Plan.
3. Working collaboratively with the Department, Council and key stakeholders to develop a Targeted Action Plan.

This project will be led by the Western Region team of the Department of Planning and Environment and is not expected to involve any financial expense for Council. The meetings described above will be arranged for a mutually convenient time and location.

For any further information please contact Amanda Carnegie, Project Lead on (02) 5852 6808.

## 11.4.2 WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL GATEWAY DETERMINATION – PROPOSED REZONING FOR LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Jess McDonald - Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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### Summary:

This report discusses Council's application to the Department of Planning & Environment regarding an amendment to Walgett Shire Council's LEP for rezoning of land for large lot Residential Purposes.

### Background:

In August 2017, Council formally submitted a Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning & Environment regarding an amendment to Walgett Shire Council's LEP for rezoning of land for large lot Residential Purposes. The land in question included a candidate area for Walgett (now obsolete under Council's most recent DRAFT Rural Residential Strategy) and a candidate area on Bill O'Brien Way, Lightning Ridge which is still current in the most recent DRAFT Strategy.

In December 2017 Council received notification that the Department of Planning & Environment that the Planning Proposal as submitted in August 2017 was successful in accordance with the following conditions:

*Conditions 1 & 2 are required to be carried out before the planning proposal progresses any further to community consultation. I've paraphrased the 2 conditions below:*

- **Condition 1** will require an amendment to the planning proposal document to outline how it is consistent with the Far West Regional Plan 2036. This is a Ministerial Direction 5.10 and needs to be addressed.
- **Condition 2** will require Council to consult with DPI Water to agree what is the suitable lot size for the Bill O'Brien Way proposal. Matt Clarkson had previously consulted with DPI Water and their response in Aug 2017 there was concern regarding the size of lots and their ability to be serviced. I have attached this letter. Once Council and DPI have reached agreement on a suitable minimum lot size, this advice is to be provided to us for review.

In December 2019, Council considered the following recommendation:

*That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:*

*Amend the current Planning Proposal for presentation to the Department of Planning which indicates a preference for mixed lot sizes, ensuring compliance with Water Supply and On-Site sewage Management Guidelines and requirements. It is not expected that the new minimum lot size is required to be amended where it is resolved to consider a number of varied water supply options. Any amendments to the Planning Proposal must indicate the preferred water supply method, or indicate the types of water supply methods and the expected lot yield, as well as any changes to the proposed minimum lot size. A new proposed map will be presented as part of the amended planning proposal (not final) to demonstrate Council's proposal.*

Council's resolution was for the DES to provide an additional report to Council on the issue, however, the issue at hand remains the same.

Council must consider a minimum lot size of 2 Hectares for water supply purposes, or consider the installation of an independent water supply which will allow smaller lot sizes and create a higher lot yield. It should be considered however that the lot sizes must be representative of 'Rural Residential' and if Council does chose to install an independent water supply, lot size should be closely considered to ensure the Rural Residential Lifestyle is offered.

**Current position:**

At present, Council is proposing various lots with an estimated area of less than 1 Hectare each. However, the Planning Proposal indicates a preference for individual bore water supply for each lot.

DPI Water has given Council the following advice in relation to lot size and water supply:

*Initially the response dated 11 August 2017 (attached) provides the basis for our comments on this matter. Below are further points to address your query related to lot size. Key points include:*

- *Water policy doesn't dictate a lot size, rather key considerations to determine water security and the need to locate on-site sewage disposal systems an adequate distance from bores can lead to the requirement of a certain land area.*
- *For both areas (Walgett and Lightning Ridge) the key recommendation is the need to ensure an adequate water supply of suitable quality and quantity can be obtained and if groundwater is to be used that there is sufficient buffer distances between bores to mitigate conflict in accessing the supply, and between bores and on-site waste disposal sites to satisfy the 250m buffer distance in the "On-site Sewage Management for Single Households (1998) and Clause 36 of the WSP for the NSW Great Artesian Basin Shallow Groundwater Sources.*
- ***On the basis of a 250m buffer between a bore and an on-site sewage system on each lot an approximate 5ha area results. If reticulated supplies are used then the area reduces.***
- *Due to the proposal for water supply from bores it is recommended the groundwater be tested for yield and quality and an an assessment completed of its adequacy to meet the proposed demands. Consideration may need to be given to communal bores or alternative supplies, where the yield/quality is unsuitable or the cost of a bore to access the GAB at depths of over 600m for each landholder would be cost prohibitive.*
- *It is considered the demands for both potable and non-potable requirements exceed the volume sourced through roof runoff. Based on the guideline "How much water do I need for my rural property" (attached) approximately 1ML/yr is required for household requirements (4 person with a septic - 256kl and a 0.1ha garden - 800kl) in the western region. It is therefore recommended this volume be considered when determining available water sources.*

**Rain water tanks and water for delivery**

It is possible, given the availability of water in Lightning Ridge for delivery, dwellings could be serviced by rain water tanks with the addition of delivered loads of water. This would allow Council to maintain a larger quantity of lots at a smaller size, taking into consideration the area required for on-site sewage disposal systems. This option is considered the least desirable for practical reasons and would still require a minimum lot size of 2 Ha.

### **Water Supply from bores**

At present, Council's Planning Proposal indicates a preference for water supply from bores. This would require a minimum lot size of around 5 hectares, to ensure buffer distances between on-site sewage systems and bore supplies are compliant. This option will decrease supply of lots however on-site water is provided and continually available without the need for water to be delivered.

### **Water Supply from Communal System**

A communal water supply set up independently would require large capital set-up costs and on-going maintenance costs. This option would however allow Council to maintain a smaller lot size to increase supply. Council may also wish to consider a full report based on the costs to install an Independent water supply including on-going maintenance and also expected income from sales of land before proceeding with this option.

### **Potential to supply mixed lot sizes**

Given the above, Council could consider the option of providing mixed lot sizes that comply with water supply and on-site sewage management guidelines and requirements. This would allow Council the option to supply land that has mixed options which may cater for different water supply preferences, lot size preferences and lifestyle options allowing Council to supply a larger number of lots overall without dramatically decreasing quantity of lots in relation to the original plan as per Council's Planning Proposal.

This would allow for mixed lot sizes of 2 Ha and 5 Ha, which is still limiting in regards to lot yield.

### **Walgett Shire Council's Rural Residential Strategy**

This proposed subdivision on Bill O'Brien Way is included in Council's most recent DRAFT Rural Residential Strategy. The proposal is part of a formal application to the DoPE for Gateway Determination which is approved, subject to determining lot sizes in accordance with DPI's Water's requirements.

Given that, it appears the expected lot yield will be low in accordance with Council's preferred option of bore water supply. Council must determine to which way forward it wishes to proceed, based on the options above.

It is possible, given this portion of land is a component of the above strategy that Council may, for the time being, place this subdivision on hold and reconsider in the future. This area could be considered the last Priority of the three Category Areas and the strategy amended to reflect this. This will give Council time to devote energies and time to more recent local developments in Tourism, such as the development of the Opal Centre.

At Council's meeting of December 2018, it was also discussed that this location of land was the entrance to Lightning Ridge off the Highway, and that aesthetically, this area may not be the most appropriate for a subdivision, particularly a subdivision with a higher lot yield. Council may, for that reason, choose to devote and develop this land for tourism purposes.

### **In Conclusion:**

Given that Council's expected lot yield will be lower than that originally expected, based on the preferred option for individual bore water supply and the costs to install an Independent reticulated water supply, It is recommended below that Council amend this Priority 1 area to Priority 3 as part of the Rural Residential Strategy, and focus on the remaining two category areas within the Strategy.

This will not cancel the subdivision, but simply the land will remain as part of the overall Strategy for rezoning. In the future, when Council has reconsidered its options and with other important development occurring in the town progressing and with considerations to the budget, Council can choose to rethink this issue and progress as required.

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.
- 'A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals', NSW Department of Planning, July 2009.
- Directions for LEP preparation issued by the Minister for Planning (Section 117 directions).
- Various Department of Planning and Infrastructure circulars and guidelines regarding LEP development.
- Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy Discussion Paper.
- Walgett Shire Council Rural Residential Land Use Strategy.

Guiding principles for councils: - Section 8a of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes guiding principles for councils, which includes:

- (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.

Reportable political donations or gifts: - Sub-section 147(5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires parties making submissions regarding the draft LEP to disclose any reportable political donations or gifts made to a Councillor or Council employee within the previous 2 years. If the donation or gift is made after the submission, a disclosure statement must be sent to the relevant consent or approval authority within 7 days after the donation or gift is made.

Conflicts of interest: - Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 includes requirements for Councillors and staff to disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in matters being considered by the Council.

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

**Environmental issues:**

Some further environmental studies may be required dependent on feedback from the Office of Environment and Heritage and other stakeholders.

**Stakeholders:**

The public, landholders, Walgett Shire Council, Department of Planning & Infrastructure, State government agencies, GHD Consulting.

**Financial Implications:**

Costs associated with the preparation of any amended Planning Proposal for presentation to Department of Planning & Environment.

**Alternative Options:**

1. Continue with this subdivision as part of the Rural Residential Strategy, but not progress the subdivision until such a time that Tourism in the shire is further developed.
2. Proceed with the current GateWay Determination, based on 5 Ha per lot size for independent bore water supplies, with a lot yield of around 5-8 lots total;
3. Sell the land as is for potential development by a private person/s, who may wish to make their own Planning Proposal to DoPE.

**WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL GATEWAY DETERMINATION – PROPOSED REZONING FOR LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES**

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council resolve to not proceed with this subdivision, based on the above report and amend the Rural Strategy so as not to include this category 1 area.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 11.4.3 DRAFT WALGETT SHIRE RURAL RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY (PUBLIC EXHIBITION)

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Glenn Petersen - Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:**

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#### **Summary:**

This report seeks a determination by Council to proceed with the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy or to amend the strategy following community consultation (Public exhibition). The Environmental Services Department recommends a minor amendment to the strategy that reflects 'Lightning Ridge Candidate Area A' 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'.

#### **Background:**

The Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy (The strategy) was recently on public exhibition from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Four (4) submissions were received and are attached to the end of this report.

#### Consultation activities included:

- Public notification advertisement on Council's Facebook page
- Public notification advertisement and exhibition material on Council's webpage
- Public notification advertisement in local newspaper
- Radio announcements
- Mailbox drop to all PO boxes in Lightning Ridge and Walgett
- Physical copies of exhibition material at Council's offices and libraries
- Notification on Council's Weekly bulletin
- Notification to Lightning Ridge Miners Association

#### Government Agencies notified included:

- Rural Fire Services
- Department of Planning and Environment
- DPE – Resource and Geoscience
- Roads and Maritime Services
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Office of Environment and Heritage
- NSW Water
- Department of Primary Industry – Lands and Water

The strategy was viewed 90 times on Council's website with several community members attending offices to read the hardcopy. Various phone calls were also received by the Environmental Services Department. These were generally to ask questions and to gain a brief overview of the strategy. The phone calls were generally supportive of the strategy.

Below is the original timetable for the strategy. Now that the community consultation has been completed, Council must make a determination based on the response from the community. Once the strategy has been finalised, it will be forwarded to DPE for final endorsement.

#### **TIMETABLE**

The following table outlines the target dates for each key output:

|                                                                              |                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Deliverable 2</b><br>Inception report                                     | Delivered within 1 week of the inception meeting.<br>31 May 2018 |
| <b>Deliverable 3</b><br>Draft Amended Rural Residential Strategy             | 29 June 2018                                                     |
| <b>Deliverable 4</b><br>Draft Amended Rural Residential Strategy Endorsement | 24 July 2018                                                     |
| <b>Deliverable 5</b><br>Community Consultation                               | 24 August 2018                                                   |
| <b>Deliverable 6</b><br>Final Strategy                                       | 14 September 2018                                                |
| <b>Deliverable 7</b><br>Strategy Endorsement                                 | 31 October 2018                                                  |

**Current Position:**

As previously stated, Council must make a determination based on the response from the community. Generally, the determination will be either to continue with the strategy in its current form, or to amend the strategy.

The Environmental Services Department recommends the strategy be amended. The recommended amendment is to revise the strategy to state 'Lightning Ridge Candidate Area A' as 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'.

The recommendation is based on the following:

1. The LRMA will potentially object to any candidate area near Lightning Ridge based on that land being potentially opal bearing country. (Note: The 500m buffer zone stated in the LRMA submission is misleading with only the 200m restriction under the *Mining Act 1992* applicable.)
2. As Walgett Shire Council is the owner of 'Lightning Ridge Candidate Area C', any further development or rezoning of the land can be controlled by Council. Other candidate areas in Lightning Ridge can be pursued in the meantime while council decides how it wishes to proceed with Area C. The strategy is also an evolving document that can be amended to accommodate future requirements.
3. Any significant amendments to the strategy at this time may lead to a new candidate area needing to be identified, additional assessments and further delays.

GHD, the company commissioned to provide Council with the Draft Rural Residential Strategy, have stated they agree with this approach.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

- Local Government Act, 1993
- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- Far West Regional Plan 2036
- Community Strategic Plan
- Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy

**Governance issues:**

Council's charter:- Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council's charter, which includes:

- \* (a) Councils should provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
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Conflicts of interest:- Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 includes requirements for Councillors and staff to disclose pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in matters being considered by the Council.

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

**Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues have already been addressed as part of the strategy. In order to progress to the rezoning and development of land in line with the strategy, further targeted assessment of the individual sites will be required along with a planning proposal made to the DPE.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, Local Community, Land holders, Department of Planning and Environment, and various State agencies responsible for environmental matters.

**Financial Implications:**

Nil required for final endorsement. If Council decides significant changes are required, finances may be required for further environmental assessments.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

1. Council note the submissions made and determine to proceed with the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy in its current form.
2. Council determine that the strategy be amended and stipulate how it should be amended and for what reasons.

**Conclusion:**

**DRAFT WALGETT SHIRE RURAL RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY (PUBLIC EXHIBITION)**

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council determines to make minor amendments to the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy that reflects 'Lightning Ridge Candidate Area A' 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'.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Submission 1 - Warwick Schofield - Supporting areas A, B & C in Lightning Ridge

Submission 2 - CASA - Response G119/77 - Advised has No comment on proposal

Submission 3 - Lightning Ridge Miners Association - Objects to all candidate areas & advised  
Candidate C in Lightning Ridge should be released

Submission 4 - Paul & Kelly Tishler - Advised Candidate C in Lightning Ridge be removed

Apendix A – Map of Lightning Ridge candidate areas.

**Submission 1 - Warwick Schofield - Supporting areas A, B & C in Lightning Ridge**

The general Manager,  
Dear Sir,

Thankyou for the work council has done in preparing the rural residential strategy for the Shire.

As a current ratepayer for over 20 years and former motel owner and Mining inspector in Lightning ridge and throughout the Shire , , I have always held a community interest in the Shire.

I support the areas a,b,c for Lightning Ridge area. Area a may have some flooding issues and area b some mining heritage issues but area c looks ok on Shire freehold land , previously cleared for subdivision.

My main reason for writing is to highlight my many previous submissions to council ( in writing, email and personal communication with staff and directors and councillors, is) to suggest the preservation of the freehold council owned land on the corner of the castle reach highway and Bill,O'Brien way on the south eastern side.  
It is the mirror opposite of proposed area c.

The land I suggested is relatively undisturbed natural vegetation, displays a full succession of vegetation from ironbark, gidgee, bumblebox, mulga forest, budda, Northern sandalwood, native lemon, Capparis sp. grading down to native grasslands.It has several dams and water holes and is a natural habitat for local native animals and plants. I have documentation of koala residents in that area. Also representatives of local reptiles and other animal species. It would be a great loss if the Shire ever decided to destroy that area with its natural Gidgee forest and much more.

Whilst the area was once part of Lorne Station, and whilst some gidgee trees were cut down, it has remained relatively untouched by the destructive activities of grazing and remains excellent natural habitat so close to town ...this is a unique asset for the Shire and lightning Ridge.

ps could you please hand a copy of my letter to the current Mayor( Manuel) , as I do not have his address ?

Sincerely,  
Warwick SCHOFIELD  
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Lightning Ridge, nsw

Bellbird camp,  
4 mile opal field,  
Lightning ridge, nsw

Grawin opal field, nsw.

Ph 0437834944

**Submission 2 - CASA - Response GI19/77 - Advised has No comment on proposal**

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Dear Ms Douglas

I refer to your email below requesting comment on the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy.

CASA has reviewed the strategy document and I am advised that CASA has no comment to make on the proposal.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Steve Neal  
Section Manager  
Government and Corporate Relations

Phone 131 757

**Submission 3 - Lightning Ridge Miners Association - Objects to all candidate areas & advised Candidate C in Lightning Ridge should be released**



**Lightning Ridge  
Miners' Association Ltd.**

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27 February 2019

General Manager  
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By email: [admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir,

**Re: Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy**

The Lightning Ridge Miners' Association Ltd (LRMA) represents over 900 members in particular and the opal mining community in general.

One of the most important roles of the LRMA is to ensure as much potential opal bearing country is available for prospecting and mining as possible. This is essential to the ongoing viability of the industry for the benefit of the local, regional and national economy. The opal industry not only supports local miners but wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers, most of them small business, across Australia and the world.

Lightning Ridge Areas A and B contain a substantial portion of potential opal bearing ground and all of Area C is opal bearing ground.

No prospecting or mining is permitted within 500m of a principal place of residence (200m under the Mining Act 1992 plus an additional 300m by agreement which is stipulated in the Lightning Ridge Mineral District conditions). Should Areas A and B be sub-divided and developed not only will the opal bearing ground be sterilised in these areas but also for a distance of 500m from each home.

The LRMA therefore objects to the Rural Residential Strategy candidate areas and any area unless it is at least 500m from the edge of the cretaceous red ridges. In fact the LRMA would prefer Area C to be released so that it can be prospected and mined as this area has been sterilised for several decades.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Maxine O'Brien  
Secretary/Manager

## Submission 4 - Paul & Kelly Tishler - Advised Candidate C in Lightning Ridge be removed

Paul & Kelly Tishler

“Baroona Homestead” Lightning Ridge NSW 2834

ABN: 44062288153/ ACN: 06 228 8153

February 28, 2019

General Manager & Walgett Shire Town Planner,

I wish to address the current Walgett Shire Residential Strategy over the Lightning Ridge area.

The area known as Candidate 3 should be removed from this strategy as it sterilizes opal prospecting, originally gazetted for opal mining purposes under the current Mining Act. The current “Urban planning” zoning must be abolished to allow this highly prospective ridge to be re-opened for mining purposes.

I have personally made several applications over the area (Candidate C) to the Department of NSW Planning & Environment stating the case that this area should never have been removed from the OPB (Opal Prospecting Block) allocations of Lightning Ridge. I have had a meeting only last week with the heads of the Department stating this very case & I will continue to pursue this matter.

We are rather concerned notably with the absence of the “Extractive resource sterilisation” in the “Suitability & Capability Criteria” stated in the strategy. This is vital component to the criteria. This is an acknowledgement of the extinguishment of this ground for mining purposes which previously stood prior to survey in the 1990’s.

The paragraph below is quoted from the collaboration between GHD Pty Ltd & the Walgett Shire is totally inaccurate;

“For sites in Lightning Ridge, Council resolved to consider an alternative site located on the corner of Bill O’Brien Way and the Castlereagh Highway Lightning Ridge. This area was originally excluded from the Strategy as it was partially situated on opal bearing ridge country, however further analysis established the land is not constrained by former opal mining.”

The reason there is NO opal mining is because there is a policy reserve over the area, enforced by Walgett Shire, which DOES NOT allow mining or prospecting.

I can assure you, if the reserve was NOT there restricting access we would be actively be prospecting the area. This analysis of the area was not done in collaboration with those with knowledge of the opal bearing deposits & sedimentary formations i.e. The Department of Planning & Environment & the Lightning Ridge Miners Association.

I understand the Shire may not be aware of the importance of opal ground to the mining industry & ask this be taken into consideration & the importance of the situation is recognized & the area be opened up to the mining industry.

Lastly as the owners of “Baroona Homestead” Lightning Ridge, Candidate “B”, we accidentally stumbled upon this strategy in the past few days. I would ask, that as future ideas & strategies from the Walgett Shire arise, the Shire would kindly contact those landholders on submission as a common courtesy, allowing generous time for our considerations, summaries & response.

The lack of consultation I hope this time has been an oversight & will not continue in the future.

The report highlighted below states;

#### 4. Planning context

##### 4.1 Role of Government and private sector in rural residential land development

##### 4.1.2 Private sector

The private sector is involved in the rural residential land market by:  Purchasing, developing and selling land  Developing or upgrading infrastructure  **Providing advice to land owners, developers, governments and industries**  Property and tenant management. Industry input includes the

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sharing of information and providing a business perspective to policy proposals. It also includes public / private partnership approaches to land and infrastructure development, as well as strategic planning activities (Property Oz, 2007).

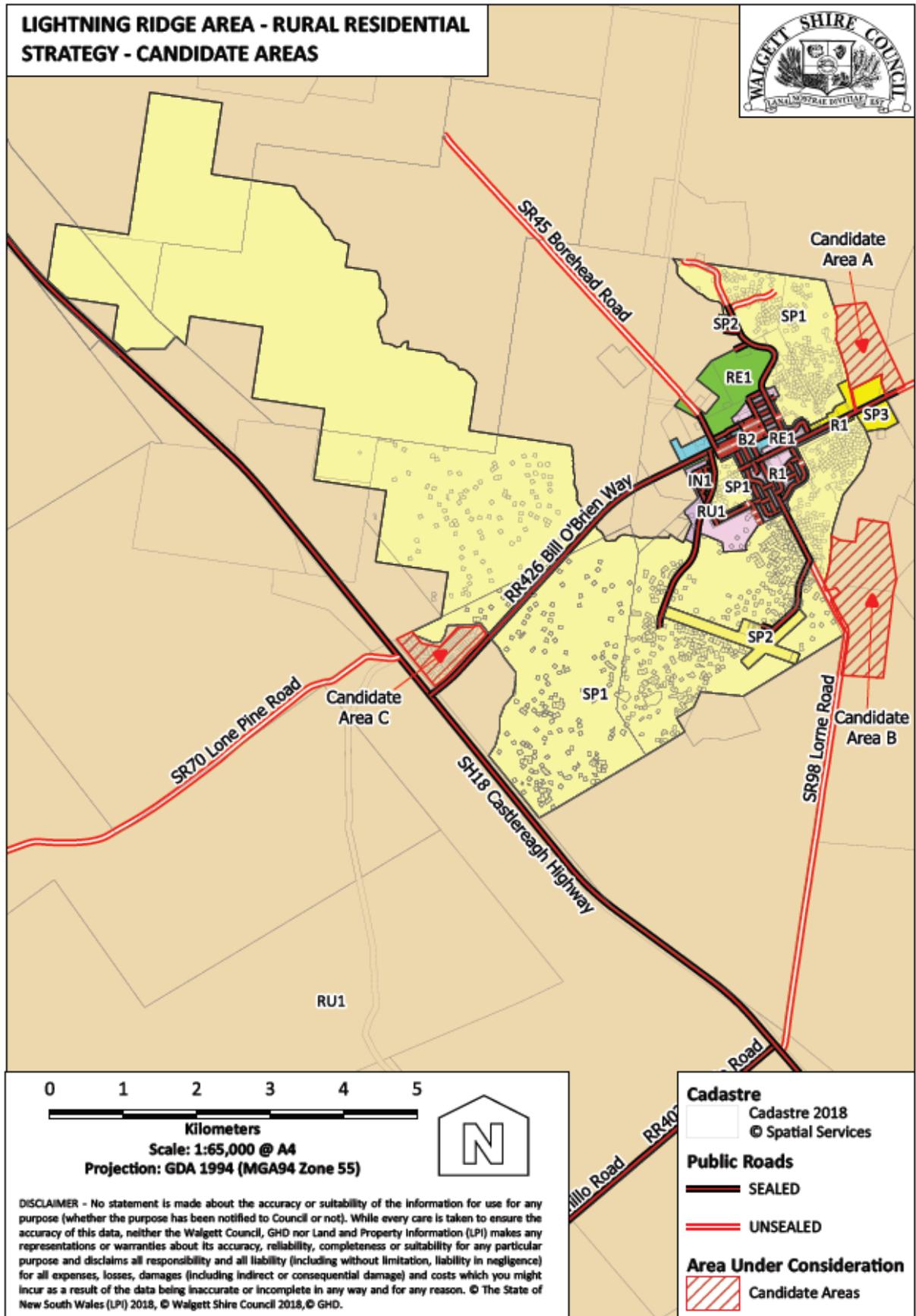
If you seek further information or wish to discuss this matter please email [kelhob7@hotmail.com](mailto:kelhob7@hotmail.com) or call 0458666118 to arrange an appointment.

Yours Sincerely



Paul & Kelly Tishler

Appendix A – Map of Lightning Ridge candidate areas.



### 11.4.4 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Jess McDonald - Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/434

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This report provides notes on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Planning & Regulatory Services Division.

- **CCTV Walgett & Lightning Ridge Landfills**  
DCL Security has near completed CCTV installations at the Walgett & Lightning Ridge Landfills. The installations are expected to be completely operational by the end of March. The CCTV was installed using grants from the Waste Less Recycle More funds offered by the NSW Environmental Trust.
- **Tenders for Operations & Management of Walgett & Lightning Ridge Landfills**  
Tender Documents for the Management & Operations of the Walgett & Lightning Ridge Landfill were uploaded on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Pre-tender meetings (optional) are to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the closing date for tenders is 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A report to Council outlining the resulting recommendations is due 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- **Grant Applications – Walgett Landfill**  
Council has applied for monies for various projects under the latest round of Waste Less Recycle More Grants offered by the NSW Environmental Trust. Applications include that for a new storage shed for recyclable materials, new litter fences, extensions to the new CCTV systems and an improved transfer station arrangement for Walgett Landfill.
- **DES Visit to ARP Plastics, Narrabri**  
In late February DES and Ian Scott from Royal Flying Doctors Return & Earn Lightning Ridge visited ARP Plastics in Narrabri in an effort to discuss the development of recycling at Walgett and discuss the sale of recyclable items to the company. ARP Plastics hosted a full tour of the facility and verbally advised they would be pleased to enter into an arrangement at such a time Walgett Shire Council is prepared to do so. This is positive progression in relation to the introduction of recycling into the Walgett Shire.

| MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>1. That the Council receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention or information only.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



## **AGENDA FOR CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**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 26 March 2019** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Greg Ingham  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## Agenda

### 12. 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:**

### 13. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS/CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

- 13.1 Debt Write off – SPL 1955/3
- 13.2 Walgett Showground Male Amenities Refurbishment Project
- 13.3 Hardship Applications and Interest & Charges Write Off
- 13.4 Future of Colless Grandstand at Walgett Showground
- 13.5 Tender 19/001 Recommendation for Upgrade of the Footpath and Kerb & Guttering in Wee Waa Street, Walgett
- 13.6 Tender 19/002 Recommendation for Upgrade of the Footpath and Kerb & Guttering in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge

### 14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

### 15. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

## 14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

## 15. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

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

## 16. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

### Clr Keir

Q1: Can Council consider sponsoring the gate entry fees the Walgett Show on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Mother's day?

*CFO in discussion with Show President. Funding from balance of drought contribution.*

Q2: Can Council investigate the dumping of rubbish on the northern bank of the Namoi River, opposite golf course?

*Answered at meeting. WasteAid have been engaged to manage this project and funding is being provided from the EPA for the clean-up of this area. Council has offered its support and partnership in writing to WasteAid.*

### Clr Murray

Q1: Who owns the BAC building in Fox Street and what is happening with it?

*This information cannot be handed out publicly.*

Q2: What is the progress with replacing the Walgett levee bank on the southern side?

*Investigation is in progress.*

Q3: When is the kerb and guttering in Wee Waa Street, Walgett happening?

*Tender results will be presented in March Council meeting.*

### Clr Woodcock

Q1: Can Council investigate the transfer of water from the bath bore to Miner's Dams via the pump due to water shortages?

*Has been inspected. Minor maintenance is in progress.*

Q2: Can Council investigate installing 3 phase power to the bore bath pumps in Lightning Ridge?

*Investigation is in progress.*

Q3: What is happening with Collarenebri Boat Ramp?

*Work in progress.*

Q4: When will Council commence drug testing and who will be conducting it?

*Has been inspected. Minor maintenance is in progress. Drug and Alcohol awareness education is scheduled for April 2019. Testing can occur at any time after this point. Testing date will only be known to service provider and General Manager. Council's service provider is Safework Laboratories who have a track record of supplying services to the Government sector.*

### Clr Taylor

Q1: Can Council investigate its capacity to water trees in Lightning Ridge or advertise for a contractor to carry out the watering?

*Some trees are effected by borer, pest control to take place in March 19. Watering is in progress and effected tress have been treated.*

Q2: Which days does the street sweeper operate in Lightning Ridge and is it able to visit the villages?

*The Sweeper was in Lightning Ridge in 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Discussion with operator and supervisor is in progress regarding schedule.*

Q3: Can the street banners be audited in Lightning Ridge?

*Yes, have been checked.*

Clr Smith

- Q1: Do Council require staff to hold appropriate accreditation to operate the filtration plant?  
*Yes, they should have Certificate III in Water Industry.*
- Q2: Can Council investigate if raw water rates can be waived for Collarenebri and Walgett residents while water restrictions are in place?  
*CFO investigating.*
- Q3: Can the Collarenebri Boat ramp project be escalated to ensure completion whilst the water levels in the river are very low?  
*Physical works will commence when the design works is completed. It is estimated that the physical works will commence from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.*
- Q4: Can the old building in the main street of Collarenebri be inspected for public safety purposes?  
*Council staff regularly inspect old buildings of concern and will respond to any issues promptly.*
- Q5: Can Council find funding to complete footpath in Walgett Street, Collarenebri from aged care units, (100m required)?  
*\$40,000 in 18-19 budget.*
- Q6: What is happening with the \$100,000 grant allocated to Albert Street, Collarenebri to top seal the road?  
*Site meeting has been conducting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Awaiting contractor's response.*
- Q7: Can the cricket pitch on Collarenebri oval be reinstated and how can the football oval be brought back to an acceptable standard for use, once water is available?  
*\$10,000 in 18-19 budget to reinstate cricket pitch.*
- Q8: Can Council investigate upgrading the Collarenebri tennis court club house?  
*CFO to investigate.*
- Q9: What is happening with the replacement of the Collarenebri golf club house?  
*RFQ to be issued in March 19.*
- Q10: Can the drainage issues at Collarenebri and Rowena be investigated or rectified?  
*Community consultation in Rowena regarding the drainage issues have been conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Awaiting john Holland's response. Quotation to upgrade pump and sump it is in progress.  
Collarenebri – an investigation has been carried out. Program is in progress.*
- Q11: Can Council investigate repair works (potholes, shoulder work, roadside vegetation and table drains) for RR329, Merrywinebone Road?  
*Has been inspected and negotiation with contractor is in progress.*
- Q12: Can Council grant permission to the Collarenebri Pony Club to utilise country behind rubbish depots and cemetery to construct a new cross-country course?  
*No issues as long as appropriate insurances are obtained.*
- Q13: Can Council organise regular maintenance and flushing of town hydrants?  
*Discussion with team leader in progress for scheduling.*
- Q14: Can all streets with kerb and guttering in the Walgett Shire be cleaned of all dirt and debris?  
*Has been scheduled.*

**17. QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

*Please complete the form: Questions for the Next Meeting and return the forms to the Executive Assistant.*

**18. CLOSE OF MEETING**

**Time: .....**