



# **AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held on **28 March 2023** commencing at **11:00am** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

**Please Note: The Council Meetings are visual and audio recorded**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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

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

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

### **Remoteness**

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

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

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

### **Relatives, Partners**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **Local Government Act 1993**

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

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR COUNCILS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS**

### **Oath or Affirmation of Office**

In taking the Oath or Affirmation of Office, each Councillor has made a commitment to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of Walgett Shire Local Government Area and Walgett Shire Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

A councillor who has a conflict of interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council when the matter is being considered, must disclose the interest and the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. Both the disclosure and the nature of the interest must be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting where the conflict of interest arises. Councillors should ensure that they are familiar with Parts 4 and 5 of the Code of Conduct in relation to their obligations to declare and manage conflicts of interests.

### **Meeting Recordings**

Walgett Shire Council takes an audio and visual recording of all public meetings, which is then uploaded to Council's website at [www.walgett.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au) for public record.

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## PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| SPEAKER | TOPIC |
|---------|-------|
| Nil     | Nil   |



## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

## 3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

### Leave of Absence

#### Recommendation:

1. That the leave of absence received from \_\_\_\_\_ is accepted and leave of absence granted; and
2. That the request to attend this meeting of Council via audio-visual link received from \_\_\_\_\_ is accepted and approval granted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

### **4.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

| <b>Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 28 February 2023</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 28 February 2023, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 28 February 2023



## **MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Michael Urquhart  
GENERAL MANAGER

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| <b>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE<br/>WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 AT 11:00AM</b> |
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**OPEN FORUM****Public Presentations:**

Nil

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11:15AM**PRESENT**

Mayor Jane Keir

Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery

Clr Alf Seaton

Clr Colin Hundy

Clr Sue Currey

Clr Ian Woodcock

Clr Jasen Ramien

Clr Daniel Walford

Clr Michael Cooke

Michael Urquhart (General Manager)

Bob Stephen (Director Engineering/Technical Services)

Kimley Talbert (Director Environmental Services)

George McCormick (Acting Director Corporate &amp; Community Services)

Belinda Petersons (Minute Secretary)

**ABSENT**

Nil.

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| <b>1/2023/1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 20 December 2022</b> |
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**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Walford**Seconded:** Clr Cooke**CARRIED****Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

| Councillor       | Item No. | Report title/ Subject matter                                        | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary                 | Reason                                              |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Mayor Jane Keir  | 9.3.1    | Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 31 January 2023            | Pecuniary                               | Family Business interest                            |
| Mayor Jane Keir  | 9.3.3    | Monthly Major Projects Report as at 31 January 2023                 | <u>Non-Pecuniary</u><br>– Insignificant | Family Business tendered, however was not awarded   |
| Clr Jasen Ramien | 9.3.1    | Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – as at 31 January 2023          | Pecuniary                               | Family Business interest                            |
| Clr Jasen Ramien | 9.1.5    | Section 356 – Community Assistance Scheme 2022/2023 Round 2 Funding | <u>Non-Pecuniary</u><br>– Insignificant | Non-paid member of an applicant group for the grant |

**1/2023/2 Monthly Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayoral report for February 2023 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Mayor Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooke

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/3 Council's Decision Action Report – January 2023****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for January 2023 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/4 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Department circulars 22-39 through to 22-42, from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/5 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Currey

**Seconded:** Cllr Seaton

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/6 Council Policy and Procedure Review****Resolved:**

That: 1. The General Managers report be received:

2. Council adopts the revised policies and procedures as presented:

- i) Contract Management
- ii) Working from Home

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ramien declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest, opting to stay present in the Chamber.

#### **1/2023/7 Section 356 – Community Assistance Scheme 2022/2023 Round 2 Funding**

**Resolved:**

That the following eligible applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Round Two of the 2022/2023 Community Assistance Scheme.

|                                                             |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Lightning Ridge Pony Club Inc.                              | \$3,000 |
| Rotary Club of Lightning Ridge Inc.                         | \$3,000 |
| Walgett Show Society Inc.                                   | \$1,500 |
| Country Women's Association Inc. – Goodooga/Lightning Ridge | \$1,000 |
| Walgett Garden Club                                         | \$ 500  |

**Moved:** Clr Seaton  
**Seconded:** Clr Ramien  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2023/8 Second Quarter Operational Plan & Half Yearly Delivery Program for 2022/2023**

**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the progress made on the 2022/2023 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**Moved:** Clr Seaton  
**Seconded:** Clr Walford  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2023/9 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the General Manager**

**Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Currey  
**Seconded:** Clr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2023/10 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 December 2022**

**Resolved:**

That the 31 December 2022 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Ramien  
**Seconded:** Clr Seaton  
**CARRIED**

**1/2023/11 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 January 2023****Resolved:**

That the 31 January 2023 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Rummery

**Seconded:** Cllr Seaton

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/12 Cash and Investment Report as at 30 December 2022****Resolved:**

That the Investment report for December 2022 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien

**Seconded:** Cllr Cooke

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/13 Cash and Investment Report as at 31 January 2023****Resolved:**

That the Investment report for January 2023 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Rummery

**Seconded:** Cllr Hundy

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/14 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – December 2022****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 as tabled.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien

**Seconded:** Cllr Currey

**CARRIED**

**1/2023/15 Community Development and Capacity Building: October 2022 to January 2023****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the report for Community Development and Capacity Building – October 2022 to January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Currey

**Seconded:** Cllr Seaton

**CARRIED**

*At 12:16pm Mayor Keir and Cllr Jasen Ramien declared a pecuniary interest and exited the Chamber.*

*Deputy Mayor Greg Rummery took the Chair.*

#### **1/2023/15 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – January 2023**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Seaton  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

*At 12:18pm Mayor Keir and Cllr Jasen Ramien returned to the Chamber.*

*Mayor Keir resumed the Chair.*

#### **1/2023/16 Service Progress Report as at 31 January 2023**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

Mayor Keir declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest, opting to stay present in the Chamber.

#### **1/2023/17 Monthly Major Projects Report as at January 2023**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

#### **1/2023/18 Flood Restoration Works Update as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Flood Restoration Works Update report as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Ramien  
**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery  
**CARRIED**



**1/2023/19 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director Engineering/Technical Services**
**Resolved:**

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Engineering/ Technical Services be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Hundy  
**Seconded:** Cllr Ramien  
**CARRIED**

**1/2023/20 Development Approvals December 2022 and January 2023**
**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Development Approvals Report for December 2022 and January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Cooke  
**Seconded:** Cllr Ramien  
**CARRIED**

**1/2023/21 Draft Community Participation Plan 2023**
**Resolved:**

That the Walgett Shire Council Draft Community Participation Plan 2023 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 until 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 4:30pm, inviting submissions from the public during this time.

**Moved:** Cllr Seaton  
**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

**1/2023/22 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information from the Director Environmental Services**
**Resolved:**

That the matters generally for brief mention or information only from the Director Environmental Services be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Hundy  
**Seconded:** Cllr Currey  
**CARRIED**

**1/2023/23 Move into Closed Session****Time: 12:45pm**

That the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Sections 10A 92) (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); and
- (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:** Cllr Currey  
**Seconded:** Cllr Rummery  
**CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm for the Councillors to receive a presentation from the Australian Opal Centre, presented by Ray Griffin (Chair) and Jenni Brammall (CEO).

Closed meeting recommenced at 1:20pm

After much discussion, Councillor Ramien declared an interest in this matter and vacated the Chamber at 1:38pm.

**1/2023/24 CONFIDENTIAL – ~~Burrumbidgee~~ and Lorne Road Projects Update as at 31 January 2023**
**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the information provided in the ~~Burrumbidgee~~ and Lorne Road Projects Update as at 31 January 2023.

**Moved:** Cllr Rummery  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

Councillor Ramien returned to the Chamber at 1:50pm.

Emergency item considered by Mayor.

| 1/2023/25 CONFIDENTIAL – Quotation for the Construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>a) That Council accepts the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation at a price of \$1,493,846 (excluding GST);</p> <p>b) That Council amends the contract for the construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring as per the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation to \$1,493,846 (excluding GST); and</p> <p>c) That the Council Seal be affixed to the contract.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Rummary<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Ramien<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p> |  |

| 1/2023/26 Return to open session                                                                                                                          | Time: 1:53pm |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council return to open session.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Ramien<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Walford<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p> |              |

| 1/2023/27 Adoption of closed session reports                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Clr Rummary<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Clr Hundy<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p> |

**Close of Meeting** - The meeting closed at 1:55pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager

## 5. 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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## 6. MAYORAL MONTHLY REPORT

**REPORTING SECTION:** Office of Mayor  
**AUTHOR:** Jane Keir OAM  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0046

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### **Summary:**

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

### **Background:**

Welcome Councillors to the March monthly Council meeting, it has been a busy month for all, the floods have long gone & with the warm weather we are looking for rain again & cooler days.

We have the NSW State elections this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, I would like to wish all the candidates the best of luck, it is good to see that our seat of Barwon has 4 candidates standing, I would ask that everyone votes to make sure that every vote counts.

I met with Roy Butler, our sitting member in Walgett in January & Annette Turner, the Nationals candidate came to say hello at Walgett Shire Council on 1.3.23.

The welcome to Walgett Shire evenings were well supported by locals & new members of our community at Walgett 1.3.23 & at Lightning Ridge 20.3.23.

On 7.3.23 Council staff & the GM along with Councillors took the Council bus on a tour of the south, west & north of the Shire, it was good to see some of the great work that Council has done in repairing the roads following the flood damage, still a long way to go. We had a delicious lunch at Cumborah prepared by the locals, the GM & myself have been in close contact with Telstra following the visit as since the Telstra upgrade at Cumborah late last year, the village with approximately 35 residents & many of them elderly now have no mobile phone service, I urge all the Councillors to lobby Telstra about this serious issue.

I also noted as we travelled across this sector of the Shire where the Hudson Pear infested areas are especially along the roads, the CMCC has certainly stepped up their efforts with the funding allocated recently, the aerial surveillance mapping is of great benefit but we have a long way to go & must be diligent & supportive to eradicate this noxious weed.

I travelled to Collarenebri & Rowena with GM, Mike Urquhart on 15.3.23, the state of the Merrywinebone Road RR329 following the floods is a disaster & in need of urgent funding from the State Govt, I commend the WSC Engineering staff for their massive efforts to make the road safe.

We attended a public meeting at Rowena with Councillors Ramien & Rummery & Engineering staff for the latest updates for the Rowena levee plan, it was good to hear from the local people on the ground out there who have great local knowledge.

I do hope the Mud Larks NSW Car Mud Trail Championships at Collarenebri next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> are very successful & well supported & that everyone has a great Easter, all roads will lead to the Lightning Ridge Easter Festival which will be bigger & better this year.

The Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships are open for submissions & will close on the 14th April. In July 2012, Walgett Shire Council resolved to establish a perpetual scholarship fund to honour the memory of the late Councillor Dick Colless, who was dedicated to promoting and acknowledging the value of education.

Each year, Council invites tertiary students (who have completed at least one year of their course) to apply for a share of the \$10,000 scholarship fund. Councillors if you have family or friends with children currently studying or training for their lifelong professions, please ask them to apply.

The Walgett Shire Council Draft Community Participation Plan 2023 is on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 1 March 2023 until Tuesday 28 March 2023.

It is an important document & we as Councillors should encourage individuals and groups within the community to view and consider the Walgett Shire Council Draft Community Participation Plan 2023 and make written submissions regarding any matters that they would like to raise with Council.

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| <b>Monthly Mayoral Report</b>                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Mayoral report for March 2023 be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Nil

## 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/DELEGATES

### 7.1 BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS ORDINARY MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2023



MINUTES OF THE BORDER REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS MEETING HELD AT THE INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET, INVERELL ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 2PM (NSW TIME).

#### Attendees:

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balonne Shire Council           | Digby Whyte                 |
| Bulloo Shire Council            | Donna Hobbs (Zoom)          |
| Goondiwindi Regional Council    | Cr Rob McKenzie             |
| Gwydir Shire Council            | Cr John Coulton             |
|                                 | Cr David Coulton            |
| Inverell Shire Council          | Cr Kate Dight (Chairperson) |
|                                 | Sharon Stafford             |
| Moree Plains Shire Council      | Cr Lisa Orchin              |
|                                 | Nick Tobin                  |
| Paroo Shire Council             | Cr Suzette Beresford (Zoom) |
| Southern Downs Regional Council | Cr Andrew Gale              |
| Tenterfield Shire Council       | Cr Bronwyn Petrie           |
| Walgett Shire Council           | Mike Urquardt (Zoom)        |

#### Also in Attendance:

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Member for Northern Tablelands    | The Hon Adam Marshall MP |
| NSW Cross Border Commissioner     | James McTavish (Zoom)    |
| QLD Police                        | Chris Mitchell           |
| RDA Darling Downs/South West      | Jenny Rix                |
| SES (Guest Speakers)              | Lukas Torr               |
|                                   | Craig Ronan (Zoom)       |
| Inland Rail (Dept Infrastructure) | Laura Colley             |
| ARTC                              | Jo Tait (Zoom)           |
| QLD Dept Main Roads               | Bill Lansbury (Zoom)     |

#### 1 MEETING OPEN

Cr Paul Harmon, Mayor of Inverell welcomed delegates to Inverell. Cr Harmon noted the unique nature of this cross border relationship and encouraged members to continue communicating and advocating for the best outcomes for the border region. Cr Harmon thanked delegates and agencies for investing their time and energy and wished them every success moving forward.

#### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Kate Dight acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Gomeroi People, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

**3 APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED (Southern Downs/Goondiwindi) that the following apologies be accepted:

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Balonne Shire Council           | Cr Samantha O'Toole<br>Matt Magin   |
| Goondiwindi Regional Council    | Cr Lawrence Springborg              |
| Paroo Shire Council             | Cassandra White                     |
| Southern Downs Regional Council | Cr Vic Pennisi                      |
| Walgett Shire Council           | Cr Jane Keir                        |
| Member for Lismore              | Janelle Saffin MP                   |
| Member for Warrego              | Ann Leahy MP                        |
| QLD Dept Local Government       | Bernadette Plummer<br>Damon Meadows |

Observers

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bourke Shire Council     | Cr Barry Holman                      |
| Brewarrina Shire Council | Cr Vivian Slack-Smith<br>David Kirby |

CARRIED

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 MEETING MINUTES – 1 DECEMBER 2022**

RESOLVED (Goondiwindi/Paroo) that the minutes of the Border Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held in Goondiwindi on 1 December, 2022, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting, noting the following amendments:

- Jenny Rix RDA was an apology for that meeting.
- ARTC - The Inland Rail Review by Dr Kerry Schott is not intended to look at the route.

CARRIED

**4.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

Cr Bronwyn Petrie arrived at 2.09pm.

**5 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner update to be held over till later in the meeting.

**ADAM MARSHALL MP, MEMBER NORTHERN TABLELANDS**

At this juncture, the time being 2.10pm the Chairperson invited the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands to address the meeting.

Mr Marshall briefed BROCC on the following matters:

- There is a State election in March 2023 and everything is currently geared towards campaigning for this as the government is in caretaker mode.



- If a new government is elected Adam doesn't foresee sweeping changes to communities.
- The roads & bridges program is being rolled out but the biggest problem is finding contractors to complete the construction work.
- Health is currently the biggest issue with the most recent announcement of the introduction of the Single Employer Model (SEM) trial to be rolled out throughout New England Hospitals beginning at the end of this year. This allows for junior doctors to be employed for up to 4 years across both state-run hospitals and in private clinics. This could allow up to an additional 20-30 new doctors practicing in our region and there is a second intake expected in early 2024. There is significant benefit to all parties with this model being a considerably cheaper alternative to the locum model currently in place. BROCC have equally been advocating on this issue for months so this is a very welcome resolve. BROCC recognised Mr Marshall for his tireless support of this issue and congratulated him on this latest announcement, thanking him for his support of local communities.

Mr Marshall left the meeting at 2.30pm.

#### 6 DISASTER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

A/Senior Sergeant Chris Mitchell, District Disaster Management Coordinator – Cross Border Disaster Management briefed BROCC on the following:

- The Queensland MOG (Machinery of Government) for Disaster Management is undergoing structural change and now the QLD Police are acting as the umbrella agency to all other disaster management agencies in Qld, ie SES, Recovery Agencies, Qld Fire & Emergency Services etc. By July 1 2023 it is meant to be fully implemented. However Chris is not anticipating any change in his role and the status quo remains.
- Consequently the Disaster Management Forum planned for 12 & 13 July 2023 needs to be restructured and Chris suggested to the group that it be reduced to 1 day only of practical service delivery implementation. All agreed that this is the most effective part of the forum for BROCC and that we were willing to accommodate this change. Chris will come back to the group with firm details and designs for the forum and welcomes all member Council's input.

RESOLVED (Moree/Goondiwindi) that BROCC support the 2 x half day format proposed for the Disaster Management Workshop to be held 12/13 July 2023.

CARRIED

#### 7 GUEST SPEAKER

A/Superintendent Lukas Torr, Central West, NSW SES and Craig Ronan, Planning & Intelligence, NSW SES, addressed the meeting on the subject of 'Flood Gauges and the Dissemination of Flood Data'.

- Lukas looks after the Central Western Region of NSW and the NE region role is currently changing over. The new position is to be taken up by Tammy Chefley. She is currently undergoing training but is willing to be the SES Disaster Management spokesperson going forward for BROCC.
- The SES are strongly advocating for the uptake of the Hazard Watch App for the dissemination of information during times of disaster. This was previously for fires but has been overhauled to include all climatic disasters ie floods as well.
- The SES act to get citizens to a safe place during times of disaster at which point the new Reconstruction Authority takes over responsibility. There has been extensive review of processes following the last flood and this is the new chain of responsibility.

- Craig Ronan was on screen and added to this presentation as the SES person responsible for liaising with the Bureau of Meteorology and disseminating their information. BOM discuss the flood situation and communicate with SES who manage the Hazards Watch App with this updated information. The app graphically highlights the impacted area, looking for flood peaks etc. They are doing extensive work trying to capture detailed flood data using GIS and special tools to ground truth the flood gauge data. They want to work with locals to further improve this.
- Chris Mitchell agreed to reach out to both Lukas & Craig to bridge the border gap and information flow. There was considerable discussion regarding the operations of the BOM and how interaction with BOM could be better improved. Craig agreed to take this back and investigate further considering it is a federal organisation.

RESOLVED (Moree/Southern Downs) that BROCC advocate to the Bureau of Meteorology for improved cross border mapping and that individual Councils raise the issue at the ALGA Conference.

## 8 STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR BROCC

There are 7 areas of strategic importance for BROCC and all member Councils agreed to promote and support a restructure of BROCC operations so that these areas could be individually addressed and tailored to meet outcomes relevant to BROCC. Each area has one member Council electing to lead and drive the advocacy as per the following:

1. Attracting Population and Industry  
Lead Council: Paroo  
Associated Councils: Inverell, Moree
2. Transport Networks  
Lead Council: Gwydir  
Associated Councils: Southern Downs, Tenterfield, Inverell, Bulloo
3. Disaster Recovery, Management & Betterment  
Lead Council: Balonne  
Associated Councils: Goondiwindi, Moree, Tenterfield, Inverell
4. Health Services  
Lead Council: Tenterfield  
Associated Councils: Moree, Inverell, Goondiwindi, Paroo
5. Housing  
Lead Council: Moree  
Associated Councils: Bulloo, Walgett
6. Education & Childcare  
Lead Council: Walgett  
Associated Councils: Bulloo, Moree, Balonne
7. Telecommunication Connectivity  
Lead Council: Goondiwindi  
Associated Councils: Moree, Balonne, Inverell

The lead council will invite all councils to identify and inform the focus group of issues pertinent to that particular area of strategic importance. The working group will then meet to prioritise the issues and report back to the next quarterly BROCC meeting.

At this juncture, the time being 3.30pm Mike Urquhart and Jo Tait left the meeting.

## 9 AGENCY UPDATES

- Laura Colley, Inland Rail (Department Infrastructure)
  - Laura (based in Moree) recently commenced with Inland Rail having taken over the role that Angela Doering previously occupied.
  - The Independent Review of Inland Rail is still ongoing but it's release is imminent.
  - It was noted that construction to North Star is to be completed by April 2023 with expected inland rail operations to begin early 2025. Sections north of the border are still very much in elementary negotiations with EIS to be completed.
- Jo Tait, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) – emailed through the following points for notation:
  - Some good progress on state approvals for the North Star to Border project – only announced on Thursday. North Star to Border project receives NSW Government approval - Inland Rail (artc.com.au)
  - The Inland Rail Review by Dr Kerry Schott is not intended to look at the route.
  - Hopefully by the time we next meet we will have some more clarity around the Review outcomes.
- Jenny Rix, Regional Development Australia (Darling Downs & South West)
  - The RDA is advocating on a number of issues. The Gas price caps are causing much angst and the flow on effects are having a huge impact on the Darling Downs.
  - The effects of the \$20B infrastructure fund to re-wire the nation is being felt everywhere.
  - RDA are heavily invested in providing Resilience workshops as a result of climate variability.
  - There is \$40M invested in agricultural resilience projects with community co-design.
  - Further funding opportunities are with Stronger Country Communities, Connecting Community Grants, Water Buy Backs, Regional Infrastructure Plan DDSSW.
  - There are numerous jobs & skills opportunities. The latest Future Jobs Forum indicated that there is a skills mis-match and the emphasis is to get jobs where they are needed. We have a once in a generation opportunity to get the unemployed into employment and DARMA is in agreement to fast track workers needing visas, particularly visas for rural & regional employment.

RESOLVED (Tenterfield/Moree) that BROCC write to the Federal Minister for Immigration, the Hon Andrew Giles advocating for visa applications for people proposing to enter the fields of health & education in regional and rural areas to be fast-tracked in an effort to assist with easing the employment crisis.

At this juncture, the time being 4.00pm Bill Lansbury dialled in to the meeting to provide his update.

- Bill Lansbury (Regional Director, Department Transport & Main Roads QLD)

Bill provided BROCC with an update in respect of the following matters:

- Inland Freight Route – Charters Towers to Mungindi
- TMP cost imposts increased by 30%

At this juncture, the time being 4.05pm, Bill Lansbury left the meeting.

## 10 CORRESPONDENCE

### 10.1 INWARDS

- Bank Statements and Fixed Term Certificate – National Australia Bank & Credit Union
- Letter from Tenterfield Shire Council confirming BROC delegates

### 10.2 OUTWARDS

- Letter of Support for Regional Development Australia (Queensland Government's Workforce Connect Fund – Connecting Youth to Industry)
- Letter to the Hon Sam Faraway re: Regional Road Transfer/Classification Review - Bruxner Way
- Letter to Visitor Information Centres re: Border Tourism Trail Proposal
- Letter to the Hon Grace Grace re: Preschools/Kindergartens Funding Model Changes
- Letter to the Hon Di Farmer re: Recognition of Occupational Licensing

RESOLVED (Gwydir/Southern Downs) that the Inwards and Outwards correspondence be received and noted.

CARRIED

### 10.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 11 FINANCIAL REPORT

### 11.1 TRANSACTIONS

#### National Australia Bank – 69-022-2187

|                                              |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance as at 12 October 2022        | \$20,781.46 |
| Interest                                     | \$0.42      |
| Sponsorship – Disaster Management Conference | -\$4998.41  |
| Audit Fees – Vanguard Consulting             | -\$330.00   |
| Balance as at 11 January 2023                | \$15,453.47 |

#### National Australia Bank – Term Deposit 42-388-8697

|                                               |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Lodged 27 December 2022 for 12 months @ 3.75% | \$10,583.97 |
| Maturity Date – 27 December 2023              |             |

**Warwick Credit Union – Fixed Term Deposit 100005924**

|                                        |              |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Opening Balance as at 31 December 2022 | \$ 11,459.74 |
| Interest Rate 1.55%                    | \$ 44.77     |
| Reinvested 22 January 2023 @ 1.95%     | \$ 11,504.51 |
| Maturity Date – 22 April 2023          |              |

RESOLVED (Tenterfield/Moree) that the Financial Report be accepted.

CARRIED

## 11.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL REPORT

Nil.

## 12 ITEMS LISTED

### 12.1 BROCC CONSTITUTION / TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED (Goondiwindi/Paroo) that Clause 2 (iv) of the BROCC Constitution be amended as follows:

'Areas of Regional Strategic Importance include:

1. Attracting Population and Industry
2. Transport Networks
3. Disaster Recovery Management & Betterment
4. Health Services
5. Housing
6. Education & Childcare
7. Telecommunication Connectivity'

CARRIED

At this juncture, the time being 4.30pm, Donna Hobbs left the meeting.

### 12.2 TOURISM TRAIL

RESOLVED (Moree/Goondiwindi) that:

- i) BROCC continue to recognise the significant benefits this initiative could bring to the entire border region;
- ii) Note that the success of the initiative will depend on a commitment from all stakeholders along the border; and
- iii) Delegates go back to their respective visitor information centres to encourage a commitment to further investigate/scope the proposal if they haven't committed already.

CARRIED



### 12.3 MEETING DATES & TIMES

RESOLVED (Tenterfield/Southern Downs) that generally speaking BROC meetings be held on the 2nd Friday of every 3rd month commencing at 9am local time.

Meeting dates for 2023 and 2024:

- o Meeting Dates for 2023
  - o 19 May 2023 - Balonne Shire Council (St George)
  - o 11 August 2023 - Paroo Shire Council (Cunnamulla)
  - o 10 November 2023 - Tenterfield Shire Council (Tenterfield)\* (AGM & Ordinary)
- o Meeting Dates for 2024
  - o 9 February 2024 (Brewarrina Shire Council)
  - o 10 May 2024 (Southern Downs Regional Council)
  - o 9 August 2024 (Walgett Shire Council)
  - o 15 November 2024 (Goondiwindi Regional Council)\* (AGM & Ordinary)

CARRIED

### 13 ACTION ITEM LOG

RESOLVED (Goondiwindi/Tenterfield) that:

- a) the Action Item Log be received and noted: and
- b) the following items be removed from the Action Log:

- Flood Gauges / Flood Data Presentation
- Constitution

### 14 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### Membership of BROC

An invitation was extended in 2022 to Bourke & Brewarrina Councils inviting them to be members of BROC.

The Chairperson was pleased to inform that Brewarrina have agreed to become a member.

RESOLVED (Gwydir/Moree) that:

- i) Brewarrina Shire Council be accepted as a member of BROC;
- ii) A tax invoice for 2022/23 membership of \$500 be forwarded to Brewarrina Shire Council; and
- iii) The BROC Constitution reflect Brewarrina Shire Council as a member.

#### Premier's Regional Forums

Cr Rob Mackenzie informed delegates that Balonne Shire Council & Goondiwindi Regional Council have both committed funding for a case study to be prepared lobbying for a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner. The case study will be presented at the Premier's Regional Forum to be held in St George in mid March.

Cr Mackenzie suggested that other QLD councils may wish to co-contribute towards funding the case study. If so, Councils are encouraged to contact Cr Mackenzie directly.

QLD Funding for Preschools and/or Kindergartens

Cr Orchin informed BROC that the Qld Government is no longer supporting the 0-3 year preschool age group at Mungindi as a result of the changed funding model for QLD Preschools and Kindergartens. BROC had noted at our December 2022 meeting that the majority of the children that attended the Mungindi preschool resided in New South Wales.

RESOLVED (Moree/Gwydir) that a letter be sent to the Hon Adam Marshall MP, Member for Northern Tablelands detailing the situation which currently exists in Mungindi and supporting the NSW Department of Education in their efforts in trying to resolve the day care issues facing that community.

CARRIED

**5 CROSS BORDER COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

At James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner briefed BROC on the following:

- As stated earlier in the day, the government in NSW is in caretaker mode but the Commission is operating as usual and is not expecting much change regardless of the outcome of the election.
- The Commission office has expanded considerably and they have multiple areas of advocacy. Areas of particular focus; infrastructure and transport, service delivery, building communities, Moree & Goondiwindi MOU to deal with indigenous outcomes for border communities, emergency management & creation of Reconstruction NSW.
- There is a huge amount of work being done with QLD Premier & Cabinet to finalise a memorandum of understanding for cross border collaboration which is exciting and announcements on this are imminent.

At this juncture, the time being 5.15pm, Cr John Coulton and Cr David Coulton left the meeting.

**15 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be hosted by Balonne Shire Council (in St George) on Friday 19 May 2023 commencing at 9am local time.

**15 MEETING CLOSED**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.20pm.

## 7.2 MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022

### MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) INCORPORATED, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023, SECOND LEVEL, CLUB YORK 99 YORK ST, SYDNEY

#### Present in person

Cr Kevin Duffy  
Cr Dennis Brady  
Cr Denis Todd  
Cr Mathew Deeth  
Cr Chris Rowland  
Steve Loane OAM  
Cr Peter Batten  
Heather Nicholls  
Cr Dom Figliomeni  
Cr Jim Hickey

Orange City Council (Dep Chair)  
Lachlan Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Warrumbungle Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Wollondilly Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Broken Hill City Council

#### By Zoom

Cr Liz McGlynn  
Gary Woodman

Bland Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council

#### Apologies

Cr Michael Banasik  
Cr Phyllis Miller OAM  
Cr Scott Ferguson  
Cr Mathew Dickerson  
Murray Wood  
Cr Jason Hamling  
Kent Boyd  
Peter Vlatko  
Cr Peter Abbott  
Cr Jarrod Marsden  
Cr Des Kennedy  
Brad Cam  
Cath Blakey  
Ron Zwicker  
Greg Tory  
Cr Jane Keir  
Mike Urquhart  
Cr Ros Jackson  
Cr Katrina Walker  
Cr John Stafford  
Colleen Worthy  
Cr Aneillo Iannuzzi

Wollondilly Shire Council (Chair)  
Forbes Shire Council (Dep Chair)  
Blayney Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Dubbo Regional Council  
Dubbo Regional Council  
Orange City Council  
Parkes Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Lachlan Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
Warrumbungle Shire Council

#### In attendance

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer (Minute Taker) and Liza Schiff (Melting Pot Planning).

#### Welcome by Acting Chair.

The Acting Chair, Councillor Kevin Duffy, welcomed members (in person and by zoom) to the meeting and called on Executive Officer to inform delegates of the absence of the Chair. The Executive Officer reported that the Chair, Cr Michael Banasik was hospitalised and unable to attend the meeting in person or by zoom, so in view of the apologies, as the remaining Deputy Chair, Cr Duffy was required to chair the meeting which he declared open at 9.20am.



**1. Acknowledgement of Country by Acting Chair**

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we meet on today and pay our respects to the Elders past, present & emerging".

**2. Apologies.**

**AGM 1/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr ~~Roylance~~) that the apologies as per the above list be received and noted

**3. Acting Chair Minute for former Chair**

**AGM 2/2023** Resolved (Loane/Cr Brady) that the Association acknowledge the leadership of the former Chair Peter Shinton and delegates wish him well for the future with his health challenges.

**4. Disclosures of Interest.**

Nil

**5. Adoption of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**AGM 3/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Todd) that the minutes of the Association's Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022, be received, and noted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**6. Business arising from the Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Nil**

**7. Chairperson's 2021 - 22 Annual Report**

The Acting Chair requested the Executive Officer to present the Chair's Annual Report in view of his absence.

**AGM 4/2023** Resolved (Cr ~~Roylance~~/Cr Hickey) that the Chairperson's 2021-22 Annual Report be received and noted.

**8. Executive Officer's 2021 - 22 Annual Report.**

**AGM 5/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr ~~Deeth~~) that the Executive Officer's 2021-22 Annual Report be received and noted.

**9. Election of Chairperson, Deputy Chairpersons and Executive Committee.**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 9.40AM**

**Election of Executive Committee**

**AGM 6/2023** Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Cr Batten) That the meeting be suspended to allow the Returning Officer to conduct the election of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Officer as Returning Officer reported that the nominations for the Executive Committee received by the due date equated to the vacancies for Chair and the two Deputy Chair positions plus two Executive Committee members and

there was one position vacant for the Executive Committee that need to be sought from delegates.

The Returning Officer called for nominations from the floor for one position on the Executive Committee. Cr Peter Batten nominated Cr Liz McGlynn (Bland Shire Council) who accepted the nomination. The results of the election were as follows:

- Chair – Cr Kevin Duffy (Orange City Council);
- Deputy Chair – Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Forbes Shire Council);
- Deputy Chair – Cr Dennis Brady (Lachlan Shire Council);
- Executive Committee –
  - Cr Scott Ferguson (Blayney Shire Council), Cr Denis Todd (Warrumbungle Shire Council) and Cr Liz McGlynn (Bland Shire Council)

Delegates congratulated the Executive Committee on their appointment's.

#### RESUMPTION STANDING ORDERS AT 10.10AM

**AGM 7/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Figliomeni) that the Association resume the Annual General Meeting business with Cr Kevin Duffy as Chairperson.

#### 10. Financial Statements – 1/7/21 to 30/6/22

**AGM 8/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr Brady) that the Financial Report for 2021-2022 financial year be referred to the NSW Department of Fair Trading to note, in accordance with the Association Incorporations Act 2009, by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### 11. 2022-2023 Budget

**AGM 9/2023** Resolved (Cr Todd/Cr Brady) that the 2022-2023 budget as presented be adopted by the Association with the inclusion of provision for any membership fee increase in Item 12, the Mini Conference cost Ordinary meeting) and the Executive Officer's Contract provisions in Item 15.

#### 12. Membership Fees

**AGM 10/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the Association membership fees for 2022 – 2023 be increased by 3%, considering the 2022-23 proposed rate peg changes recommended by IPART (range 3.7% - 6.8%) and changes to the rate peg calculation per member.

#### 13. 2022 Meeting Dates & Venues

**AGM 11/2023** Resolved (Cr Duffy/Cr Todd) that the meeting cycle for August and November be determined at the next Ordinary meeting in Dubbo on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### 14. Strategic Plan 2023-2026

**AGM 12/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Todd) that the Strategic Plan 2023 - 2026 be adopted.

Executive Officer and Lisa Schiff left the room at 10.25am

**15. Executive Officer's Contract Renewal**

**AGM 13/2023** Resolved (Cr Duffy/Cr Brady) that the Executive Officer's contract be extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and if required further than that, any extension to be determined by the Executive.

Executive Officer and Lisa Schiff re-entered the meeting at 10.33am

**16. General Business**

**(a) Next Annual General Meeting -**

**AGM 14/2023** Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the Annual General Meeting to be held in November 2023 at a location to be determined.

**17. Close.** The meeting closed at 10.45am

The minutes (pages 1-4) were confirmed at the Annual General meeting of the Association held on the \_\_\_\_ November 2023 and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

.....  
Cr Kevin Duffy  
Chairperson

## 7.3 MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS (NSW) INC. ORDINARY MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCILS  
(NSW) INC. ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT CLUB YORK, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor YORK 2 ROOM,  
99 YORK ST, SYDNEY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

### Present in person.

Cr Kevin Duffy  
Cr Dennis Brady  
Cr Denis Todd  
Cr Mathew Deeth  
Cr Chris Roylance  
Steve Loane OAM  
Cr Peter Batten  
Heather Nicholls  
Cr Dom Figliomeni  
Cr Jim Hickey

Orange City Council (Chair)  
Lachlan Shire Council (Deputy Chair)  
Warrumbungle Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Wollondilly Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Cabonne Shire Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Broken Hill City Council

### By Zoom

Cr Liz McGlynn  
Gary Woodman

Bland Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Warren Shire Council

### Apologies

Cr Michael Banasik  
Cr Phyllis Miller OAM  
Cr Scott Ferguson  
Cr Mathew Dickerson  
Murray Wood  
Cr Jason Hamling  
Kent Boyd  
Peter Vlatko  
Cr Peter Abbott  
Cr Jarrod Marsden  
Cr Des Kennedy  
Brad Cam  
Cath Blakey  
Ron Zwicker  
Greg Tory  
Cr Jane Keir  
Mike Urquhart  
Cr Ros Jackson  
Cr Katrina Walker  
Cr John Stafford  
Colleen Worthy  
Cr Aneillo Iannuzzi

Wollondilly Shire Council  
Forbes Shire Council (Deputy Chair)  
Blayney Shire Council (Ex Comm)  
Dubbo Regional Council  
Dubbo Regional Council  
Orange City Council  
Parkes Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Cobar Shire Council  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Mid-Western Regional Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Wollongong City Council  
Lachlan Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Warren Shire Council  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
Upper Lachlan Shire Council  
Warrumbungle Shire Council

### In attendance

Greg Lamont, Executive Officer (Minute Taker) and Liza Schiff (Melting Pot Planning).

### 1. Welcome by Chair.

The Chair, Councillor Kevin Duffy, welcomed members (in person and by zoom) to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 10.55am.

### 2. Acknowledgement of Country by Chair

"I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we meet on today and pay our respects to the Elders past, present & emerging".

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**3. Apologies.**

OM 1/2023 Resolved (Cr Brady/Cr Roylance) that the apologies as per the above list be received and noted.

**4. Disclosures of Interest.**

Nil

**5. Adoption of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

OM 2/2023 Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Loane) that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 be received and noted.

**6. Business Arising from Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 - Nil**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 11.30am TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS**

OM 3/2023 Resolved (Cr Figliomeni/Cr Roylance) that the meeting be suspended at 11.30am to receive the presentation from the following speakers:-

(a) Courtney Housoss, Labor MLC, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources & Shadow Minister for Better Regulation, commented on the following:-

- New to portfolio of Resources and apologised for not being up to speed with all the issues, however as Shadow Minister was willing to learn from entities like MERC on issues associated with Critical Minerals, Resources for Regions, Royalties for Rejuvenation, VPA's etc., in an endeavour to address them.
- Concerned about what happens after mines close in communities – that's where opportunities need to be explored for manufacturing eg building rail trains in NSW in those areas to utilise the available labour from mine closures.
- Labor has developed its own Coal Reservations Policy in opposition to the Coalition's Coal Directions Policy.
- Labor supports the Coalition's Energy Plan but are concerned about the slow roll out of the REZ's and the lack of engagement with communities and affected landholders to date which they will look at improving.
- There doesn't appear to be any provision in the Coalition's Energy Plan for manufacturing to generate their own energy and jobs from the Energy Plan initiatives roll out.
- There appears to be a lack of transparency in how the miners are addressing their emission issues out there in the communities and government will be keen to work with them to address the issues.
- If elected, Labor will introduce a State-owned Energy Commission to ensure a consistent supply of energy for everyone in the State - it will be modelled on the Federal Government's Clean Energy Corporation.



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- Libs/Nationals have left the incoming government in a dire position with the lights and power not guaranteed to be left on and cost of energy -, Labor's focus will be to keep the lights on at a lower cost to stakeholders.
- Labor's focus will be on hydro, community batteries, solar, wind but no nuclear at this stage.
- They will also be looking at pumped hydro and have had talks with Yancoal already, who are exploring the opportunities with it.
- Happy to attend future meetings and build up a relationship with MERC.

(b) Mike Young – Executive Director- Planning & Communities, Energy Co, Dept Energy & Climate Change:

- Energy Corporation of NSW is a statutory authority re-established in line with legislative functions under the Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987 and Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 has been set up to "join the dots" with the design, delivery, and coordination of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's) and other electricity infrastructure in a way that benefits consumers, investors and regional communities.
- Transmission development is becoming increasingly controversial in local communities, with communities already raising concerns with compensation, consultation, land use conflict, access fees and cost recovery.
- The loss of social licence has the potential to delay the rollout of transmission infrastructure which would jeopardise energy security, slow NSW's transition to net zero emissions and increase electricity costs for consumers. To avoid this the government will need to actively build community support for the transition rollout.
- Have engaged consultants to look at ways to improve the consultation process with roll out of the 5 REZ's in NSW, results will be out shortly.
- Seeking funding to develop a Community Benefit Funding Scheme Model at the moment where EnergyCo to get the right model for the roll out of these in the Rez's to work.
- Has been out and about talking to affected persons in Dunedoo and Coolah and have had bilateral and collective meetings with the Councils in the REZ's, to get feedback and have set up a Community Survey online.
- Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors has been set up (includes Mayors from Mid-Western Regional, Warrumbungle, Dubbo Regional [MERC members], and the New England Councils – Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, Glen Innes, Walcha or Uralla) who have met with Mike and Minister Kean after Country Mayors meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 to discuss their REZ concerns.
- Seeking confirmation of grant for \$50m to fund the Central West Orana REZ. For cheques to be sent out in July/August for access fees to landholders and Councils.
- The REZ's are legislated, so the incoming government will have to continue the process and Mike has had discussions with Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Jihad Dib, who is generally supportive.
- New England REZ next to roll out and there are many projects underway with the Hunter Transmission project for Bayswater to Eraring.
- Regarding VPA's for Renewable Energy developments, this has been discussed with Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors and models are being considered based on 1.5% of CIV for VPA's.
- Mike said Department of Planning staff are starting to realise that VPA's should cover other issues raised by the communities affected by these

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State Significant Developments, and it is something the new government will have to address as part of the Productivity Commissions' recommendations ie by making the developers pay more and fairly to LGA's.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AT 12.15pm**

**OM 4/2023** Resolved (Cr Batten/Cr Blakey) that the meeting be resumed at 12.15pm to continue with the meeting items.

**7. Adoption of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**OM 5/2023** Resolved (Cr Roylance/Cr Brady) that adoption of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be deferred until after the Executive Officer provides a background report on the items & recommendations.

**Executive Officer's Report**

The Executive Officer went through the items in the Executive Officer's report that related to matters on the Agenda for this meeting prior to adoption of them.

**OM 6/2023** Resolved (Brady/Cr Todd) that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be received and noted.

**8. Business Arising from the Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Nil**

**9. Delegates Reports – Nil.**

**10. Speakers - As above**

**11. Executive Officer's Report – Dealt with in Item 7**

**12. General Business**

(a) Location/dates for next meetings in 2022/23 – Dubbo 24-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 as part of the Mini Conference in partnership with RDA Orana Innovation & Industry Conference

**Close – the meeting closed at 12.50pm**

The minutes (pages 1-8) were confirmed at a meeting of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and are a concise and accurate record of proceedings of the Ordinary General meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

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Cr Kevin Duffy  
Chairperson

## 7.4 CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2022

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### CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 10:36AM.**

**PRESENT:** Ctrs D. Batten, B. Fisher, Z Holcombe, Clr D Todd, Clr I Woodcock and Clr G Whiteley, Ctrs M Cooke, N Kinsey, P Cullen

**ABSENT:** Clr G Peart

**STAFF MEMBERS:** M. Urquhart (General Manager), A. Fletcher (Senior Biosecurity Officer), and R Wilson (Minute Secretary).

**WELCOME:** Meeting was opened at 10:36am and Chairman Clr D Batten welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.

#### **12/22/01 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Councillors Clr G Peart is accepted and a leave of absence granted.

**Moved:** Clr Fisher

**Seconded:** Clr Todd

**Carried**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- Nil**

#### **12/22/02 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved:** Clr Fisher

**Seconded:** Clr Cooke

**Carried**



**12/22/03 Council's Decision Action Report – December 2022****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register for December 2022 be received and noted

**Moved:** Clr Woodcock

**Seconded:** Clr Holcombe

**Carried**

**12/22/04 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 22-31 to 22-38 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Clr Whiteley

**Carried**

**12/22/05 Cash and Investment Report - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022****Resolved:**

That the investment report for 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Clr Holcombe

**Seconded:** Clr Fisher

**Carried**

**12/22/06 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report****Resolved:**

That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

**Moved:** Clr Fisher

**Seconded:** Clr Todd

**Carried**

| 12/22/07 Castlereagh Macquarie County Council – Annual Report 2021/2022                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>Council formally adopts its Annual Report for 2021/2022</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Woodcock<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Cooke</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> |

| 12/22/08 Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Procedures (2020)                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That: Council receives and adopts the <i>Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW and Procedures</i>.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Cooke<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Holcombe</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> |

| 12/22/09 Code of Meeting Practice Policy Review                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That: Council adopt the revised Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Todd<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Holcombe</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> |

| 12/22/10 Adoption of Organisation Structure                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council receives and adopts the Organisation Structure as presented.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Holcombe<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Whiteley</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p> |

*Cllr Pat Cullen joined the meeting 10:52am*

**12/22/11 Council Policy and Procedure Review****Resolved:**

That Council receive the General Managers report and adopts the revised policies and procedures as presented:

1. Financial Management and Control Policy
2. Related Parties AASB Policy and Forms
3. Purchase Card Policy
4. Work Health and Safety Policy
5. Leave Policy
6. Pesticide Use Notification Plan

**Moved:** Cllr Cooke

**Seconded:** Cllr Woodcock

**Carried**

**12/22/12 Minister for Agriculture Announces Funding for Hudson Pear Control****Resolved:**

(a) That Council receive the General Managers report

(b) The General Manager liaise with the LLS and DPI in the development of a control plan for the area, and the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council actively participate in the roll out of all elements of the control program.

(c) That the Hudson Pear Co-ordinator be invited to attend the next and subsequent meetings of CMCC to enable face to face updates of the Hudson Pear Control project and its progression.

**Moved:** Cllr Todd

**Seconded:** Cllr Whiteley

**Carried**

**12/22/13 Important Dates for Councillors – Upcoming Meetings and Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Kinsey

**Seconded:** Cllr Holcombe

**Carried**

**12/22/14 Senior Biosecurity Officer's Report**

**Resolved:**

That the report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Holcombe

**Seconded:** Cllr Todd

**Carried**

Date of the next CMCC Council Meeting to be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Coonamble.

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12:15pm

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Chairman

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General Manager

**7.5 LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE EXTRA ORDINARY  
MEETING – DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH  
2023**



**MINUTES  
LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**11AM**

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**Delegation to Councils – Regulation of Traffic**

A Council can regulate traffic for the specific reasons set out in Division 1 of Part 8 of the Roads Act, 1993 such as carrying out work on a road, etc. whereas the RMS can regulate traffic for any purpose.

If a Council wishes to regulate traffic for purposes other than those specified in Division 1 of Part 8 of the Roads Act, 1993, it must seek the advice of its Local Traffic Committee and act in accordance with the RMS's "Delegation to Councils – Regulation of Traffic".

Section 50 of the Transport Administration Act 1988 confers the power to the RMS to delegate the following Traffic Regulation responsibilities to Council;

- (1) Section 50 to Section 55 (inclusive) of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999. Install, display and remove prescribed traffic control devices
- (2) Section 122 of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulation 1999. Establish and operate a special event parking scheme for any road
- (3) Section 116 to 119 (inclusive) of the Roads Act 1993 Part 8 Division 2. The erection (or removal) of any notice or barrier, the carrying out of any work or the taking of any other action for the purpose of regulating traffic (restrict or prohibit the passage along a road of persons, vehicles or animals) on a public road for purposes other than those referred to in Division 1 (i.e. Sections 114 and 115)

**115 Roads authority may regulate traffic in connection with road work etc.**

- (1) A roads authority may regulate traffic on a public road by means of barriers or by means of notices conspicuously displayed on or adjacent to the public road.
- (2) The power conferred by this section may be exercised by the RMS for any purpose but may not be exercised by any other roads authority otherwise than:
  - (a) For the purpose of enabling the roads authority to exercise its functions under This Act with respect to the carrying out of road work or other work on a public road, or
  - (b) For the purpose of protecting a public road from serious damage by vehicles or animals as a result of wet weather, or
  - (c) For the purpose of protecting earth roads from damage caused by heavy vehicles Or by animals, or
  - (d) For the purpose of protecting members of the public from any hazards on the public road, or
  - (e) For the purpose of protecting vehicles and other property on the public road From damage, or
  - (f) For the purpose of enabling a public road to be used for an activity in respect of which a permit is in force under Division 4 of Part 9, or
  - (g) For a purpose for which the roads authority is authorised or required, by or under this or any other Act or law, to regulate traffic.

The Council may sub-delegate their powers to Councillors, the General Manager or an employee of the Council for items 1 and 2 above.

The Council may not sub-delegate item 3.

For further information please refer to the following document

**"A Guide to the Delegation to Councils for the Regulation of Traffic (including the operation of Traffic committees)" RMS – 2007**

**Advice to Councils – Regulation of Traffic**

**Local Traffic Committee Advice to Council on a proposal referred to it by Council must be recorded as one of the following**

- 1. Unanimous support;**
- 2. Majority support;**
- 3. Split vote;**
- 4. Minority support; or**
- 5. Unanimous decline.**

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

|                  |                                                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Michael Urquhart | (General Manager)                                      |
| David Vant       | (Road Safety & Traffic, Western Region, Transport NSW) |
| Kayla Cohen      | (Transport for NSW)                                    |
| Tim McLoughlin   | (Roads Manager – Walgett Shire Council)                |
| Sherisse Fensom  | (Secretary)                                            |

### 1. APOLOGIES

| Apologies – 09 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 |                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Resolved:</b>                        |                                                                   |
| Apologies accepted from;                |                                                                   |
| Jane Keir                               | (Mayor – Walgett Shire Council)                                   |
| Bob Stephen                             | (Director Engineering/Technical Services - Walgett Shire Council) |
| Greg Rummery                            | (Deputy Mayor – Walgett Shire Council)                            |
| <b>Absent:</b>                          |                                                                   |
| Michael Cooke                           | (Councillor - Walgett Shire Council)                              |
| Kevin Day                               | (Central North Police District)                                   |
| Colin Hundy                             | (Councillor - Walgett Shire Council)                              |
| David Sullivan                          | (Elected Member)                                                  |
| <b>Moved:</b> Kayla Cohen               |                                                                   |
| <b>Seconded:</b> Tim McLoughlin         |                                                                   |

### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

NIL

### 3. COLLARENEBRI BORE BATHS TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY

Michael Urquhart stated the Walgett Shire Council are looking at purchasing another block in the future if the need for parking becomes greater.

David Vant advised that due to the disruption of the CBD, the highway frontage and change of land use, there will need to be a Development Application referred to Transport NSW.

He also advised that during the construction process of the bore baths a traffic guidance scheme will need to be in place. Upon completion of the project there needs to be consideration to pedestrian access including a highway crossing as well as caravan and recreational vehicle parking.



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Michael Urquhart stated the caravans and travellers will be able to park at the sports grounds which is currently being upgraded.

David Vant advised the council can choose to adopt this traffic plan now but as part of the process they will need to forward it to Transport NSW as a Development Application.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council to approve at the next Council Meeting (28<sup>th</sup> March 2023) and a Development Application to be submitted to Transport NSW.

**ACTION:** Sherisse to contact Bob Harris to submit Development Application.

**MOVED:** David Vant

**SECONDED:** Sherisse Fensom

#### **4. REINSTATEMENT OF REVERSE PARKING ON FOX STREET, WALGETT**

David Vant stated Transport NSW is happy for Council to make the decision however, it is important to first do a community consultation.

There are concerns reverse parking will significantly slow traffic and increase noise from cars and trucks stopping and starting.

Tim McLoughlin stated there is consideration also needed to the concentration of fumes and the future proposals of changing traffic conditions through town.

**RECOMMENDATION:** A Community Consultation be performed with 28 days advertisement for public comment.

**ACTION:** ~~Sherisse to issue a media release and Public Notice.~~

\* Was advised by Michael Urquhart after the meeting that this will need to go to the Council Meeting first with a report to be completed by Bob Stephen then we can go to community consultation.

**MOVED:** Tim McLoughlin

**SECONDED:** David Vant

#### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Letter of Delegation**

Kayla Cohen asked if the Council had received the Letter of Temporary Delegation from Transport NSW (Streamlining Local Traffic Management).

Michael Urquhart had issued an email to Walgett Shire Council Engineering staff to have a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at 2pm to discuss the implications for the Walgett Shire Council.

##### **5.2 LORNE INTERSECTION AND FRED REECE WAY UPDATE**

Tim McLoughlin asked for an update on the review of Lorne Road Intersection and Fred Reece Way.

David Vant stated it is still with Transport NSW being reviewed.

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**6. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 10:00am at the Lightning Ridge Multi-purpose Centre to then attend the Lightning Ridge Central School.

**7. CLOSE OF MEETING – 11.31am**

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## 7.6 COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION INC OF NSW DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 09 MARCH 2023



### Country Mayors Association Inc of NEW SOUTH WALES

Chairperson: Cr Jamie Chaffey  
PO Box 63, Gunnedah NSW 2380  
0467 402 412  
ABN 92 803 490 533

### MEETING MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9 March 2023 held at the Offices of the Port of Newcastle, Level 4, 251 Wharf Road, Newcastle.

*The meeting opened at 8:45am*

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

Armidale Regional Council, Cr Sam Coupland, Mayor  
Armidale Regional Council, Mr James Roncon, General Manager  
Bega Valley Shire Council, Cr Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor  
Bellingen Shire Council, Cr Steve Allan, Mayor  
Berrigan Shire Council, Cr Matthew Hannan, Mayor  
Broken Hill City Council, Cr Jim Hickey, Deputy Mayor  
Dungog Shire Council, Cr John Connors, Mayor  
Dungog Shire Council, Mr Gareth Curtis, General Manager  
Federation Council, Cr Patrick Bourke, Mayor  
Federation Council, Mr Adrian Butler, General Manager  
Forbes Shire Council, Cr Phyllis Miller, Mayor  
Forbes Shire Council, Mr Steve Loane, General Manager  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Cr Troy Arandale, Deputy Mayor  
Glen Innes Shire Council, Mr Bernard Smith, General Manager  
Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Cr Peter Walker, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Cr Doug Curran, Mayor  
Griffith City Council, Mr Brett Stonestreet, General Manager  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Cr Jamie Chaffey, Mayor  
Gunnedah Shire Council, Mr Eric Groth, General Manager  
Kempsey Shire Council, Cr Leo Hauville, Mayor  
Kempsey Shire Council, Mr Craig Milburn, General Manager  
Lachlan Shire Council, Cr John Medcalf, Mayor  
Lachlan Shire Council, Mr Greg Tory, General Manager  
Leeton Shire Council, Cr Tony Reneker, Mayor  
Leeton Shire Council, Ms Jackie Kruger, General Manager  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Cr Doug Hawkins, Mayor  
Liverpool Plains Shire Council, Mr Nathan Skelly, Acting General Manager  
Mid-Western/Mudgee Regional Council, Cr Des Kennedy, Mayor

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Moree Plains Shire Council, Cr Mark Johnson, Mayor  
Moree Plains Shire Council, Mr Lester Rogers, General Manager  
Narrabri Shire Council, Cr Ron Campbell, Mayor  
Narrabri Shire Council, Mr Robert Williams, General Manager  
Narromine Shire Council, Cr Dawn Collins, Deputy Mayor  
Oberon Council, Cr Lauren Trembath  
Oberon Council, Mr Gary Wallace, General Manager  
Orange City Council, Cr Jason Hamling, Mayor  
Parkes Shire Council, Cr Ken Keith, Mayor  
Port Stephens Council, Cr Ryan Palmer, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Cr Sue Moore, Mayor  
Singleton Council, Mr Jason Linnane, General Manager  
Tamworth Regional Council, Cr Russell Webb, Mayor  
Tamworth Regional Council, Mr Paul Bennett, General Manager  
Tenterfield Shire Council, Cr Bronwyn Petrie, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Cr Robert Bell, Mayor  
Uralla Shire Council, Ms Kate Jessep, General Manager  
Walcha Council, Cr Eric Noakes, Mayor  
Wingecarribee Shire Council, Mr Viv May, Interim Administrator  
LGNSW, Cr Darriea Turley, President  
LGNSW, Mr Scott Phillips, CEO

**APOLOGIES:**

Ms Linda Scott, President ALGA and as submitted

Further apologies taken from the floor:

- Kent Boyd, GM Parkes
- Cr Rick Firman, Mayor Temora

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

(a) Cr Darriea Turley AM, President, LGNSW

(b) Mr Scott Phillips, CEO, LGNSW

**2. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 November 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Narrabri Mayor, Councillor Ron Campbell

Seconded: Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville

**Carried**

***Meeting suspended at 8:50am, and Jamie introduced Darriea and Scott***

Darriea addressed current matters for LGNSW including Red Fleet and then handed over to Scott, LGNSW. Scott addressed the following:

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- Councillor Conduct Framework
- IPART Review of Rate Peg Methodology- new CEO doesn't believe that they can have report to Government by April deadline, and have been granted a 3 month extension

***Chairman Chaffey introduced Craig Carmody at 9:00am***

Mr Carmody gave the meeting an overview of the operations and aspirations of Port of Newcastle.

Mr Carmody wrapped up at 9:50 with a presentation of a book to Jamie.

Mayor of Singleton, Councillor Sue Moore made a presentation as a token of appreciation to Craig.

***Meeting broke for morning tea to resume at 10:15am.***

***Meeting resumed at 10:15am***

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Membership:**

**Motion:** That Junee Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Bourke Shire Council be admitted as members of the Association.

*Moved: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*Seconded: Federation Mayor, Councillor Patrick Bourke*

**Carried unanimously.**

Chairman Chaffey read correspondence received last night from Mayor of Newcastle, which requested that the association grant Newcastle City Council associate membership.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** That Country Mayors Association move to work on consideration of change to our membership to align with that of LGNSW rural regional.

*Moved: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*Seconded: Lachlan Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf*

**Carried**



**Motion:** That 2 months notice be given that there be constitutional change to allow for there to be associate membership to the association.

*Moved:* Parkes Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

*Seconded:* Tenterfield Mayor, Councillor Bronwyn Petrie

The matter was suggested to be deferred pending the investigation of realignment of membership as per the previous motion. The Chair determined to allow it as it was a separate matter to that of Newcastle's request.

**Carried by 75% majority**

It was noted that the executive would work towards putting words around what associate membership would entitle and how much it would be.

**5. Correspondence:**

*Correspondence Outward and Correspondence Inward sheets provided with General Meeting Agenda*

**Motion:** That the correspondence be noted.

*Moved:* Lachlan Mayor, Councillor John Medcalf

*Seconded:* Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

**Carried**

(a) NSW Fair Trading Form A12 – T2 Annual Summary of Financial Affairs Tier 2

(b) Local Government NSW Update for CMA Meeting on 09/03/23  
*Clr Darriea Turley AM, President, LGNSW provided update and addressed CMA members regarding membership*

**6. Financial Report:**

**Motion:** That the financial reports for the last quarter were tabled and accepted.

*Moved:* Parkes Mayor, Councillor Ken Keith

*Seconded:* Glen Innes Deputy Mayor, Councillor Troy Arandale

**Carried**

**7. General Business**

**(a) Change to CMA Constitution**

*At the 18 November meeting it was resolved that notice of 2 months be given to members to change the Associations Constitution to provide for the position of Immediate Past Chairman to be a member of the Executive.*

*Under clause 32 of the Constitution, no alterations to the Constitution shall be made unless two months' notice in writing is first given and unless the alteration be supported by 75% of the members present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. Notice of the proposed change was notified to members by e-mail on the 28 November 2022*

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association change the Associations Constitution to create the position of Immediate Past Chairman and provide for that position to be a member of the Executive.

**Moved:** Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller

**Seconded:** Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

**Carried unanimously**

**(b) Acknowledgement to Country**

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association includes an Acknowledgement to Country at its future meetings with the wording of such to be as follows:

*"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters, and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging. We are committed to providing communities in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are included socially, culturally and economically".*

**Moved:** Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville

**Seconded:** Bellingen Mayor, Councillor Steve Allan

**Carried unanimously**

**(c) Quotes**

**CMA Banners (Lloyd Signs)**

**Website (Two Cats Creative)**

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association accepts the quotes for CMA Banners received from Lloyd Signs and for CMA Website received from Two Cats Creative.

*Moved:* Goulburn Mayor, Councillor Peter Walker

*Seconded:* Berrigan Mayor, Councillor Matthew Hannan

**Carried**

**(d) Revised and amended Scholarship Program**

It was noted by the Chair that there was some concern with this item by parties external to CMA as the amount offered was greater than the first prize for the Bluett.

**Motion:** That the matter of the scholarship program be deferred to the May meeting of CMA.

*Moved:* Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller

*Seconded:* Tamworth Mayor, Councillor Russell Webb

**Carried**

**(e) CMA Position on distribution of Letters of Support for Funding**

*The Chairman recently received a request for a Letter of Support for a member council to assist with a grant funding application to a State Government program. A draft letter was presented to the Executive for their approval as CMA currently do not have an endorsed position on the provision of such request for support. It should be noted the letter was supported by the Executive but it was not unanimous and after further discussion with the Executive it was decided that this issue should be debated at the next General Meeting of CMA for a formal position to be developed.*

**Motion:** That the Country Mayors Association not give letters of support to our member Councils for their grant funding applications.

*Moved:* Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller

*Seconded:* Singleton Mayor, Councillor Sue Moore

**Carried**



**General Business from the floor:**

**Motion:**

That the Association, at a future meeting, report on holding two meetings a year in non-metropolitan locations with application criteria being determined by the Executive. These meetings would commence in 2024 if adopted.

*Moved: Kempsey Mayor, Councillor Leo Hauville*

*Seconded: Forbes Mayor, Councillor Phyllis Miller*

*It was clarified by the Chair that this is 2 additional meetings to the 4 meetings per year that CMA will hold in Parliament House aligned with sitting dates, or alternate venue such as York Club.*

**Carried**

**Motion:**

That the Country Mayors Association write to the Board of LGNSW and request that a motion be moved at the next LGNSW Conference to:

1. Revoke the previously passed motion to disallow real estate agents and developers and associated families of such from standing as councillors through NSW LGAs; and
2. That if the motion is successful that the board write to both major political parties advising them of the decision.

*The Chair sought, given the nature of the motion, leave from the meeting about whether the motion should be accepted. The motion was accepted and put to the vote.*

*Moved: Broken Hill Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jim Hickey*

*Seconded: Federation Mayor, Pat Bourke*

**Carried**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:15am

The members remained to receive a briefing from Viv May on the Remuneration Tribunal deliberations this year.

A Guided Tour of the Newcastle Port Facilities was then held on conclusion of the meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 26 May 2023, location in Sydney with venue to be advised.

Cr Jamie Chaffey

CHAIRMAN

COUNTRY MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC.

## 7.7 ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 MARCH 2023




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| <b>Meeting of:</b> | <b>Alliance of Western Councils (AWC) Board</b> |
| <b>Date:</b>       | <b>16 March 2023</b>                            |
| <b>Time:</b>       | <b>8.02am</b>                                   |
| <b>Venue:</b>      | <b>Teams Meeting</b>                            |

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### ATTENDEES:

|                        |                                                       |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Derek Francis          | General Manager Bogan Shire Council                   |
| Clr Glen Neill         | Mayor Bogan Shire Council                             |
| Leonie Brown           | General Manager Bourke Shire Council                  |
| Clr Barry Holman       | Mayor Bourke Shire Council                            |
| David Kirby            | General Manager Brewarrina Shire Council              |
| Clr Vivian Slack-Smith | Mayor Brewarrina Shire Council                        |
| Bob Stewart            | Administrator, Central Darling Shire Council          |
| Peter Vlatko           | General Manager Cobar Shire Council                   |
| Clr Peter Abbott       | Mayor Cobar Shire Council                             |
| Murray Wood            | CEO, Dubbo Regional Council                           |
| Clr Mathew Dickerson   | Mayor Dubbo Regional Council                          |
| David Neeves           | General Manager Gilgandra Shire Council (from 8.29am) |
| Jane Redden            | General Manager Narromine Shire Council               |
| Clr Craig Davies       | Mayor Narromine Shire Council (Chair)                 |
| Sally McDonnell        | Secretariat Narromine Shire Council                   |
| Michael Urquhart       | General Manager Walgett Shire Council                 |
| Gary Woodman           | General Manager Warren Shire Council                  |
| Roger Bailey           | General Manager Warrumbungle Shire Council            |

### 1. WELCOME

The Chair welcomed those present and declared the meeting open at 8.02am.

### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for:

|                    |                                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Greg Hill          | General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council |
| Clr Des Kennedy    | Mayor Mid-Western Regional Council             |
| Brad Cam           | General Manager Mid-Western Regional Council   |
| Clr Milton Quigley | Mayor Warren Shire Council                     |
| Jane Keir          | Mayor Walgett Shire Council                    |

**RESOLVED** Clr Barry Holman/Bob Stewart, that the apologies received be accepted.

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### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil



**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AWC BOARD MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED** Clr Glen Neill/Clr Mathew Dickerson that the minutes of the AWC Board Meeting held on 9 December 2022 be adopted.

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**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF GMAC MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED** Jane Redden/Murray Wood that the minutes of the GMAC Meeting held on 10 February 2023 be adopted.

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**6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GMAC MINUTES**

**6.1 Item 5.3 – Financial Reports**

**It was noted** that the Alliance of Western Councils member contributions will remain at \$5,000 for the financial year 2023/2024.

**6.2 Item 6.3 – Orana Water Utility Alliance (OWUA) and NSW Water Directorate Update**

**RESOLVED** Clr Barry Hollman/Bob Stewart that AWC obtain quotations for the development of a business case/plan for the development and establishment of a Water and Sewer Training Centre in the OWUA region with the eventual cost of the plan/case, if approved, to be funded 50% by AWC and 50% from remaining funds available through the Orana JO.

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**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Chairs Report**

**RESOLVED** Clr Craig Davies/Derek Francis that the information be noted.

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**7.2 Repeat Offenders of Crime**

Discussion was held regarding the rising rate of Crime across our region and the growing issues with the judicial system and repeat offenders.

**RESOLVED** Clr Barry Holman/Clr Glen Neill that, following the State Election, AWC makes strong representation to the Attorney-General's Department and the Children's Court NSW, to request that the judicial system be reviewed, in relation to the penalties aligning with the crimes that are being committing.

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### 7.3 Presenters for future meetings

The Chair requested that members provide feedback on who they would like to have present at future meetings of AWC.

**It was noted** that the following be invited to future Board meetings.

- Rebecca Fox – Secretary, Department of Regional NSW
- Brett Whitworth – Deputy Secretary, Local Government

Jane Redden requested that everyone continue to provide their suggestions of presenters, to ensure that there is a sufficient pool of speakers.

### 7.4 Future Meeting Dates

Discussion was held regarding the meeting scheduled for 12 May 2023, the Chair explained he will be unavailable on this date and requested it be changed to the 19 May 2023. There were no objections to this.

Given the change of meeting dates for this Board meeting from March to May, dates for the remainder of the year will be provided at a later date.

**It was noted** that the Country Mayors Meeting dates for the year are scheduled for 26 May 2023, 4 August 2023 and 3 November 2023.

## 8 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 3) were confirmed at a meeting held on the day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022, and are a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 16 March 2023.

Chair

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

### 8.1 MINING & ENERGY RELATED COUNCIL NSW – FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



#### MERC NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

##### Introduction

Delegates, here is the February MERC Newsletter, please circulate the Newsletter to your fellow Councillors and senior staff this week, so they can appreciate and understand the excellent work the Association and you are doing on behalf of your Council and community, with regard to mining and energy related matters.

##### New Executive Committee

In accordance with the MERC constitution, as a result of the recent elections MERC has a new Executive Committee:

- Chair Cr Kevin Duffy, Orange City Council
- Deputy Chairs, Cr Phyllis Miller, OAM Forbes Shire Council & Cr Dennis Brady, Lachlan Shire Council
- Executive Committee, Crs Scott Ferguson, Blayney Shire Council, Cr Liz McGlynn, Bland Shire Council & Cr Denis Todd, Warrumbungle Shire Council.

##### GOVERNANCE MATTERS

1 Next Meetings of Association – The next Ordinary meeting will be on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Dubbo, the August Ordinary meeting location is yet to be determined, whilst the AGM meeting will be held in November at a location to be determined. The Executive Committee will have a meeting (by teleconference) beforehand on dates to be determined by the Chair in consultation with the Executive Committee.

2 Resources & Energy Mini Conference The Mini Conference date slots have been booked for the week 24-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Dubbo Regional Theatre & Covention Centre. The conference will be trun in partnership with Orana RDA/Inland NSW Growth Alliance.from 23-25<sup>th</sup>, with the MERC Ordinary meeting being held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the same venue.

3 COVID-19 Virus Impact on MERC - In 2023 MERC will be resuming its' meeting cycle activities in the normal manner. What this means for MERC delegates is that 2023 will have quarterly meetings as "face to face" meetings with use of zoom in exceptional circumstances. Executive Committee meetings will be by zoom means as determined. A lot of value is gleaned from being at a meeting in person and this can be lost when delegates attend by zoom. The focus will always be on giving delegates an opportunity to attend meetings. However, delegates must be present to vote for the AGM in view of the voting system in the constitution.

4 Speakers for Next Meeting in Dubbo – The invitees to be approached to speak at Dubbo will be Ministers, Opposition, Mining & Energy Industry Leaders and speakers from areas of Innovation in the space plus sponsors. It was good to have Courtney Houssos, Shadow Minister for Resources and Shadow Minister for Better Regulation address delegates in Sydney on 22<sup>nd</sup> February where she outlined Labor's platform if elected on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, as follows:.

- New to portfolio of Resources and apologised for not being up to speed with all the issues, however as Shadow Minister was willing to learn from entities like MERC on





issues associated with Critical Minerals, Resources for Regions, Royalties for Rejuvenation, VPA's etc., in an endeavour to address them.

- Concerned about what happens after mines close in communities – that's where opportunities need to be explored for manufacturing eg building rail trains in NSW in those areas to utilise the available labour from mine closures.
- Labor has developed its own Coal Reservations Policy in opposition to the Coalition's Coal Directions Policy.
- Labor supports the Coalition's Energy Plan but are concerned about the slow roll out of the REZ's and the lack of engagement with communities and affected landholders to date which they will look at improving.
- There doesn't appear to be any provision in the Coalition's Energy Plan for manufacturing to generate their own energy and jobs from the Energy Plan initiatives roll out.
- There appears to be a lack of transparency in how the miners are addressing their emission issues out there in the communities and government will be keen to work with them to address the issues.
- If elected, Labor will introduce a State-owned Energy Commission to ensure a consistent supply of energy for everyone in the State - it will be modelled on the Federal Government's Clean Energy Corporation.
- Libs/Nationals have left the incoming government in a dire position with the lights and power not guaranteed to be left on and cost of energy -, Labor's focus will be to keep the lights on at a lower cost to stakeholders.
- Labor's focus will be on hydro, community batteries, solar, wind but no nuclear at this stage.
- They will also be looking at pumped hydro and have had talks with Yancoal already, who are exploring the opportunities with it.
- Happy to attend future meetings and build up a relationship with MERC.

5 Inland NSW Growth Alliance (formerly Orana Opportunity Network (O2N)) – MERC is trialling as a Bronze Member of INGA for 12 months. Their Newsletters are available on their website on [o2n@o2n.org.au](mailto:o2n@o2n.org.au). A partnership has been forged with Orana RDA to joint hosting of a Resources Energy & Innovation Forum with MERC on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Dubbo;

6 CRC Transformation in Mining Economies (CRCTIME) - MERC is a partner with CRC TIME on a no cost but consultative basis. They provide updates on progress with an opportunity for members to join webinars, workshops, surveys etc. Latest update is below.

7 Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) – Consultatnts have conducted a survey of 21 stakeholders including the Executive Officer of MERC on how the government can improve its "social licence" with roll out of the REZ's. Details are outlined below.

## **MATTERS OF INTEREST**

### **(i) Renewable Energy Alliance (RE-Alliance)**

Andrew Bray, National Director Re-Alliance writes: "The biggest barrier to our shift to renewable energy is the lack of transmission network capacity. Without it, we can't transport the clean power generated in Renewable Energy Zones to where it's needed."



RE-Alliance welcomes the series of announcements last week from the Victorian Government and the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) to advance development of transmission infrastructure while keeping a focus on affected communities.

Firstly, the [Victorian Government](#) declared the acceleration of the Victoria-New South Wales Interconnector West (VNI West) using the best parts of ~~VicGrid's~~ Victorian Transmission Investment Framework, a framework for how transmission infrastructure is planned and developed.

Secondly, AEMO has prioritised [a different route for VNI West](#) based on community feedback. It is promising to see social and environmental factors considered in developing alternative routes – something that all [large scale](#) transmission projects should do. To determine the route, open engagement with the community, collaboration with Traditional Owners and consultation with local government will take place. Support for the new route from regional stakeholders like the [Wimmera Development Association](#) shows that AEMO's engagement is improving.

Thirdly, the Victorian Government announced a [new payment scheme](#) for Victorian farmers and landholders hosting transmission lines on their properties – bringing the state in line with NSW. Landowners will receive a \$200,000 per kilometre payment, paid over 25 years, for all new large-scale transmission lines. This will be in addition to easement payments made under existing arrangements that take into account the value of the land and the way it is used.

RE-Alliance has long advocated for increased landholder payments. Everyone should benefit from the renewable energy transformation, especially the communities that host the infrastructure for it. Proper payment for landholders is crucial – but it's not a silver bullet. Transmission companies need to listen to and understand the needs of the local community and the environment.

The series of announcements last week indicate that the Victorian Government and AEMO have listened: they've heard the crucial need to consider and include communities in our clean energy transition and they understand that we get one chance to make this shift and to do it right.

Right now, Victorian communities can be a part of the engagement process for VNI West, which is [currently open](#) for feedback. This is also a perfect moment for Victorians to be planning for how to best leverage the energy transition to build thriving communities".

## (ii) Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's)

A REZ is a hub of renewable projects across a region that form a modern-day power station, producing a large amount of energy for the State. The State Government has set them up in the New England, Southern NSW, Hunter/Central Coast Regions and in the Riverina and Southern Riverina.

In following up Mike after the last two meeting presentations by him, ~~EnergyCo.~~ as part of their Stakeholder Engagement Strategy have set up a Listening Program where the MERC Executive Officer was one of 21 entities to be interviewed on a one on one basis (to ensure MERC is involved



in the roll out of REZ's as a stakeholder) to assist in shaping how EnergyCo leads the delivery of the Renewable Energy Zones and Priority Transmission Projects in NSW.

EnergyCo has engaged the services of RPS Group to conduct a series of one-on-one stakeholder interviews. Undertaking the consultation through an independent company ensures all feedback will remain anonymous as well as giving EnergyCo deeper research insights.

When the interviews are complete, RPS Group will provide un-identified interview transcripts for analysis. The key themes and insights from this data will help shape the way EnergyCo work in the future and they plan to release a public report summarising the insights from both our community survey and stakeholder inputs. The results of the interviews are yet to be received.

Meanwhile, the following is an update on the progress of the roll out of the REZ provided by Mike Young at the recent MERC meeting in Sydney:

- Energy Corporation of NSW is a statutory authority re-established in line with legislative functions under the Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987 and Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020 has been set up to "join the dots" with the design, delivery, and coordination of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ's) and other electricity infrastructure in a way that benefits consumers, investors and regional communities.
- Transmission development is becoming increasingly controversial in local communities, with communities already raising concerns with compensation, consultation, land use conflict, access fees and cost recovery.
- The loss of social licence has the potential to delay the rollout of transmission infrastructure which would jeopardise energy security, slow NSW's transition to net zero emissions and increase electricity costs for consumers. To avoid this the government will need to actively build community support for the transition rollout.
- Have engaged consultants to look at ways to improve the consultation process with roll out of the 5 REZ's in NSW, results will be out shortly.
- Seeking funding to develop a Community Benefit Funding Scheme Model at the moment where EnergyCo to get the right model for the roll out of these in the Rez's to work.
- Has been out and about talking to affected persons in Dunedoo and Coolah and have had bilateral and collective meetings with the Councils in the REZ's, to get feedback and have set up a Community Survey online.
- Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors has been set up (includes Mayors from Mid-Western Regional, Warrumbungle, Dubbo Regional [MERC members], and the New England Councils – Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, Glen Innes, Walcha or Uralla) who have met with Mike and Minister Kean after Country Mayors meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 to discuss their REZ concerns.
- Seeking confirmation of grant for \$50m to fund the Central West Orana REZ. For cheques to be sent out in July/August for access fees to landholders and Councils.
- The REZ's are legislated, so the incoming government will have to continue the process and Mike has had discussions with Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Jihad Dib, who is generally supportive.
- New England REZ next to roll out and there are many projects underway with the Hunter Transmission project for Bayswater to Eraring.
- Regarding VPA's for Renewable Energy developments, this has been discussed with Coalition of Renewable Energy Mayors and models are being considered based on 1.5% of CIV for VPA's.





- Mike said Department of Planning staff are starting to realise that VPA's should cover other issues raised by the communities affected by these State Significant Developments, and it is something the new government will have to address as part of the Productivity Commissions' recommendations ~~ie~~ by making the developers pay more and fairly to LGA's.

### (III) RDA Orana / ON2

RDA Orana are organising a Resources & Energy Industry Innovation Forum in May 2023 in Dubbo and discussions have been held with MERC for its mini conference having a Local Government Day as part of the Forum, site visits day before,

RDA Orana newsletters often have matters of interest for delegates which will be passed on when relevant information in them. More details will be released in mid-March when the marketing commences.

### (iv) CRC TiME - Partner Update Stages of projects (as at 24/02/23)

CEO Guy Bloggs advises "See [Research Prioritisation Plan](#) for more about the project development progress but following is a summary of the projects at CRC TiME to date.

Thank you to all who joined us for the partner update webinar last Friday 17 February. For those who couldn't attend or would like a refresh, watch the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SpqAeiVcjk>

#### **Key takeaways**

We've just hit the quarter lifespan of the CRC and have achieved 26% of milestones within this time frame, indicating that we're on the right track. In case you missed it, we have a [Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024](#), [Research Prioritisation Plan 2021 – 2024](#), and [Impact Framework](#), which breaks down our framework into eight priorities for 2021 – 2024 and the completion of our foundational projects.

Our [First Nations Inclusion Strategy](#), which is extremely important to us, is guiding changes to the way we work. With Caroline Williams, Engagement Manager (First Nations) now onboard, we are ready to share more broadly. As always, we are committed to project co-design to scope projects that are useful to our partners.

**You asked, we listened** - the main feedback received in the session was your desire for a simple document listing our projects in the pipeline, key contacts and key dates. We agree and hope the attached summary meets your needs – let us know your thoughts. Also, it's the last chance for you to do our [communications survey](#).

#### **Quarterly partner updates**

Keep an eye out for an invitation to our next partner update. These will be held quarterly this year to keep you in the loop on upcoming project movements. We will ensure they're a good use of your time. Keep an eye out for invitations to these and other upcoming engagement opportunities. If you're interested, please [contact us](#).

#### Project Ideas

- National spatial datasets for sustainable resources development | Idea testing | [Dr Guy Boggs](#)



- Post-mine transitions in a decarbonisation context | Idea testing | [Jillian D'Urso](#)
- A toolkit of cross-cultural communications on closure | Idea testing | [Jillian D'Urso](#)
- A dossier on common transition scenarios from mining to next state/use and requirements to achieve | Idea testing | [Jillian D'Urso](#)
- Case studies of successful closure transitions to identify who, what, where, how and why | Idea testing | [Jillian D'Urso](#)
- A longitudinal review of where a post-mine state was thought to be success and where it is now | Idea testing | [Jillian D'Urso](#)

#### Concept Development

- Addressing knowledge gaps for post-mining land use | Engagement underway | [Dr Tom Measham](#)
- Education pathways for First Nations in mine closure | Engagement underway | [Zane Hughes](#)
- Enablers for First Nations inclusion in post-mine transitions | Engagement underway | [Jillian D'Urso](#)
- Facilitating industry and government engagement with communities in mine closure planning and implementation | [Professor Alex Gardner](#)
- Alternate uses of abandoned mine sites for new energy applications | Early engagement | [Professor Syed Islam](#)
- CRC TIME Knowledge Discovery, Translation and Engagement Platform | Early engagement | [Dr Mark Cypher](#)
- Incorporating Intangibles for Sustainable Mine Closure | Early engagement | [Dr Gopi Chattopadhyay](#)
- LoM Planning Considering Optimum Waste Rock Dumping Strategies | Early engagement | [Professor Erkan Topal](#)
- Evaluation and support for closure decisions that incorporates the unique value proposition to more accurately assess both tangible and intangible costs and risks | Early engagement | [A/Professor Bryan Maybee](#)
- Sustainable mining waste management framework | Early engagement | [Dr Baotang Shen](#)
- Building an Australian-wide digital library of spectral and structural signatures of framework and invasive vegetation species for detection in mine rehabilitation and closure | Early engagement | [Professor Peter Erskine](#)
- Securitisation of intangible uncertainty for mine closure | Early engagement | [A/Professor Eric Lifford](#)
- Stakeholder views of success measures | Early engagement | [Jillian D'Urso](#)

#### Project Proposal/Plan

- Reviewing appropriateness of traditional NPV measures for closure provisioning: A survey of the literature | [A/Professor Bryan Maybee](#)

#### Project Execution (final contracting)

- Collaborative planning for post-mining development in the Latrobe Valley - Stage 1 | [Dr Jess Reeves](#)
- Identifying future economic development pathways for mining regions and increasing transition capacity | [Dr Lavinia Ponisch](#)
- Opportunities for Growth in Australia's Mine Closure Solutions Industry | [Dominic Banfield](#)
- Mine Pit Lake Assessment and Management: A National Initiative to Support Mine Closure and Regional Opportunities | [Dr Kathryn Linge](#)



- A systematic Approach to Regional Cumulative Effects Assessment (RCEA) To Support Transitions in Mining Economies - Stage 1 | [Dr Renee Young](#)

Project Management (in delivery)

- Future Proofing a small community from the impacts of the mine lifecycle | [Professor Fiona Haslam-McKenzie](#)
- Natural Capital Accounting in the mining sector | Consultation to commence soon | [A/Professor Bryan Maybee](#)
- Australian Seed Scaling Initiative | [Dr Todd Erickson](#)
- Evidence for effectiveness of climate-adapted seed sourcing strategies in a changing climate | [Dr Rebecca Jordan](#)
- Improved prediction, remediation and closure of AMD/NMD sites | [Professor Sarah Harmer](#) | [Dr Daniel Pierce](#)
- Algae-based technologies for improved environmental outcomes and sustainable post mining futures | [Dr Anna Kaksonen](#)
- Climate change induced risks for the performance of vegetation on mine rehabilitation soil covers in the Latrobe Valley | [Professor Thomas Baumgardt](#)

Completed projects.

- 1.1 Towards a framework for cumulative regional impact assessment | [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 1.2 Post Mining Land use | [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 1.3 Mapping the regulation of mine closure – [READ THE REPORT](#) | [WATCH THE VIDEO \(PART 1\)](#) | [WATCH THE VIDEO \(PART 2\)](#)
- 1.4 Understanding local readiness for closure: initiating a multi-stakeholder participatory approach – [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 2.1 Understanding stakeholder values in post-mining economies – [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 2.2 Exploring the issues in mine closure planning – [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 2.3 Current tools, techniques and gaps in evaluating mine closure – [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 2.4 Quantifying risks and opportunities from mine closure | [WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)
- 3.1 Improved Prediction, Remediation and Closure of Acid and Neutral Metalliferous Drainage | [READ THE REPORT](#) | [WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)
- 3.2 Transforming disparate approaches to remote sensing and monitoring to industry best practice – [READ THE REPORT](#) | [WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)
- 3.3 Mine site water: options for extracting value from open pits – [READ THE REPORT](#)
- 3.4 Returning ecosystems resilience
- 3.5 Mined landform stability for regional benefit | Final report expected soon
- 3.6 Assessing barriers to reducing environmental risks using acid and metalliferous drainage (AMD) as a case study – [READ THE REPORT](#) | [WATCH THE WEBINAR](#)
- 3.16 Revegetating iron-ore mine waste using a novel eco-engineering pioneer plant-microbe system
- 4.8 Evaluation of an ecosystem forecasting system for rehabilitated arid landscapes
- 5.2 Foundations for Indigenous Inclusion | [READ THE REPORT](#)

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OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST – MINING & RENEWABLE ENERGY



"NSW Government Releases Latest REZ in Illawarra Region with Offshore Wind and Solar Focus" Giles Parkinson, Renew Economy, Feb 2023, writes "The NSW state government has officially declared the fifth renewable energy zone – this time in the Illawarra region – as part of its roadmap to replace the country's biggest coal grid with renewables and storage over the next decade. The declaration of the Illawarra REZ follows similar declaration for the Central West Orana, New England, Hunter, and Southwest REZs – all designed to foster and host at least 12GW of new wind, solar and storage projects.

The Illawarra REZ – like the Hunter REZ – will have a large component of offshore wind, thanks to the respective port facilities that were built as a legacy of the coal and steel industries in those two regions.

So far, up to 17GW worth of projects, worth more than \$40 billion, have been proposed for the region – mostly for offshore wind projects. "The Illawarra has a proud history of manufacturing and the REZ will only build on this legacy, powering existing and emerging industries such as offshore wind, green hydrogen and green steel production," energy minister Matt Kean said in a statement.

"The Illawarra is an ideal region to host a REZ, thanks to its existing energy, port and transport infrastructure, its highly skilled workforce and strong demand from existing industries to decarbonise. This is a huge win for the Illawarra with projects registering their interest showing a potential to create more than 8,300 jobs, not including the huge employment potential of offshore wind."



The initial call for projects for the Illawarra REZ unlocked interest in investments in wind, battery storage, pumped hydro, hydrogen and new load projects, including green steel manufacturing. Last week, Port Kembla, announced plans to turn itself into a support base for





a future offshore wind industry, unveiling two concept plans for its outer harbour. The Wollongong port is already an import hub for onshore wind farm components and the port operator also wants to add hydrogen to the mix.

*"NSW Considers Ban on New Embedded Networks in Suite of Rule Reforms"* Rachel Williamson, Renew Economy, Feb 2023 writes "NSW is the latest state to take aim at embedded networks, with new rules to limit price-gouging and give low-income earners access to government aid. The new rules are expected to be in place by the end of the year and benefit about 150,000 people, a spokesperson for NSW treasurer and minister for energy Matt Kean told *RenewEconomy*.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will set a maximum price for gas and for hot and chilled water supplied through embedded networks and review whether those prices should be below the default market offer for electricity in the National Energy Market (NEM).

The government will ask IPART to consider whether it should ban new embedded networks for water and ask the AER to only approve new ones if they are in the interests of consumers. The proposed changes will also give people on low incomes who live within an embedded network site access to NSW government rebates and bill assistance worth up to \$1600 a year.

"Whether you're living in a free-standing home, or in an apartment block, caravan park or retirement village, every family should be able to access essential services at a fair price," Kean said. These reforms will help ensure that embedded network customers are no longer disadvantaged simply because of where they choose to live."

Embedded networks are private energy networks which on-sell energy from retailers to households and small businesses in multiple premises like apartment blocks, retirement villages, caravan parks and shopping centres. The NSW Energy and Water Ombudsman estimates that some 95,400 households live in residences with electricity embedded networks and some 64,000 are hot water embedded network customers.

A NSW government review into the area last year found [embedded networks could be unfair and create safety issues](#).

"NSW residents have received unreasonably high bills, particularly for hot water embedded network services. For example, one witness had received a bill for \$2000 for a 9-month period, and their neighbour had received a bill for \$9700 for a period of less than 18 months," the review reported in November.

"High bills may also have a profound effect on the most vulnerable in our community, such as people with disability, who may rely on energy services to maintain their health and safety. Further, there are physical safety risks associated with high voltage connections in larger embedded networks. The Committee heard that the increased number of [large embedded networks](#) requesting access to the grid means that current safety regulations are no longer fit for purpose.

"There are currently no requirements to disclose that a property is in an embedded network before purchase... The Committee considered this an unreasonable lack of disclosure and transparency.... recommended that the NSW Government consider regulating embedded network contract provisions, including the term of the contract and conditions of termination, to ensure they are not unduly burdensome for consumers."



Embedded networks became a lucrative business model for building developers, but high charges and unfair terms are spurring governments into regulation.

Victoria is banning new embedded networks from this year and capped prices within existing ones under the Victorian Default Offer in 2020. But reforms to protect residents aren't all positive. Proponents of renewable energy sources for apartments, however, suggest Victoria's [ban may cut off access to electric vehicle infrastructure and solar panels](#).

The trouble with embedded networks began when the AER created exemptions for all embedded electricity network suppliers in 2018 from registering as an authorised retailer, because selling power was an incidental part of their business. Until then, exemptions were offered on a case-by-case basis. But come 2023, the AER's list of exempt networks has ballooned to 3614. The Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) issued [draft rule changes for embedded networks in 2019](#), such as requiring transparent pricing and allowing customers to switch retailers easily — but they have never gone anywhere.

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## 8.2 RESPONSE LETTER TO LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION



**Julie Collins MP**

**Minister for Housing  
Minister for Homelessness  
Minister for Small Business**

Ref: MC22-017515

Cr Darriea Turley AM  
President  
Local Government NSW  
GPO Box 7003  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Councillor ~~Turley~~ *Darriea*

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) 2022 Annual Conference Resolution on housing and homelessness. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of adequate, affordable housing for all Australians. To help, it is bringing states and territories, the Australian Local Government Association, investors and representatives from the construction sector together under a National Housing Accord (Accord) to unlock quality, affordable housing supply over the medium term. Importantly, under the Accord all levels of government will consider how they can best use their own landholdings to support housing supply.

The Accord sets an aspirational target of one million new, well-located homes to be delivered over 5 years from 2024, as capacity constraints are expected to ease. All stakeholders will work together to achieve this target to address the supply gap of new homes as our population continues to grow.

Under the Accord, the Government will provide \$350 million over 5 years, with ongoing availability payments over the longer term, to support the delivery of 10,000 affordable dwellings. States and territories will also support up to an additional 10,000 affordable homes, increasing the dwellings that can be delivered under the Accord up to 20,000.

The combination of a more secure pipeline of supply and Government support through innovative financing will facilitate cost-effective superannuation and institutional investment in affordable housing.

This commitment is in addition to the 30,000 additional social and affordable dwellings that will be supported through the \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund.

In addition, the Government has now introduced legislation to establish the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council. An interim Council was established on 1 January 2023 to begin its important work. A key early piece of work for the Council will be to examine barriers to institutional investment, finance and innovation in housing, as agreed through the Accord.

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Collins', written over the typed name.

Julie Collins MP

15/2/2023



## **9. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

### **9.1 GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **9.1.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023**

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

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**Summary:**

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

**Background:**

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

**Current Position:**

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

In these circumstances the register become3s 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 Resolution 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.

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| <b>Council's Decision Action Report – February 2023</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That the Resolution Register for February 2023 be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachment:**

Action Resolution Register.

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| 14.02.17 | 1/2017/15 | <p>Loan to Lightning Ridge Opal &amp; Fossil Centre Inc.</p> <p>(a) That the Chief Financial Officers report be received.</p> <p>(b) That the Council provide a zero interest loan of \$48,000 to the Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Inc. for the purpose of completing a procurement plan, project management plan, risk management plan and asset management plan.</p> <p>(c) The loan be repaid over five (5) years as follows; 9/01/18 - \$10,000, 9/1/2019 - \$10,000, 9/1/20 - \$10000, 9/1/21 - \$10,000, 9/1/22 - \$8,000.</p> <p>(d) That Walgett Shire Council and the Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Inc. enter into a formal loan agreement and the General Manager be authorised to execute the loan agreement and the Council Seal be affixed to the loan document.</p> <p>(e) That a Council officer nominated by the General Manager (Chief Financial Officer) becomes a Board Member of the Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre to oversee Council's financial interests.</p> | GM   | 30/05/22 Items (a) to (d) have been completed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | GM to report to Council              |
| 23.5.17  | 4/2017/34 | <p>Lightning Ridge Bore Baths</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council receive the CFO report</li> <li>2. Council make provision of \$100,000 in the 2017/18 budget for renewal of the Lightning Ridge Bore Bath between Nov 17 and April 18</li> <li>3. Recommendations of the structural assessment be implemented</li> <li>4. The General Manager arrange for a design and cost of the bore bath renewal and submit this to Council for consideration</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | CFO  | <p>27.6.17 Quotation for design &amp; construction to be called in coming months. Work to be carried out during November 17 to March 18</p> <p>18.9.17 CFO in discussions with firm for engineers design</p> <p>18.10.17 CFO Issued purchase order for design of new tank</p> <p>22.11.17 Draft plan Received -RFQ to be issued</p> <p>13.12.17 Waiting on new specifications &amp; plan</p> <p>18.4.18 Project postponed until November 2018.</p> <p>18.4.18 RFQ to be issued and contractor engaged prior to October 2018</p> <p>17.4.19 RFT Underway for October March 19/20</p> <p>12.12.19 RFQ document under external review</p> <p>18.03.21 Options being investigated</p> <p>15.11.2021 GM to call tender for new pool when additional grant funds become available</p>           | In progress                          |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/25 | <p>That Council resolve to acquire Mr.and Mrs Raymond Pike's land within which the current Council-maintained section of O'Neils Road runs, then surrender the Council-Controlled section of corridor to Mr And Mrs Raymond Pike.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | DETS | <p>8.9.17 DETS hold talks with Mr Raymond Pike and his wife. They verbally agreed to the swap.</p> <p>5.11.17 Quotes received for cadastral survey</p> <p>30.03.18 Cadastral survey completed</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in Progress</p> <p>22.10.2019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>17.03.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 work in progress</p> <p>9/6/2020 work in progress</p> <p>22/7/2020 work in progress</p> <p>16/9/2020 collected all the information required and the process in completion stage.</p> <p>21/10/2020 Council's crown land manager is working on it.</p> <p>16/11/2020 “ “</p> <p>14/02/2022 GM to follow up as current status</p> <p>14.09.2022 Waiting on transfer of ownership</p> <p>20.03.2023 No status change - ongoing</p> | In progress                          |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/26 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council resolves to authorise acquisition by compulsory process, of the Walgett Levee corridor through Lot 7024 DP1021106, Lot 7012 DP1021112, Lot 7301 DP1155276, Lot 7013 DP1030416, Lot 7300 DP1155957, Lot 702 DP1051575, Lot 7001 DP1051908, Lot 3 DP1123824, Lot 703 DP1056310, Lot 7031 DP1055946 and Lot 7009 DP1055947.</li> <li>2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Minister to approve the compulsory acquisition process.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DETS | <p>5.11.17 Quote received for cadastral survey</p> <p>10.1.18 Quote accepted</p> <p>16.08.18 Survey ongoing</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in progress</p> <p>9.09.2019 work in progress</p> <p>22.10.2019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>17.03.2020 Received survey plan</p> <p>20.04.2020 Registration is in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 work in progress</p> <p>9/6/2020 work in progress</p> <p>22/7/2020 work in progress</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Waiting on approval from crown lands |

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|          |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     | 16/9/2020 work in hold at this stage as the related staff has other important other commitments<br>18.03.21 Crown Lands to authorise licence<br>20.03.2023 No Status change - ongoing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |
| 03.04.19 | 2/2019/23  | That Council determines to make minor amendments to the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy that reflect "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area B" is the most appropriate site based on community consultation and the limited number of potential lots (4 stated in the strategy) for "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area C".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DES | Council has received funding from Department of Planning Industry and Environment to undertake completion of the planning proposal. Consultants Cityplan have commenced work on the project.<br>Cityplan's name has changed to "Gyde"<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gyde has received a draft servicing report from SMEC and are working through it with them;</li> <li>The bridging report is under preparation with the intention of it being finalised shortly after the engineering issues are closed out; and</li> <li>The bridging report will be provided to Council's DES for review. Gyde will then amend the report as required.</li> </ul> 09/02/2022 – TEAMS meeting with Gyde Planning and DPIE representatives on Friday<br>4/02/2022 to discuss recommendations of Bridging Report.<br>15/02/2022 – Further technical analysis required by Gyde Planning.<br>14.09.2022 Waiting on response from consultant<br>10.10.2022 Director seeking to obtain support from DPE (formally DPIE).<br>15.02.2023 Waiting on response from NSW Planning to progress the matter | In progress |
| 17.12.19 | 12/2019/4  | Council investigate the options of highlighting Mr Frederick York Wolseley's contribution towards the shearing industry in the form of a monument and associated historical information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | GM  | GM investigating tourist possibilities<br>Rural Aid project<br>11.07.2022 Signage wording underway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | In Progress |
| 28.04.20 | 3/2020/15  | That Council endorse Council Officers to advertise and write to owners of businesses that they believe require this Annual Fire Safety certificate, on the basis of the report to complete a tender for Council, but offsetting travel and accommodation costs for active community Business Owners whom wish to part of the process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DES | Delayed pending appointment of new DES.<br>15.11.2021 To be followed up by DES in early 2022.<br>15.02.2022 – Consultation with business owners to commence in March '22.<br>19.04.2022 Acting Director Environmental Services to investigate<br>14.09.2022 Health & Building Surveyor to commence notifications<br>21.03.2023 See Assistant Director Report to March 2023 Council Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Ongoing     |
| 25/08/20 | 9/2020/23  | 1. Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 by relocating "intensive plant agriculture" from Permitted with consent to Permitted without consent in the RU1 Primary Production zone.<br>2. Forward the planning proposal to NSW planning, industry & environment with a request for a gateway determination;<br>3. Request delegation from the Minister to "make" the amendment to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>4. Give delegation to the General Manager to make any minor alterations as requested by NSW Planning, Industry & Environment; and<br>5. Undertake the state agency and public consultation as per the requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979. | DES | Work on this project is suspended due to high number of development applications and enquiries.<br>15.02.2022 – No change<br>14.09.2022 DES to apply for grant<br>10.11.2022 Project did not meet requirements for grant. Now applying to Western Region Planning for assistance to progress project.<br>15.02.2023 Waiting on response from NSW Planning to progress the matter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | In progress |
| 15.12.20 | 15/2020/17 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:<br>1. Conduct a trial of bin banks in the vicinity of the existing Landfills at Grawin and Sheeppyard.<br>2. Following the appointment of a casual Landfill Attendant site locations and number of bins be rolled out in a phased manner following a community consultation process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DES | Negotiations with stakeholders has commenced.<br>19.04.2022 Acting Director Environmental Services to investigate<br>18.05.2022 Acting Director Environmental Services to investigating relevant licenses for land at Glengarry and Grawin<br>27.07.2022 DES has been in contact with land holder at proposed site and awaiting his return to discuss further.<br>14.09.2022 Health and Building Surveyor to progress in October 2022<br>10.11.2022 DES has spoken with owner and confirmed location of bins. Roadworks and site set-up for bins to be carried out in 2023<br>15.02.2023 Waiting on Crown Land for licensing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | In progress |
| 27.04.21 | 4/2021/15  | Council accepts the tender for the refurbishment of the grandstand at the Collarenebri Race Track from GLETAN GROUP in the sum of \$360,495.11 excluding GST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CFO | 22.07.21 Project underway<br>15.11.21 Bar area 95% complete, main steel supports are in place, holes for foundations being prepared<br>20.06.22 Gletan Group submitted a claim for extras which has been referred to the project manager at Barnson's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In progress |

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|          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            | 11.07.22 Gletan Group are continuing to drill holes for foundations and are anticipating a completion date of 12 August 2022<br>14.09.2022 Health & Building Surveyor to inspect and sign off.<br>15.02.2023 Waiting on structural engineer (Barson's) to come back with report.<br>21.03.2023 Builder to rectify defects in bar area of refurbishment                                                                                                                                               |                                                 |
| 29.06.21 | 6/2021/3  | A. Council authorise the General Manager to further investigate the Walgett Aero Club proposal for an Avgas fuelling station at the Lightning Ridge Airport.<br>B. The General Manager report back to Council on the outcome of investigations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | GM         | 15.11.2021 The General Manager has spoken to Committee members and is waiting on financial information.<br>19.04.2022 GM to report to May 2022 meeting re tender option for provision of fuelling station.<br>20.06.2022 Airport Manager preparing scope of works<br>27.07.2022 Draft Scope of Works has been received and is in editing process                                                                                                                                                     | In progress                                     |
| 22.02.22 | 3/2022/22 | b) That Council agree to sell both Lot 156 and Lot 157 DP 882747 Duff Street Walgett to Michael Hughes Transport for \$85,000 (GST exclusive).<br>c) A condition of sale being, the blocks are land locked and Council is not obligated to provide access via Duff Street, with connection to water/septic services, power, and Council's half share of fencing, and removal of soiled fill, and relocation of the septic main to allow development be at the expense of Michael Hughes Transport.<br>d) The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the sale of documents and the Council's Seal be affixed accordingly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | GM         | 19.04.22 GM wrote to interested parties and has, so far, not received a response.<br>10/11/22 Waiting on response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Waiting on response from prospective purchasers |
| 30.05.22 | 6/2022/17 | Construction Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring<br>(b) Enter into a contract with Lukas Building and Excavation for the construction of a 15m circular pool, associated amenities, park furniture, BBQ with shelter and seating, concrete paths, concourse and stormwater drainage, as per Quotation No. 264, at a price of \$1,127,400 (ex GST), and the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the contract and other relevant documents on behalf of Council<br>(c) The Council Seal be affixed to the Contract.<br>(d) Allocate \$170,000 for the piping and pumping of water to and from the artesian hot spring pool.<br>(e) Allocate \$205,876 additional funding for the construction of the pool and amenities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | GM/<br>CFO | 20.06.2022 Design in progress<br>27.07.2022 GM waiting on design of circular pool and children's pool<br>22.08.2022 Design complete. Engineers design in progress<br>12.12.2022 Design for wastewater complete. Tender for construction issued.<br>15.02.2022 Architect redesigning size of pool<br>28.02.2023 Superseded by new resolution 1/2023/25                                                                                                                                                | COMPLETE                                        |
| 28.06.22 | 7/2022/8  | Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee<br>1. Council join with the Far North West Joint Organisation (FNWJO) and all member Councils in establishing a Shared Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) in accordance with section 428B of the Local Government Act 19333<br>2. Council delegate authority to the FNWJO to appoint the chair and 2 independent members to form the ARIC to serve the FNWJO and all 3 member Councils.<br>4. Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference developed for the operation of the ARIC, noting the initial revised term to cater for the shorter period to be served by the current Council and the fact that there is no current need for the Chair to be pre-qualified at this stage.<br>6. Applications, as detailed in the Expression of Interest document, be called for by the placement of advertisements in the local papers circulating in each of the towns within the FNWJO area, together with the websites of each of the member Councils, to provide local residents the opportunity to apply to become a member of the shared committee, if they are suitably qualified and wish to apply. | GM         | 11.07.2022 Deputy Mayor is Council delegate to ARIC. FNWJO recruiting the chair and independent members.<br>12.12.2022 Advertising for Chairperson & Committee Members to commence early February 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | In progress                                     |
| 26.07.22 | 8/2022/6  | Section 355 Progress and Development Committees – Burren Junction Progress Committee and Walgett Community Development Committee:<br>4. Council advertise, requesting interested community members nominate for membership to the abovementioned 355 committees of Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | GM         | 27.07.2022 Advertising for committee members to commence August 2022<br>14.09.2022 Advertising complete. Report to September 2022 Ordinary Meeting<br>10.10.2022 Re-advertising of Walgett Community Development Committee commencing as there were not enough EOI's received to form the committee. Report to October 2022 Ordinary Meeting for Burren Junction Progress Committee<br>10.11.22 Burren Junction Progress Committee selected by Council on 27/10/22 and have been advised in writing. | Partially Complete                              |

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| 26.07.22 | 8/2022/19  | Purchase of Property at Carinda:<br>2. Council approves the purchase of 23 Colin St, Carinda; being described as Lot 2 DP309612 having a purchase price of \$15,000<br>3. The General Manager and Mayor be authorised to execute the necessary documents to finalise the purchase.<br>4. The property be classified as operational                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | GM/<br>DES      | 22.08.2022 Council's solicitor has commenced purchase process                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | In progress |
| 30.08.22 | 10/2022/24 | Long-Term Strategy for Lots 1 to 75 DP838673<br>1. Call for Expressions of Interest for the grazing rights to Lots 1 to 75 DP838673 for an initial two (2) year period<br>2. develop a proposal for the staged development of the subdivision to be full costed to include all services; power, water, effluent, sealed internal roads and high speed NBN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | GM              | 10.11.2022 Basic investigation commenced in terms of land categorisations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | In progress |
| 30.08.22 | 10/2022/26 | Fixing Local Roads Program – Lorne Road Reconstruction and Sealing of 5.79kms<br>1. Decline to accept the variation proposal submitted by McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd<br>2. Enter into a deed of mutual termination with McMahon Services Australia Pty Ltd to bring responsibilities and obligations of both parties, under the contract, to an end<br>3. Immediately commence reconstruction and sealing of 5.79kms of Lorne Road, Lightning Ridge, using Council day labour and local sub-contractors<br>4. Immediately commence formal discussion with TfNSW regarding possible cost overrun of all TfNSW projects due to price escalations in fuel, road construction materials and sub-contractor rates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | DETS            | 14.09.2022 Deed of release executed. Subcontractors to commence work in October 2022<br>10.10.2022 Works scheduled to commence late October 2022 (weather permitting)<br>20.03.2023 Work Commenced 2023                                                                                                                | In progress |
| 27.09.22 | 11/2022/12 | Partial Road Closure – Bill O'Brien Way, Lightning Ridge<br>1. The partial closure of Bill O'Brien Way from Lot 79 to the western end of Lot 78 DP820469, being Crown Reserve 230076, as proposed in the above report.<br>2. Council approve construction of 'Anyone Can Play Park' on that part of the partially closed road (Bill O'Brien Way) and Lot 78 DP820469 (being Crown Reserve 230076).<br>3. Council construct a small toilet facility with one (1) unisex ambulant and one (1) accessible toilet, if required by DPIE recommendations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DETS/<br>Ramesh | 10.10.2022 Road closure process has commenced<br>12.12.2022 DPIE has approved new site in Rotary Park<br>20.03.2023 No Status change - ongoing                                                                                                                                                                         | In progress |
| 27.09.22 | 11/2022/23 | Lease of space on Collarenebri Water Tower<br>2. That Council enter into a lease with Field Solutions Group P/L for lease of part Lot 1462 DP862540; being approximately 8m x 4m in size, for a period of five (5) years, with an option of a further 5 x 5 term options.<br>4. The Council Seal be affixed to the Lease Agreement and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the lease documents.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | GM              | 10.10.2022 Lease documents requested<br>12.12.2022 GM Reviewing Lease Agreement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | In progress |
| 27.09.22 | 11/2022/24 | Lease to Graincorp Operations Ltd – Part road reserve adjacent to Kamilaroi Highway, Burren Junction<br>2. That Council enter into a lease with Graincorp Operations Limited for lease of part Road Reserve, described as; the proposed lease area is located with the land area bounded by Lot 7300 DP 1153362 to its west, Lot 53 DP 753925 and part of Lot 7004 DP 1032424 to its north, Lot 54 DP 753926 to its east, the Kamilaroi Highway/Slacksmith Street corridor to its South, and Lot 65 DP 721416 along this lot's north and east boundaries, excluding a 20 metre public road corridor along the northern and eastern boundary for a period of Five (5) years with an option to renew for a further Five (5) years.<br>4. The Council Seal be affixed to the lease agreement and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the Lease documents.<br>5. Council formally contact adjoining landowners, advising of the lease arrangement of the public road corridor.<br>6. Council place the lease arrangement on Public Display, for a period of 28 days, calling for submissions from the public. | GM/<br>DETS     | 04.10.2022 Lease arrangement placed on public exhibition, closing 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. 2022.<br>20.10.2022 New report to Council requesting further 5x5 year extension options.<br>10.11.2022 Legal issues being reviewed by Solicitors from both parties<br>15.02.2023 Waiting on further information from Graincorp. | In progress |

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| 27.10.22 | 12/2022/15 | Rebates to Churches and other Not-For-Profit Organisations (Section 356)<br>2. A review be conducted of Council's Rebates to Churches and other Not-For-Profit Organisations Policy and the list of recipients for the 2023/204 financial year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CFO  | 10.11.2022 A review to be conducted by Rates officer for February 2023.                                                                                              | Not yet commenced |
| 27.10.22 | 12/2022/27 | Lease to Graincorp – Part Road Reserve Adjacent to Kamilaroi Highway, Burren Junction<br>2. That Council offer Graincorp Operations Limited a further two (2), five (5) year lease options in the lease document for the land described as: "the proposed lease area is located with the land area bounded by Lot 7300 DP 1153362 to its west, Lot 53 DP 753925 and part of Lot 7004 DP 1032424 to its north, Lot 54 DP 753926 to its east, the Kamilaroi Highway/Slacksmith Street corridor to its south, and Lot 65 DP 721416 along this lot's north and east boundaries, excluding a 20 metre public road corridor along the northern and eastern boundary". | GM   | 10.11.2022 Legal issues being reviewed by Solicitors from both parties                                                                                               | In progress       |
| 27.10.22 | 12/2022/28 | Licence Agreement between Walgett Shire Council and PCYC Walgett<br>3. That the General Manager be authorised to execute to Lease Agreement and the Council Seal be affixed to the Licence Agreement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | GM   | 21.03.2023 Annual User Agreement Executed                                                                                                                            | COMPLETE          |
| 22.11.22 | 13/2022/16 | That Council approve the additional plant purchases as detailed in Table 6.0 and these be allocated to the long-term financial plan for the financial years as allotted in Table 6.0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CFO  | 12.12.2022 To be included in the draft LTFP in January 2023<br>15.02.2023 Report to 28 March 2023 meeting.                                                           | In progress       |
| 22.11.22 | 13/2022/21 | That Walgett Shire Council joins with Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW in declaring a State-wide Road Emergency                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GM   | 21.03.2023 Declaration sent to County Mayors Association                                                                                                             | COMPLETE          |
| 20.12.22 | 14/2022/20 | That Council approve the Walgett CBD 40KPH Zone as per the proposed area sketches contained in the report tabled (Items 9.2.4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DETS | 15.02.2023 Preliminary information is with Transport for NSW for approval. TfNSW will also assist with pushing for funding<br>20.03.2023 Tf NSW doing concept design | In progress       |
| 20.12.22 | 14/2022/23 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to disperse a grant of \$3,905.00 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2022-023, in accordance with the recommendations of the Council's Heritage Advisor. (Applicant: Dale Bowden – 152-156 Fox Street, Walgett)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DES  | 15.02.2023 Applicant has been notified and we are now waiting on works to be completed before funds can be remitted.                                                 | In progress       |



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| 20.12.22 | 14/2022/26 | Lease to Services NSW – Walgett Services Agency (RMS)<br>2. Renew the lease of the Walgett Motor Registry with Service NSW for a further three (3) years with a commencing rental of \$35,778.28 (excl. GST) per annum, with an option for a further three (3) years with a fixed 3% increase on the option in 2026<br>3. The Council Seal be affixed to the Lease Agreement and the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to execute the Lease Agreement | GM  | 15.02.2023 Waiting on lease documents from Service NSW                                                                                               | In progress |
| 28.02.23 | 1/2023/21  | That the Walgett Shire Council Draft Community Participation Plan 2023 be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from the 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 until 28 <sup>th</sup> March, at 4:30pm, inviting submissions from the public during this time.                                                                                                                                                                                           | DES | 01.03.2023 WSC Draft Community Participation Plan was placed on public exhibition<br>21.03.2023 Report to be submitted to April 2023 Council Meeting | In progress |
| 28.02.23 | 1/2023/25  | Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring<br><b>a)</b> That Council accepts the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation at a price of \$1,493,846 (excluding GST);<br><b>b)</b> That Council amends the contract for the construction of the Collarenebri Artesian Hot Spring as per the revised quotation from Lukas Building and Excavation to \$1,493,846 (excluding GST); and<br><b>c)</b> That the Council Seal be affixed to the contract.        | GM  | 21.03.2023 Contract is in readiness for signing                                                                                                      | In Progress |

## 9.1.2 IMPORTANT DATES – UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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### Summary:

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

### Discussion (including issues and background):

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

### Current Position:

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

### Governance Issues:

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

### Environmental Issues:

Not applicable.

### Stakeholders:

Councillors and Walgett Shire Council staff.

### Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not applicable.

### Conclusion:

Provided there are no changes it is appropriate to receive and not the information.

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

### Attachments:

Upcoming meetings and events schedule.

**IMPORTANT DATES – Upcoming Meetings and Events**

| DATE              | MEETING/FUNCTION                                      | LOCATION                  | NOTES                                                |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 March 2023     | Barwon Darling CAG Ordinary Meeting                   | Bourke                    | Mayor, Deputy Mayor & General Manager                |
| 3 April 2023      | Outback Arts Meeting                                  | Coonamble                 | Clr Walford & Manager Community Services             |
| 12 April 2023     | Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting                  | Lightning Ridge MPC       | Mayor, Clr Hundy, Clr Rummary, Clr Cooke & GM & DETS |
| 24 April 2023     | Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Ordinary Meeting | Coonamble                 | Clr Woodcock, Clr Cooke and GM                       |
| 26 April 2023     | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 10 May 2023       | LEMC Meeting                                          | Walgett                   | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 12 May 2023       | Alliance of Western Councils Meeting                  | Dubbo                     | Mayor, Deputy Mayor & General Manager                |
| 19 May 2023       | BROC Ordinary Meeting                                 | St George                 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager              |
| 26 May 2023       | Country Mayors Assoc. Meeting                         | Coonamble                 | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 26 May 2023       | Mining & Energy Related Councils NSW Ordinary Meeting | Sydney                    | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager              |
| 30 May 2023       | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 27 June 2023      | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 25 July 2023      | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 4 August 2023     | Country Mayors Assoc. Meeting                         | Coonamble                 | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 7-10 August 2023  | NSW Weeds Conference                                  | Dubbo                     | Clr Cooke and Clr Woodcock                           |
| 9 August 2023     | LEMC Meeting                                          | Walgett                   | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 29 August 2023    | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 26 September 2023 | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 31 October 2023   | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 3 November 2023   | Country Mayors Assoc. Meeting                         | Coonamble                 | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 8 November 2023   | LEMC Meeting                                          | Walgett                   | Mayor and General Manager                            |
| 23 November 2023  | BROC AGM and Ordinary Meetings                        | Tenterfield Shire Council | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager              |
| 28 November 2023  | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |
| 19 December 2023  | Council Meeting                                       | Walgett Chambers          | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend        |

### 9.1.3 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0047

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**Summary:**

This report provides notes on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Engineering/Technical Services division.

**Background:**

For Councillor information purposes, the following is advised:

- a. Lightning Ridge and Walgett toilet facilities waiting on final elements for completion. Apex Park Walgett complete with paths and grass in coming months. Contraction has measured ready for quotation.
- b. Collarenebri Artesian Spring pool – Final design in progress with depth to 1.6metres as requested by Councillors. Quotations underway for delivery of water to the bore bath in Wilson Street. Report to March 2023 Council meeting regarding the Tender for piping of waste water to evaporation ponds.
- c. Walgett Splash Park – Successful tenderer ParkEquip. Contract issued and contractor to commence in early 2023. Currently negotiating works for splash pad slab.
- d. Walgett Showground Road and Carpark – Sealing Road completed on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Carpark sealing is now complete 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.
- e. Carpark at Ovals 2 and 3 now sealed in readiness for football season.
- f. Lightning Ridge “Anyone Can Play Park” – Road resumption underway and design to fit park under review. NSW Government have approved the new site.
- g. Collarenebri Showground Dining room – Slab and refurbishment work on dining room to commence in coming month. Contractors to provide quotation.
- h. Collarenebri Lawn Cemetery – One (1) quotation received, waiting on second quote. Irrigation system to be installed by WSC staff. Hardstand for carpark to be completed when road is upgraded. Contractor and DE&TS has visited site and made preliminary arrangements for the work in the coming months.
- i. Walgett Netball Courts – design commenced, soil test to be carried out.
- j. Walgett CBD Improvements – Works to continue along the main street with the Fox Street and Wee Waa Street repairs now complete.
- k. Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee – In progress with FNWJO engaging Chair for all four (4) Councils.
- l. Flood repairs are underway on Walgett Showground buildings in readiness for the Show in May.

- m. Sculptor Carl Valerious has repaired the original man on the monument and a fibreglass mould has been taken and computerised in Melbourne. Stone for the new man is on its way from Italy. The old man will be re-located into the grounds of Memorial Park in Fox Street Walgett.
- n. Final works to complete the Collarenebri Jockey Club are underway and the Project Manager will inspect shortly.
- o. The new amenities design for the Collarenebri Showground has received the tick of approval from the Jockey Club Committee and works will commence on the footings and repairs in the coming months.
- p. Council has received one (1) quotation for the Carinda sportsground fence.

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| <b>Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From General Manager</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only from the General Manager be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil.

## 9.1.4 MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kevin Dunshea – Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0026

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### Summary:

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

### Background:

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

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

### Current Position:

Collection of the current years levy and arrears as at 28 February 2023 is 64.71% which is 1.3% less than the previous year collection at 28 February 2022 of 66.01%. Collections have increased in the first few weeks of March 2023 with a total of 65.74% collected.

Council held an auction on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 for the Sale of Land for Unpaid Rates & Charges. The necessary credit/write-off adjustments to reduce the outstanding rates debtor balances are pending finalisation. Once completed, the credit/write-off adjustments would be reflected within a subsequent monthly outstanding rates report.

### 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 strengthen Walgett Shire Council's long term financial position.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no alternative solutions or options.

**Conclusion:**

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

| Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 28 February 2023                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>The 28 February 2023 outstanding rates report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report – Outstanding Rates Report



**Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges as at 28 February 2023****Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 28 February 2023**

|                                                         | 6 March 2023          | 28 February 2023      | 28 February 2022      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arrears from previous year                              | 1,571,511.85          | 1,571,511.85          | 1,178,458.83          |
| Adjustment                                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Sub Total                                               | 1,571,511.85          | 1,571,511.85          | 1,178,458.83          |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                            |                       |                       |                       |
| Legal fees (Including write off's)                      | 500.00                | 500.00                | (10,778.00)           |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 10,511,917.92         | 10,511,917.92         | 10,149,835.97         |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | 64,954.23             | 64,929.02             | 48,846.94             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (3,071.79)            | (3,071.79)            | (4,598.36)            |
| Sub Total                                               | 10,574,300.36         | 10,574,275.15         | 10,183,306.55         |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>12,145,812.21</b>  | <b>12,145,787.00</b>  | <b>11,361,765.38</b>  |
| Payments                                                | (7,793,010.75)        | (7,668,780.55)        | (7,300,374.75)        |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (96,650.07)           | (96,650.07)           | (97,642.88)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (79,080.80)           | (79,080.80)           | (79,893.67)           |
| Discount                                                | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (15,313.00)           | (15,313.00)           | (22,487.25)           |
| Sub Total                                               | (7,984,054.62)        | (7,859,824.42)        | (7,500,398.55)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,161,757.59</b> | <b>\$4,285,962.58</b> | <b>\$3,861,366.83</b> |
| Current                                                 | 2,897,614.92          | 3,018,896.84          | 2,872,810.05          |
| Arrears                                                 | 886,921.67            | 888,839.39            | 630,535.35            |
| Interest b/f from previous years                        | 204,427.50            | 205,087.91            | 190,232.84            |
| Current year interest                                   | 54,372.96             | 54,637.90             | 43,775.87             |
| Legals                                                  | 118,420.54            | 118,500.54            | 124,012.72            |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,161,757.59</b> | <b>\$4,285,962.58</b> | <b>\$3,861,366.83</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 | 65.74%                | 64.71%                | 66.01%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 73.70%                | 72.52%                | 71.69%                |

### 9.1.5 CASH & INVESTMENTS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Shirley Burraston – Management Accountant  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0025

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**Summary:**

This report provides a summary and analysis of Council's cash and investments for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Background:**

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

Comparisons are regularly made between existing investments and other available products that meet Council policy guidelines. A comparison of Council's investment portfolio results is also made monthly to that of other NSW Councils and Walgett Shire's results from the portfolio continue to better than average.

The investments are compliant with the Relevant Reference Documents and Policies listed in this report.

**Current Position:**

Council at month end held a total of \$41,434,851 in on-call bank accounts and interest-bearing term deposits with financial institutions in Australia. The investments are compliant with the Local Government Act (NSW), the associated Regulations and Ministerial Order and Council's Investment Policy.

Council's detailed investment portfolio and compliance information is shown in Attachment 1 to this report. This information is represented graphically as well as digitally and shows Council's compliance to the investment policy for all key performance indicators in the policy.

The official cash rate was increased in February 2023 to 3.35%. The RBA continues to signal that it expects to increase interest rates two or three times further in the coming months.

Council's investment portfolio continues to perform well in comparison with other LGAs in NSW, with Walgett Shire Council being one of the best performing councils in the state.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act (NSW), 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2021  
Ministerial Investment Order 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Investment Policy (Revised and adopted in August 2022)

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

As per report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
Financial Institutions

**Conclusion:**

At 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Walgett Shire Council's total cash and invested funds totalled \$41,434,851 decreasing the portfolio by \$4,965,519 from the previous month.

**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 2021*, the *Investment Order (of the Minister) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016*.
2. I hereby certify that Council's Cash Book and General Ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at the end of month.

Shirley Burraston

**Management Accountant – Acting Responsible Accounting Officer**

| Cash and Investment Report as at 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023                                                                     |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Investment report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment:**

Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets (*Refer to attachment document*)

## 9.2 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING / TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 9.2.1 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen - Director Engineering / Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0008

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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> February 2023.

**Background:**

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

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

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's approved 2022/2023 Shire Roads Maintenance Grading Works schedule.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
 Walgett Residents  
 Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

As of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, actual spend is **\$175,073.15**.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

| Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – February 2023                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for February 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/> <b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly maintenance grading works.

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| Road Name                    | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For July 2022 | Expenditure For August 2022 | Expenditure For Sept. 2022 | Expenditure For Oct. 2022 | Expenditure For Nov. 2022 | Expenditure For Dec. 2022 | Expenditure For Jan. 2023 | Expenditure For Feb. 2023 | Expenditure For March 2023 | Expenditure For April 2023 | Expenditure For May 2023 | Expenditure For June 2023 | Total Cost to Date  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Zone 1</b>                |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                     |
| Bowra Road SR34              | 3.95                 | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             | \$ 635.37                  |                           |                           | \$ 33.01                  |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 668.38           |
| Wanourie Road SR38           | 6.5                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$7,765.00                |                           | <b>-\$ 7,765.00</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Green and Branders Road SR41 | 11.3                 | \$ 7,006.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Regans Road SR58             | 3.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Marra Creek Road SR60        | 17.5                 | \$ 10,850.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Lochlomond Road SR74         | 8.4                  | \$ 5,208.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Maroubra Road SR76           | 8.3                  | \$ 5,146.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Nedgara Road SR77            | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Mac Masman Road SR81         | 8                    | \$ 4,960.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Binghi Road SR113            | 20.1                 | \$ 12,462.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Aberfoyle Road SR115         | 26.2                 | \$ 16,244.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$15,380.00               |                           | <b>-\$ 15,380.00</b>      |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Gungalman Road SR31          | 43.7                 | \$ 27,094.00                    | D             |                           |                             | \$ 1,730.56                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 1,730.56         |
| Gilwary Road SR32            | 7.9                  | \$ 4,898.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 1,190.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 1,190.00         |
| Teranyan Road SR33           | 13.7                 | \$ 8,494.00                     | D             | \$ 5,753.50               | \$ 646.16                   | \$ 81.09                   |                           |                           | \$ 139.41                 | <b>-\$ 6,620.16</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Bogewong Road SR114          | 48.7                 | \$ 30,194.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Ginghet Road SR40            | 47.6                 | \$ 29,512.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Bushs Road SR43              | 8.7                  | \$ 5,394.00                     | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Miralwyn Road SR73           | 17.9                 | \$ 11,098.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Brewon Road SR112            | 54.7                 | \$ 33,914.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Billybingbone Road RR7516    | 18.67                | \$ 11,532.00                    | C             |                           | \$ 1,620.00                 |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 1,620.00         |
| Merri Merri Road RR202       | 6.57                 | \$ 7,166.00                     | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 1,700.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 1,700.00         |
| <b>Sub total Zone 1</b>      | <b>392.29</b>        | <b>\$ 250,640.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ 5,753.50</b>        | <b>\$ 2,266.16</b>          | <b>\$ 2,447.02</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 23,145.00</b>       | <b>\$ 172.42</b>          | <b>\$ (26,875.16)</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 6,908.94</b>  |
|                              |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                     |
| Road Name                    | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For July 2022 | Expenditure For August 2022 | Expenditure For Sept. 2022 | Expenditure For Oct. 2022 | Expenditure For Nov. 2022 | Expenditure For Dec. 2022 | Expenditure For Jan. 2023 | Expenditure For Feb. 2023 | Expenditure For March 2023 | Expenditure For April 2023 | Expenditure For May 2023 | Expenditure For June 2023 | Total Cost to Date  |
| <b>Zone 2</b>                |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                     |
| Boorooma Creek Road SR48     | 19.1                 | \$ 11,842.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Wimbledon Road SR64          | 3.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           | \$ 9,538.33               | <b>-\$ 9,538.33</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Tungra Road SR85             | 12.7                 | \$ 7,874.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Strathmore Road SR92         | 16.42                | \$ 11,904.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Narran Lake Road SR111       | 61                   | \$ 37,820.00                    | D             | \$ 4,673.24               | \$ 11,897.35                | \$ 2,203.81                |                           |                           |                           | <b>-\$ 15,623.55</b>      |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 3,150.85         |
| Lone Pine Road SR70          | 9.6                  | \$ 5,952.00                     | D             | \$ 7,879.25               | \$ 5,079.42                 | \$ 130.38                  |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 13,089.05        |
| Kurrajong Road SR110         | 27.8                 | \$ 17,236.00                    | D             | \$ 5,995.72               |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 5,995.72         |
| Wilby Wilby Road SR101       | 28.7                 | \$ 17,794.00                    | D             |                           |                             | \$ 17,841.20               |                           | \$391.70                  |                           | <b>-\$ 32,659.71</b>      |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ (14,426.81)      |
| Grawin Opal Fields Road      | 0.9                  | \$ 557.00                       | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| Woodlands Road SR 130        | 2.33                 | \$ 1,445.00                     | D             |                           | \$ 3,678.56                 |                            |                           |                           | \$ 513.59                 |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,192.15         |
| Cumbarah Town Roads          |                      |                                 | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                |
| <b>Sub total Zone 2</b>      | <b>181.95</b>        | <b>\$ 116,702.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ 18,548.21</b>       | <b>\$ 20,655.33</b>         | <b>\$ 20,175.39</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 391.70</b>          | <b>\$ 10,051.92</b>       | <b>\$ (57,821.59)</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 12,000.96</b> |

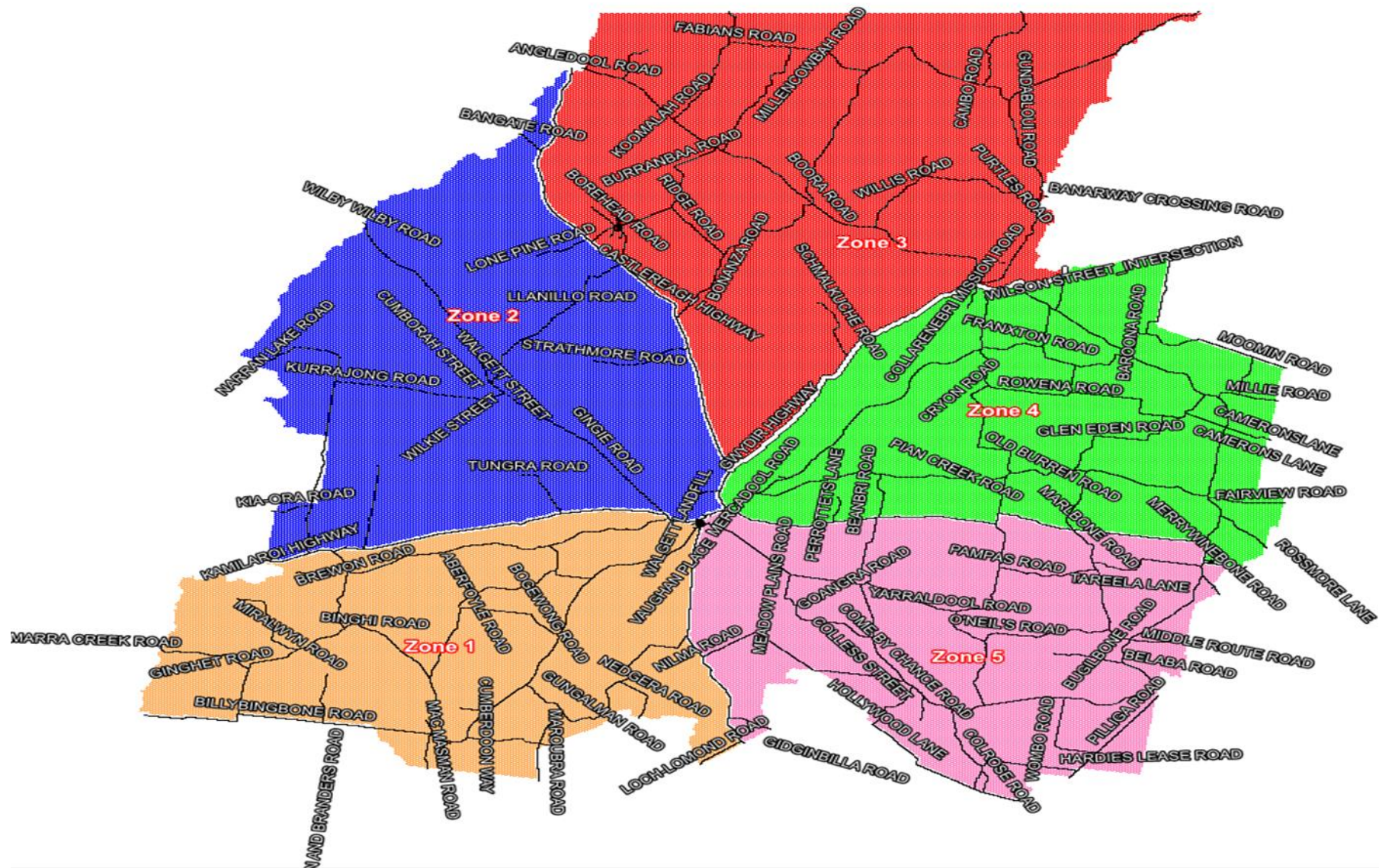
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| Road Name                      | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For July 2022 | Expenditure For August 2022 | Expenditure For Sept. 2022 | Expenditure For Oct. 2022 | Expenditure For Nov. 2022 | Expenditure For Dec. 2022 | Expenditure For Jan. 2023 | Expenditure For Feb. 2023 | Expenditure For March 2023 | Expenditure For April 2023 | Expenditure For May 2023 | Expenditure For June 2023 | Total Cost to Date   |
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| <b>Zone 3</b>                  |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                      |
| Springs Road SR19              | 2.7                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Bonanza Road SR46              | 16.9                 | \$ 10,478.00                    | E             | \$ 8,730.00               |                             |                            |                           |                           | \$ 1,870.00               |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 10,600.00         |
| Schmalkuche Road SR47          | 14.4                 | \$ 8,928.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$2,004.75                |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,004.75          |
| Millencowbah Road SR51         | 27.7                 | \$ 17,174.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$11,900.00               |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 11,900.00         |
| Willis Road SR52               | 14.5                 | \$ 8,990.00                     | F             |                           | \$ 816.75                   | \$ 3,489.75                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,306.50          |
| Koomalah Road SR53             | 28.4                 | \$ 17,608.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            | \$ 4,250.00               | \$3,400.00                |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 7,650.00          |
| Burranbaa Road SR55            | 18.1                 | \$ 11,222.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            | \$ 14,034.02              |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 14,034.02         |
| Cambo Road SR61                | 21.1                 | \$ 13,082.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Woolaroo Road SR69             | 1                    | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Kia-Ora Road SR86              | 6.8                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           | \$ 2,550.00                |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,550.00          |
| Fabians Road SR88              | 24.8                 | \$ 15,376.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$14,450.00               |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 14,450.00         |
| Banarway Road SR95             | 1.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Purtle Road SR126              | 26.8                 | \$ 16,616.00                    | E             |                           | \$ 3,192.75                 | \$ 2,524.50                | \$ 1,039.50               |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 6,756.75          |
| Boora Road SR127               | 63.8                 | \$ 39,556.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$12,333.75               |                           | <b>-\$ 12,333.75</b>      |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Bore Head Road SR45            | 5.1                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             | \$ 3,242.78               |                             | \$ 49.32                   |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 3,292.10          |
| Lorne Road SR98                | 6.9                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           | \$2,047.71                |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,047.71          |
| Angledool Road SR102           | 49.3                 | \$ 30,566.00                    | C             |                           | \$ 4,009.50                 |                            | \$ 11,565.46              |                           |                           | <b>-\$ 15,574.96</b>      |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Ridge/Sherman Way RR426        | 70.1                 | \$ 68,275.00                    | C             | \$ 11,250.00              | \$ 12,325.50                |                            | \$ 4,752.00               |                           | \$ 409.53                 | \$ 190.63                 |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 28,927.66         |
| Gundabloui Road RR457          | 40.9                 | \$ 32,798.00                    | C             |                           |                             | \$ 4,900.50                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,900.50          |
| <b>Sub total Zone 3</b>        | <b>440.5</b>         | <b>\$ 316,337.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ 23,222.78</b>       | <b>\$ 20,344.50</b>         | <b>\$ 10,964.07</b>        | <b>\$ 35,640.98</b>       | <b>\$ 46,136.21</b>       | <b>\$ 2,279.53</b>        | <b>\$ (27,718.08)</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 2,550.00</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 113,419.99</b> |
| <b>Zone 4</b>                  |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                      |
| Franxton Road SR1              | 19                   | \$ 11,780.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Bellara Road SR2               | 21.4                 | \$ 13,268.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Clarkes Road SR3               | 6                    | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Cryon Road SR5                 | 56.75                | \$ 35,185.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            | \$ 1,336.50               |                           |                           | \$ 4,380.75               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 5,717.25          |
| Woodvale Road SR13             | 8.96                 | \$ 8,556.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 3,570.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 3,570.00          |
| Baroona Road SR14              | 11.1                 | \$ 6,882.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Pokataroo Road SR15            | 8.1                  | \$ 5,022.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Perrottets Road SR66           | 5.9                  | \$ 3,658.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Pagan Creek Road SR79          | 1.3                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Fairview Road SR90             | 12.6                 | \$ 7,812.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Dundee Road SR124              | 13.9                 | \$ 8,618.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Glen Eden Road SR125           | 24.6                 | \$ 15,252.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Millie Road SR12               | 9.1                  | \$ 5,642.00                     | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 4,080.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,080.00          |
| Rossmore Road SR71             | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 4,760.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,760.00          |
| Rowena Road SR123              | 34.5                 | \$ 21,390.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Camerons Road SR128            | 15.2                 | \$ 9,424.00                     | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Mercadool Road SR16            | 57.7                 | \$ 35,774.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 2,759.29               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,759.29          |
| Moomin Road SR59               | 31                   | \$ 19,220.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Beanbri Road SR117             | 4.9                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | C             |                           |                             |                            | \$ 1,633.50               |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 1,633.50          |
| Pian Creek Road SR121          | 41.7                 | \$ 25,854.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | <b>-\$ 176.68</b>         |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ (176.68)          |
| Old Burren Road SR122          | 33.9                 | \$ 21,018.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Collarenebri Mission Road SR67 | 4.6                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Rowena Town Roads              |                      | \$ 4,278.00                     | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| <b>Sub total Zone 4</b>        | <b>432.91</b>        | <b>\$ 282,379.00</b>            |               | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>                 | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 2,970.00</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 19,373.36</b>       | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 22,343.36</b>  |

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| Road Name                  | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For July 2022 | Expenditure For August 2022 | Expenditure For Sept. 2022 | Expenditure For Oct. 2022 | Expenditure For Nov. 2022 | Expenditure For Dec. 2022 | Expenditure For Jan. 2023 | Expenditure For Feb. 2023 | Expenditure For March 2023 | Expenditure For April 2023 | Expenditure For May 2023 | Expenditure For June 2023 | Total Cost to Date   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Zone 5</b>              |                      |                                 |               |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           |                      |
| Pampas Road SR7            | 16.3                 | \$ 10,106.00                    | E             |                           |                             | \$ 3,570.00                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 3,570.00          |
| Wombo Road SR25            | 17.7                 | \$ 10,974.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Hardys Lease Road SR26     | 16                   | \$ 9,920.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Colrose Road SR27          | 20.6                 | \$ 12,772.00                    | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Wingadee Road SR28         | 11.8                 | \$ 7,316.00                     | E             |                           |                             | \$ 2,040.00                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,040.00          |
| Epping Road SR57           | 15.4                 | \$ 9,548.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Middle Route Road SR72     | 9.6                  | \$ 5,952.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Gidginbilla Road SR75      | 7.4                  | \$ 4,588.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Proctors Road SR82         | 4.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Drilldool Road SR83        | 5.1                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 2,125.00               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,125.00          |
| Belaba Road SR89           | 11.2                 | \$ 6,944.00                     | F             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Hollywood Lane SR119       | 29.9                 | \$ 18,538.00                    | E             |                           |                             | \$ 2,465.00                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,465.00          |
| O'Niels Road SR131         | 31.1                 | \$ 19,282.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Tareela Road SR17          | 19.4                 | \$ 12,028.00                    | D             |                           |                             | \$ 3,230.00                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 3,230.00          |
| Meadow Plains Road SR21    | 23.9                 | \$ 14,818.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Marlbone Road SR24         | 28.4                 | \$ 17,608.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           | \$ 2,525.88               |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 2,525.88          |
| Nilma Road SR30            | 37.8                 | \$ 23,436.00                    | D             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Bugilbone Road SR103       | 28.7                 | \$ 32,725.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Goangra Road SR116         | 16.4                 | \$ 10,168.00                    | D             |                           |                             | \$ 4,444.02                |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ 4,444.02          |
| Yarraldool Road SR118      | 41.3                 | \$ 25,606.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Haynes Hut SR68            | 4.5                  | \$ 2,790.00                     | E             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| Come By Chance Road RR7716 | 60.9                 | \$ 65,450.00                    | C             |                           |                             |                            |                           |                           |                           |                           |                           |                            |                            |                          |                           | \$ -                 |
| <b>Sub total Zone 5</b>    | <b>457.8</b>         | <b>\$ 329,125.00</b>            |               |                           | <b>\$ -</b>                 | <b>\$ 15,749.02</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 4,650.88</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 20,399.90</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,905.45</b>      | <b>1,295,183.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ 47,524.49</b>       | <b>\$ 43,265.99</b>         | <b>\$ 49,335.50</b>        | <b>\$ 38,610.98</b>       | <b>\$ 69,672.91</b>       | <b>\$ 12,503.87</b>       | <b>\$ (88,390.59)</b>     | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 2,550.00</b>         | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>              | <b>\$ -</b>               | <b>\$ 175,073.15</b> |





## 9.2.2 SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen – Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0010

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### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Council with regards Engineering Services works progress up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### Background:

The revised budget of the Engineering and Technical Service Department for capital & maintenance works, Quarry management, fleet management, water works, parks & garden, Walgett weir and engineering administration for 2022/2023 is \$52,882,114.

The breakdown of the budget is as follows:

### Breakdown of budgets:

| Items                               | Budget              | Expenditure up to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 | (%)       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Transportation including RMCC works | \$44,148,870        | \$11,036,515                                     | 25        |
| Water works ( maintenance)          | \$3,587,890         | \$942,410                                        | 26        |
| Water works ( Capital)              | \$2,441,960         | \$191,191                                        | 8         |
| Sewer works ( Maintenance works)    | \$1,078,578         | \$309,061                                        | 26        |
| Sewer works (Capital works)         | \$524,816           | \$204,441                                        | 39        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$51,882,114</b> | <b>\$12,683,618</b>                              | <b>24</b> |

### Current Position:

The status of work is in progress.

### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

2022/23 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  
 Contractors

### Financial Implications:

As of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, \$13,821,449 expended.

### 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.

| <b>Service Progress Report as at February 2023</b>                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for February 2023.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment:**

Nil

### 9.2.3 MONTHLY MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tim McLoughlin – Project Manager/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0028

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council about the Major Projects programme in the Shire for the period ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Background:**

The shire currently has several major projects in progress being:

- Goangra Bridge – Progressing well. Bridge girders in place. Bridge deck has been formed. Bridge deck Concrete Pour Immanent
- Hollywood Bridge – Practical Completion issued 27<sup>th</sup> June 22. Signage installation and completion report to be completed
- Come by Chance Road Reconstruction and seal – Borrow pit developed. Wet road conditions hampered start last year. Contractor will commence work after Burranbaa Road or earlier if resources permit
- Burranbaa Road Reconstruction and reseal – approx. 100% of bulk earthworks done stabilization complete. Gravel works have commenced
- Lorne Road Reconstruction and reseal – works ongoing. Earthworks complete, stabilization in progress, gravel and seal yet to be done

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Funding Bodies

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

#### Monthly Major Project Progress Report – February 2023

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Monthly Major Projects Report for February 2023.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Major Project Report



## Burranbaa Road @ 21 Feb 2023

| Task                                                                                                                                                         | Units          | Contract Quantity | % Complete | Quantity Complete | 8600  | 9000  | 9400  | 9800  | 10200 | 10600 | 11000 | 11400 | 11800 | 12200 | 12600 | 13000 | 13400 | 13800 | 14200 | 14600 | 15000 | 15400 | 15800 | 16200 | 16600 | 17000 | 17400 | 17800 | 18200 |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Road Furniture - Sign Posts                                                                                                                                  | item           | 10000             | 0.0%       | 0                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Road Furniture - Guide Posts                                                                                                                                 | item           | 408               | 0.0%       | 0                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Sealing                                                                                                                                                      | M <sup>2</sup> | 10000             | 0.0%       | 0                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Placement of Gravel                                                                                                                                          | tonne          | 10000             | 0.0%       | 0                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Stabilisation                                                                                                                                                | M <sup>2</sup> | 100000            | 100.0%     | 102500            | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  | 4100  |
| Placement of Bulk fill Cut                                                                                                                                   | M <sup>3</sup> | 27846.94          | 95.8%      | 26680             |       | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  | 1160  |
| Proof roll and removal of Unsuitable                                                                                                                         | M <sup>2</sup> | 377200            | 100.0%     | 377190            | 7921  | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 15842 | 12824 | 7921  |
| Installation of Culverts and pipes                                                                                                                           | EA             | 35                | 50.0%      | 33                |       |       |       | 15    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Clearing of Vegetation                                                                                                                                       | M <sup>2</sup> | 377200            | 105.4%     | 397500            | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 | 15900 |
| Project status                                                                                                                                               | 42.35%         |                   |            |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Stabilisation complete. There is 1 of 450dia drainage crossing to install & headwalls on the culvert at CH10100 to install.                                  |                |                   |            |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Haulage of gravel commences mid March. Haulage and placement for a week, with CBR tests to be booked for the following week. Estimated delivery end of April |                |                   |            |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| 23                                                                                                                                                           |                |                   |            |                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |

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## Lorne Road @ 21st Feb 2023

| % of Project                                                                                                                                                                              | Task                                 | Units          | Contracty Quantity | % Complete | Quantity Complete | CH 0 | CH 500 | CH 1000 | CH 1500 | CH 2000 | CH 2500 | CH 3000 | CH 3500 | CH 4000 | CH 4500 | CH 5000 | CH 5500 | CH 6000 | CH 6500 |       |  |  |
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| 0.3%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Road Furniture - Sign Posts          | item           | 10                 | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 0.3%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Road Furniture - Guide Posts         | item           | 80                 | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 0.3%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Road Furniture - Line Marking        | m              | 5100               | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 19.0%                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sealing                              | M <sup>2</sup> | 40748              | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 31.0%                                                                                                                                                                                     | Placement of Gravel                  | tonne          | 23350              | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 21.0%                                                                                                                                                                                     | Stabilisation                        | M <sup>2</sup> | 51000              | 23.0%      | 15692             | 3923 | 3923   | 3923    | 3923    |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 4.0%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Placement of Bulk fill Cut           | M <sup>3</sup> | 4164               | 100.0%     | 4480              | 320  | 320    | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320     | 320   |  |  |
| 1.0%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Proof roll and removal of Unsuitable | M <sup>2</sup> | 56100              | 100.0%     | 56100             | 4000 | 4100   | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000    | 4000  |  |  |
| 0.6%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Installation of Culverts and pipes   | EA             | 1                  | 0.0%       | 0                 |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| 5.0%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Clearing of Vegetation               | M <sup>2</sup> | 204000             | 100.0%     | 204000            |      | 16000  | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 16000   | 12000 |  |  |
| 3.5%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Preliminary - Site oncosts           | item           | 1                  | 100.0%     | 1                 | 0.5  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0.5   |  |  |
| 3.5%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Preliminary - Traffic control        | item           | 1                  | 100.0%     | 1                 | 0.5  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0.5   |  |  |
| 7.0%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Preliminary - Site establishment     | item           | 1                  | 100.0%     | 1                 | 0.5  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | 0.5   |  |  |
| 3.5%                                                                                                                                                                                      | Project Management                   | item           | 1                  | 100.0%     | 1                 | 0.07 | 0.09   | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07    | 0.07  |  |  |
| 100.0%                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                      |                |                    |            |                   |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                           | Project status                       | 32.33%         |                    |            |                   |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 20px; text-align: center;"> <p>1.5km of stabilisation complete thus far, earthworks complete. Estimated completion end of May 23</p> </div> |                                      |                |                    |            |                   |      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |  |  |
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## Come by Chance @ 21st Feb 2023

| % of Project | Task                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Units | Contract Quantity | % Complete | Quantity Complete | Off site activit | 0 | CH 2000 | CH 4000 | CH 6000 | CH 8000 | CH 10000 | CH 12000 | CH 14000 | CH 16000 | CH 18000 | CH 20000 | CH 22000 | CH 24000 | CH 26000 | CH 28000 | CH 30000 | CH 32000 | CH 34000 | CH 36000 | CH 38000 | CH 40000 | CH 42000 | CH 44000 | CH 46000 | CH 48000 | CH 50000 | CH 52000 | CH 54000 | CH 56000 | CH 58000 | CH 60000 | CH 62000 |  |  |
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| 2.5%         | Road Furniture - Sign Posts                                                                                                                                                                                       | item  | 10,000            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 2.5%         | Road Furniture - Guide Posts                                                                                                                                                                                      | item  | 408               | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 20.0%        | Sealing                                                                                                                                                                                                           | M²    | 10,000            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 20.0%        | Placement of Gravel                                                                                                                                                                                               | tonne | 220,000           | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 20.0%        | Stabilisation                                                                                                                                                                                                     | M²    | 10,000            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 10.0%        | Placement of Bulk fill Cut                                                                                                                                                                                        | M³    | 27,847            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 10.0%        | Placement of Bulk fill Fill                                                                                                                                                                                       | M³    | 33,662            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 5.0%         | Proof roll and removal of Unsuitable                                                                                                                                                                              | M²    | 787,500           | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 4.0%         | Installation of Culverts and pipes                                                                                                                                                                                | EA    | 35                | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 4.0%         | Clearing of Vegetation                                                                                                                                                                                            | M²    | 1,089,820         | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 1.0%         | Transport Gravel to Stockpiles                                                                                                                                                                                    | tonne | 10,000            | 0.0%       | 0                 |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 1.0%         | Winning of Gravel                                                                                                                                                                                                 | tonne | 220,000           | 18.2%      | 40000             | 40000            |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
| 100.0%       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |                   |            |                   |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
|              | Project status                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 0.18% |                   |            |                   |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |
|              | Contractor resources have been redirected by council to emergency repairs elsewhere in the shire. Contractor to commence on this project after Burranbaa Road complete Estimated start date beginning of May 2023 |       |                   |            |                   |                  |   |         |         |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |  |  |

## 9.2.4 FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS UPDATE AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen – Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0030

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### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the flood restoration works as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Background:

In June 2022,(1025) and October 2022 (1035)Walgett Shire suffered major flood disasters and significantly affected Shire Roads and Regional roads. The people of the Walgett Shire were particularly affected and the Shire's infrastructure sustained severe damage. Council is in process to submit the claims under Natural Disaster Assistance (NDA) program.

### Current Position:

All the flood restoration works in NDA Program 1025 emergency works have been completed a of the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and NDA1034 repair work is ongoing untill 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Inspection report

### Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council  
 Walgett Resident/tourist  
 TfNSW

### Financial Implications:

As of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023, a total of \$1,716,763.59 has been spent on NDA (1025), and \$969,097 has been spent NDA (1034)

### Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

### Conclusion:

The 1025 disaster fund emergency works is now closed, and 1034 emergency work will continue until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Flood Restoration Works Update as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### Resolution:

That Council receive and not the Flood Restoration Works Update report as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### Moved:

#### Seconded:

### Attachments:

Nil

## **9.2.5 MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Engineering / Technical Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Stephen – Director Engineering/Technical Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0027

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### **Summary:**

This report provides notes on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Engineering/Technical Services division.

### **Background:**

For Councillor information purposes, the following is advised:

#### **1. Walgett**

- **Splash Park at Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool**
  - Contract was awarded and works will commence within 4 weeks.
  - New tanks being installed at swimming pool to comply with EPA licence.
- **Levee Pump Stations**
  - Two new pumps have been purchased and will be installed in the coming weeks.

#### **2. Rowena**

- **Merrywinebone Road**
  - Installation of 60KPH signs in bad areas 13.03.2023
  - Flocon crew on 5 days per week from 13.03.2023
  - Gravel in deep edge breaks commencing 20.03.2023 by Contractor
  - Full crew; Grader, roller, water cart, lime spreader and pulvie 20.03.2023 - contractor to make emergency repairs

#### **3. Collarenebri**

- Planning commenced for upgrade at primitive campground of southern foreshore and road
- Planning for footpath between primitive campground and township is well underway with additional funds being sought to complete the project.

#### **4. Lightning Ridge**

- Scope of works being prepared to replace part of main bore line from No.1 bore
- Cooling tower and chlorination plant still in planning stages with DPIE and PWA

#### **5. Grawin**

- Investigation for water pipeline to be investigated
- Miners information is now with Crown Lands for design and gazetted

**6. RMCC**

- Ongoing works emergency flood repairs 2 crews
- Project Works will commence on Kamilaroi Highway in March

**Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information from the Director Engineering/  
Technical Services**

**Recommendation:**

That the matters generally for brief mention or information from the Director Engineering/  
Technical Services, be received and noted.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

## 9.3 DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### 9.3.1 RETURN AND EARN SUBSIDIES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0036

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#### Summary

Council has previously provided financial support to companies and individuals undertaking Return and earn services in Lightning Ridge. Including, Flying Doctor, Mens Shed etc. This has taken the form of rental and financial subsidies.

Council has received informal requests for financial assistance from the new return and earn operators in Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.

Options for Council to provide support for Return and Earn services are considered in this report.

#### Current Situation

The difficulty for operators of return and earn facilities arise when the public bring boxes, containers and bags that become rubbish once the containers are removed and counted.

If the operators keep the boxes, bags etc they must be disposed to Council Landfill.

If the operators return the boxes, bags etc to the customer they are often dumped nearby, which presents a problem for Council and a cost to clean up.

#### Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri

The operators of the new facilities in Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge have requested Council assistance with provision of an additional bin service to dispose of waste from customers.

#### Walgett Return and Earn

Tomra Cleanaway are responsible for managing Return and Earn contracts in various locations have advised that the Regional Enterprise Development Institute (REDI.E) have been allocated a contract to provide this service in Walgett. This service has not yet commenced.

#### Villages – Cumborah, Grawin, Sheepyards, Burren Junction, Rowena, Carinda, Come By Chance

These locations are not currently serviced by return and earn and may not be serviced in the future due to cost of transport. However, options may be available to assist community groups in these locations.

Council might provide “In kind” assistance for non-profit groups if and when Council’s Landfill attendant is able to assist in transport recyclable containers to a central location for processing.

#### Governance issues:

Council has authority to provide financial support to local business.

#### Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Walgett Shire Community  
Return and Earn Operators

**Financial Implications:**

Cost of bins and servicing charges are provided.

**1. Council Fees and Charges**

Cost of Bins – 2022-23

240L Additional / Replacement \$95.00 each

360L Additional / Replacement (Commercial Properties Only) \$155.00 each

Servicing of Bins – 2022-23

240L Bin – Weekly Collection \$535.00 per annum - \$10.28pw.

360L Bin – Weekly Collection \$764.00 per annum - \$14.69pw.

**2. Private bin collection services**

Available in Lightning Ridge only \$1,040 per annum - \$20.00pw

**3. Transport of Recyclable Containers by Landfill Assistant**

The following costs are relevant to “In kind” assistance with transport of recyclable containers; Truck -Tipping \$15.25 Hr. + \$0.41 Km., Trailer - Plant \$18.00 Hr plus Skid Steer Bobcat at \$55.25 Hr. Plus wages and oncosts.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council resolves not to support local return and earn programs.

**Conclusion**

The operations of local return and earn facilities does have some benefits to Council in reducing waste going to landfills and through the reduction of litter in public places.

There is also a direct financial benefit to the community in providing an additional source of income from collecting cans and bottles that are each worth 10 cents each.

In view of the community benefits Council may consider allocating financial and “in kind” support for the current and future operators of these facilities.

The availability of the landfill attendant to assist transport of recyclable containers from the villages will be dependent on operational requirements in other areas.

**Return and Earn Subsidies – Director Environmental Services**

**Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Council's Director of Environmental Services be authorised to arrange collection and transport of recyclable containers collected on behalf of schools and non-profit organisations for processing in central locations. Support to be provided only when and where operationally feasible.
2. Authorise a refund on annual waste charges for servicing a 240L waste bin for and authorised Return and Earn premises contracted to Tomra Cleanaway. (\$535.00 in 2022-23).
3. Return and Earn operators be required to purchase their own 240L Bin to receive a credit on annual waste charges.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

To be tabled



### 9.3.2 BUILDING FIRE SAFETY – ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY STATEMENTS

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0037

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#### **Summary**

Council has previously considered a report and adopted recommendations (28.04.20) in April 2020 in relation to fire safety in existing buildings and servicing of statutory fire safety equipment. A copy of the previous report and resolution is provided in the attachments.

To introduce this program in accordance with Councils resolution would involve identifying, contacting, and liaising with a large number of business and property owners across the shire. Many of those buildings identified in that program would be considered of low fire risk. For example, shops and offices.

This report considers alternative options for implementing this policy.

#### **Background:**

The owners of buildings equipped with statutory fire safety equipment must submit an Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) to Council and the NSW Fire Service. An Annual Fire Safety Statement (AFSS) confirms that access doors, exit signs, emergency lighting, fire and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, hose reels, hydrants etc have been maintained by a competent person.

The building owner has responsibility of ensuring statutory fire safety equipment is maintained. However, private lease agreements may specify a tenant of the premises is responsible for the actual cost of compliance.

This can be a major cost to owners and businesses due to the remote location of Walgett and the cost of employing a competent person, fire consultant or fire engineer.

A history of the matter is also provided in the General Managers report relating to “Outstanding Items”. Due to staff shortages and workloads in other areas the program has not been implemented to date. There have also been recent changes to NSW Fire Safety Regulations.

#### **Current Position:**

Changes to the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 have occurred since the previous report to Council. These changes have clarified some responsibilities of Council, owners, and fire safety consultants but considerable complexity remains.

To assist in moving this program forward it is proposed to introduce priorities to undertake the fire safety program in stages as follows;

1. Priority 1 - Premises for short term accommodation for unrelated persons eg. Caravan parks, motels, boarding houses etc. Applicable to approximately 10 to 15 premises
2. Priority 2 – Premises considered essential to local community functions eg. Council chambers, supermarkets, doctors practices, rural pubs (no accommodation) etc. Applicable to 10 to 15 premises.

3. Priority 3 – Other premises with statutory fire safety equipment.  
Prioritising the availability of Council assistance will allow the program to be concentrate the effort on those buildings and premises with the highest fire risk.

A small number of premises are currently compliant; however, many are still non-compliant. Historically, no actual arrangements or subsidy for offsetting travel and accommodation costs have been made by Council.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

The original resolution of Council (28.04.20) adopted in April 2020 has not been implemented. Council may decide not to change the original resolution 28.04.20 or consider alternative options.

Alternative options for a building fire safety program are considered however the annual maintenance of statutory fire services is a legislative requirement.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

These requirements are part of statutory legislative processes Under the NSW Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and regulations.

**Governance issues:**

Where Council is the building owner it must provide and submit an Annual Fire Safety Statement to NSW Fire Brigades.

Council may issue Fire Safety Orders and Penalties for non-compliance to building owners.

**Stakeholders:**

Building owners both government and private businesses  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

There are potential impacts on budget expenditure which can only be considered in the circumstances of the individual situation.

The cost impacts of the current Council resolution have not been reported but a recommendation if provided for an initial vote of \$5,000.00

**Conclusion**

The responsibility for maintaining statutory fire safety requirements remains with the owner of the premises. Council is responsible for compliance where Council is the building owner.

Owners that do not maintain statutory fire Safety equipment may be subject to penalties or fire safety orders.

Council may continue to offer payments to offset the cost of accommodation and travel to all owners or only in limited circumstances, priorities or locations. It is recommended at this stage to limit the offset payment to non-government Priority 1 premises.

**Annual Fire Safety Statements – Walgett Shire Council Owned Buildings**

**Recommendation:**

That Council;

1. Adopt the following priorities in implementation of a building fire safety program.
  - (a) Priority 1 - Premises accommodating unrelated persons eg. Caravan parks, motels, and boarding houses etc.
  - (b) Priority 2 – Premises considered essential to local community functions eg Council chambers, supermarkets, doctors, rural pubs etc
  - (c) Priority 3 – Other premises with statutory fire safety equipment
2. Council write to non-government owners of premises listed under Priority 1 offering to make an offset payment for travel and accommodation costs for contracting fire safety services.
3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to endorse an offset payment for accommodation and travel costs for statutory fire safety compliance and non-government premises listed under Priority 1.
4. An Additional expenditure item of \$5,000 be allocated in the 2023 March Quarterly Budget Review.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Previous Report to Council – Annual Fire Safety Statements – *See Attachment Document*

### 9.3.3 BURREN JUNCTION PROGRESS ASSOCIATION – INDIAN MYNA

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0038

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#### **Summary**

Correspondence has been received (attached) from Burren Junction Progress Association regarding an infestation of Indian Myna birds. A copy of the correspondence and supporting documentation provided in the attachment outlines the background situation.

The Burren Junction Progress Association is seeking Council assistance in dealing with this issue.

It is recommended that Council offer limited financial support to the committee.

#### **Background**

Indian Myna Birds are an introduced, territorial and highly aggressive birds that compete with and displace native wildlife for habitat areas. They take over tree hollows and plug up nest sites they are not using, forcing possums and birds out and ejecting nestlings and eggs from their nests.

A trapping program could be an option for a control program.

#### **Current Situation**

The advice from Burren Junction states.

*“Of an evening, hundreds of these birds are roosting in the trees within the town, specifically the athel trees located at 23 and 33 Slacksmith Street (Kamilaroi Highway).”*

Council currently has difficulty and delays in meeting its responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act and Local Government legislation in relation to litter, impounding, dog and cat control, etc.

The assistant Ranger position has not been filled at this time and additional resources are not available to undertake duties that are outside Council direct jurisdiction.

#### **Governance issues:**

Council has authority to support local committees.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Community

#### **Financial Implications:**

Financial implications are outlined in the report.

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

Council resolves not to support the committee.

#### **Conclusion**

Council should consider supporting the Progress Association through direct allocation of funds for a trapping program.

There also may be an opportunity to assist container recycling efforts (Return and Earn) in Buren Junction as means of fund raising. A separate report in the matter is provided.

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| <b>Burren Junction Progress Assoc – Indian Myna Birds – Director Environmental Services</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That Council authorise the allocation of funds for a trapping program to the Burren Junction Progress Association on a dollar for dollar basis of up to \$500.00 to assist in the control of Indian Myna birds.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Letter from Burren Junction Progress Committee in relation to Indian Myna Bird Problem



For the attention Bob Harris, Walgett Shire Council

7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Bob,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the out-of-control population of Indian Myna birds (*Acridotheres tristis*) in Burren Junction. Of an evening, hundreds of these birds are roosting in the trees within the town, specifically the athel trees located at 23 and 33 Slacksmith Street (Kamilaroi Highway). Indian Myna Birds are an introduced, territorial and highly aggressive birds that compete with and displace native wildlife for habitat areas. They take over tree hollows and plug up nest sites they are not using, forcing possums and birds out and ejecting nestlings and eggs from their nests.

- Indian Myna birds pose a threat to the long-term survival of many of our native birds and animals and are considered as a concern for biodiversity at a global level.
- They commonly compete with native birds and animals that nest in tree hollows, impacting on the lifecycle of native species that depend on these areas for breeding and habitat.
- Unlike our native birds, Indian Mynas breed more than once each season.
- The large nests they build rot after they've vacated, making that tree hollow unsuitable for native species to nest in.

In this matter the principal objective of the Burren Junction Progress Committee is to reduce the impact of Indian mynas on our native birds and animals.

The BJPC seeks to achieve this objective by:

- Increasing public awareness that Indian mynas are a serious environmental and health threat, not just a public nuisance.
- Implementing a humane reduction program.

We call on Walgett Shire Council to help with these objectives.

Please find more information regarding these introduced feral pests at the following links:

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/environment/invasive-species/indian-myna-control-program>

<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Athelpine>

We look forward to your reply,

Burren Junction Progress Committee

### 9.3.4 REGIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM – FLYING SQUAD

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| <b>REPORTING SECTION:</b> | <b>Environmental Services</b>                                 |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>            | <b>Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services</b> |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>       | <b>23/11/0040</b>                                             |

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#### **Summary:**

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has identified an emerging shortage of planners across NSW, particularly within Regional NSW. To support councils and the delivery of housing in Regional NSW, the department has created the Regional Housing Flying Squad (RHFS), which will:

- contribute to the NSW Government and council objective of delivering housing in Regional NSW
- respond to the recommendations of the Regional Housing Taskforce
- provide support to councils to expedite assessments of housing DAs
- help address the planner shortage in Regional NSW.

It is recommended that Council enter a Deed of Delivery agreement and lodge and expression of interest for assistance under the program.

#### **Current Situation**

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment has updated the program schedule to include both quarterly tranches and monthly sub-tranches moving forward. The addition of the new monthly sub-tranches will be an opportunity for councils to nominate small DAs to the Flying Squad for single dwellings or dual occupancies, allowing (in theory) for a much faster turnaround.

Larger housing DAs can be nominated during the regular quarterly tranche. More details on this can be found in the revised program guidelines, which are provided in the attachments.

#### **Important Dates**

The Expression of Interests for the monthly sub-tranches for councils to nominate single dwellings and dual occupancies will be open from March 13-17, and again from April 24-28 and then May 22-26.

The EOI for the quarterly tranche for councils to nominate all larger DAs will be open from March 13-24.

There will also be several more EOIs for future tranches opening between June 2023 and June 2024.

Should Council commit to the deed of delivery agreement the department will assess the merits of the EOI at the time of lodgement of the development application.

#### **Governance issues:**

Council staff are required to assess development applications utilising the same criteria as would be utilised by the Regional Housing Flying Squad.



**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Community  
NSW Department of Planning and Environment

**Financial Implications:**

If the program is successful, savings may accrue in reduction of wages or contracts for planning staff.

The requirement for Councils to commit funding for Cadet Planners only applies to Council's with 3 Full Time Planning Staff and is not applicable to Walgett Shire.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council does not participate in the program

**Conclusion:**

Council is required to enter a contract with the Department of Planning and Environment to participate in the program.

The Services are delivered by the Department free of charge to Council and Council has the option to withdraw from participation at any time.

Council should proceed with an Expression of Interest in participating in the program.

| <b>Regional Housing Program – Flying Squad</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter a deed of agreement for Walgett Shire Council to participate in the Regional Housing program.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Regional House Program – Flying Squad – *See Attachment Document*

### **9.3.5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2022/67 – BED & BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION – 28 WARRENA STREET, WALGETT**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0042

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#### **Summary:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2022/67 for the construction of 6 cabins outdoor covered dining area and a mobile food van at 28 Warrena Street, Walgett.

This application is being considered by Council, as following notification of the proposal an objection was received. Details of the application and objection are submitted for Council decision.

#### **Background:**

The application was received by Council on 8 December 2022 and notified to adjoining owners between 9 December 2022 and 23 December 2022. One objection was received in relation to the application and is attached for consideration of Council.

#### **Current Position:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2022/67 for the construction a bed and breakfast facility comprising six cabins, outdoor covered dining area, mobile food van and associated parking at 28 Warrena St, Walgett. The proposed Plans are attached to this report.

The land is zoned R1 General Residential under the WLEP and is considered to be permissible development. It complies with the intent of the zone objectives.

Similar permitted development includes;

*Attached dwellings; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Boarding houses; Food and drink premises; Group homes; Home industries; Hostels; Kiosks; Multi dwelling housing; Neighbourhood shops; Residential flat buildings; Respite day care centres; Semidetached dwellings; Seniors housing; Serviced apartments; Shop top housing*

There are no outstanding issues that cannot be dealt with by the use of appropriate development conditioning. The full development assessment, including recommended development conditions is attached.

Conditions of consent require submission of additional plans to address external appearance of cabins. Rood and/or eave treatments are required.

#### **Relevant reference document/policies:**

Local Government Act (NSW) 1993 & Regulations  
Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 & Regulations  
Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013  
Walgett Development Control Plan 2016

#### **Governance issues:**

Nil

#### **Environmental issues:**

Potential impacts on adjoining owners from noise and privacy.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council

**Financial implications:**

No relevant financial implications.

**Alternative solutions:**

The alternative solution is to refuse the application.

**Conclusion:**

The operation of the bed and breakfast facility is subject to conditions of development consent that limit the operation of the premises to reduce the impacts on noise and privacy.

There are no outstanding issues that cannot be dealt with using appropriate conditioning in the development consent.

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| <b>Development Application 2022/67 – Bed &amp; Breakfast Accommodation – 28 Warrena St<br/>Walgett</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2022/67 for the construction of 6 cabins, outdoor covered dining area, mobile food van and associated works at 28 Warrena Street, Walgett., as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

1. Development Application including Plans, Specifications and Statement of Environmental Effects
2. Development Assessment
3. Traffic Study
4. Definition of Tourist accommodation
5. Objection to proposed Bed and Breakfast

*See Attachment Document*

**9.3.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2023/04 – BORE BATH,  
ASSOCIATED AMENITIES, FACILITIES & LANDSCAPING – 18 WILSON  
STREET, COLLARENEBRI**

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| REPORTING SECTION: | Environmental Services                                 |
| AUTHOR:            | Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services |
| FILE NUMBER:       | 23/11/00XX                                             |

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*Report to be tabled at Council Meeting*

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

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Assistant Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 23/11/0035

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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.

For Councillor Information purposes.

#### **Notices, Orders and Certificates**

Three notices issued in relation to overgrown allotments in Walgett.

#### **Food Shop Inspections**

Complaint investigation Lightning Ridge inspections completed.

#### **Development approvals**

Development approvals issued for a new dwelling at Castlereagh Hwy, Walgett.  
Development approval issued for a new farm shed at Lightning Ridge.

Five applications are currently being assessed.

#### **Construction Certificates**

Two Complying Development Certificates were issued.

#### **Activity Applications and Approvals**

Activity approval issued for installation of a manufactured dwelling in Rowena.

Council is currently dealing with approvals for five caravan parks in Lightning Ridge with various degrees of compliance and fire safety issues.

#### **Current Building Project Under Construction**

To be reported at April Meeting

#### **Planning Certificates**

February 2023 - Twenty (10) 10.7 Planning Certificates have been issued.

#### **Mosquito Trapping Program**

Mosquito traps have been installed and monitored weekly at Apex Park and Alex Trevallion Park Walgett, where weekly captured mosquito's, are dispatched to the Medical Entomology Unit at Westmead Hospital.

Mosquito numbers have been low in February.

**Walgett Animal Pound Replacement.**

Council has applied to NSW Government Disaster Infrastructure Betterment in NSW. An update to be provided at April meeting.

**2023 Animal Impounding Records**

January 2023

15 Dogs surrendered or seized, 13 Surrendered, 2 Seized,  
15 Dogs rehomed to various locations.

February 2023

44 dogs surrendered and seized, 41 dogs surrendered, 3 dogs seized.

41 dogs rehomed to Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.

3 dogs remain in pound awaiting outcome.

87 cats trapped and/or surrendered. All euthanized, by Councils Ranger.

February numbers being higher as a result of the Ranger having 2 weeks leave in January.

A dog attack at Shermans Road resulted in two dogs being destroyed by the property owner  
Council investigated and information was obtained in relation to owners of the dogs.

**Grawin Waste Bin Location**

Update to be provided at March meeting.

**Enquiries:**

3 verbal enquiries from local landowners regarding subdivision in Walgett Township.  
3 verbal enquiries from local landowners regarding residential, commercial development in  
Lightning Ridge

**Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director Environmental Services**

**Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note this report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Nil

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



## **11. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**



## **AGENDA FOR CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**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 **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Michael Urquhart  
**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) (c) & (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the items deal with:

(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 General Manager**

**13.1.1 Sale of Land (WLL Lightning Ridge) for Unpaid Rates and Charges**

**13.1.2 Tender for Construction of Collarenebri Bore Mains RFT 22-012**

## 14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

### Return to open session

**Recommendation:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 15. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

### Adoption of closed session reports

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## **16. CLOSE OF MEETING**

**Time: .....**