

## **26 APRIL 2022 MEETING SNIPPETS**

- Mayor reported to Council regarding activities undertaken during April 2022, including meeting with The Hon. Mark Coulton, MP Federal Minister for Parkes, to discuss several topics including the lack of housing and poor telecommunication services across the Shire.
- Council have resolved to apply to IPART for a permanent Additional Special Rate Variation of 1.3% (in addition to the approved rate pegging increase of 0.7%), under section 508 (2) of the Local Government Act 1993, for the 2022/23 Financial Year.
- Council have requested the General Manager further investigate other sites in Lightning Ridge to accommodate the Mega Park – “Everyone Can Play” project as businesses and sporting bodies are concerned that the current proposed site, in the sporting precinct, will encroach upon the playing fields and will impede upon certain sporting disciplines’ use of the oval.
- As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, Walgett Shire Council has spent a total of \$546,884.88 on road maintenance and grading within the Shire.
- As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, Walgett Shire Council has spent \$17,212,598 on capital and maintenance works in the areas of road infrastructure, quarry management, fleet management, water & sewer works, parks & gardens, Walgett Weir and engineering administration.
- As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, Walgett Shire Council has spent \$1,332,572.46 and committed a further \$200,143.03 in flood restoration works resulting from damage caused by the November 2021 flood.
- Council has engaged the services of a Planning Contractor to conduct environmental planning assessment and approvals, along with the issuing of section 10.7 Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 Planning Certificates.