

9. COLLARENEBRI PRECINCT COMMITTEE - MINUTES

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/1491

Summary:

Minutes of meetings of external bodies whose deliberations are relevant to Council are placed before Council for consideration and noting.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Minutes of the meeting of the Precinct Committee held in March 2010 are attached.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Council and Collarenebri residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

Meetings of the Collarenebri Precinct Committee - Minutes
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That the Minutes of the March meeting of the Precinct Committee be noted.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Minutes of the meeting of the Collarenebri Precinct Committee held 30 March 2010.

MEETING OF THE COLLARENEBRI PRECINCT COMMITTEE

30.3.2010 at the Collarenebri Bowling Club 7.30pm.

Present:

CR. Kelly Smith, Dot Winters, Dick Hartog, Joe and Jane Willis, Uvonne White, Brian and George Cable, John Walford, Richard and Shirley McGrath, Shiryl Lawler, Ian Ether, Laura Simpson.

Apologies:

Gae Colman, Margaret Bow, Kirsty Witts, Trent Smith, Carol Smith. Sally and Malcolm McMillon, Sally and Jim Barton.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted. mvd. Dot sec. Shirly.

Business Arising:

The committee would like to know where the signs to the primitive camping ground are. When are they going to be put up? We are losing tourist dollars from the shire with this delay.

Correspondence Inn:

George Cable has pointed out several omissions on the proposed tourist information board. These are –banking (post office) - ATM (Bowling Club)-NRMA-SES/RFDS.

General Business:

Mrs Laura Simpson
President
Collarenebri Precinct Committee

Dear Laura,

Find attached copy of memorandum dated 7 July 1982 relating to financial matters for the implementation of filtered water for Collarenebri.

Please arrange to bring this matter to the attention of the Walgett Shire Council A S A P. As you will see the time frame for the payment of this loan should have expired, and ratepayers should only be charged operating and maintenance costs, also the interest rate charged at the time (17.5%) is well above current rates, which to my mind make the Water Rates charged by Council well in excess of their costs.

I have located the majority of Walgett Shire Councillors' Email Addresses, and have cc'd this email accordingly.

A response to the above will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Brian E Kable
"CAMARELLA"
13770 Gwydir Highway
Collarenebri NSW 2833

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COLLARINEBRI WATER SUPPLY - FINANCIAL MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OF PUBLIC MEETING RE FILTRATION PLANT HELD ON 7 JULY, 1982.

1. In 1974 the then Minister for Public Works gave an estimate of cost of a water filtration plant of \$170,000.

2. The estimate has been updated by the Public Works Department to current costs (based on tenders recently called for a plant of comparable size) as follows:

Capital cost of plant	\$650,000
Raw water and clean water pumps	40,000
Telemetry and power supply	15,000
Fencing and access road	15,000
	<u>720,000</u>
Survey, investigation, design 15%	108,000
Supervision 10%	72,000
Contingencies 10%	72,000
	<u>\$972,000</u>

3. Estimated running costs of the plant are

Part-time operator	\$ 10,000	per annum
Maintenance	3,000	
Chemicals	4,800	
Electricity	2,000	
say	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	per annum

4. Assuming that a 50% subsidy was available towards the capital cost, Council would need to borrow \$486,000 to meet its share of the cost.

5. At current local government borrowing rate of 17% per annum, repayment of principal and interest per annum would be -

25 year loan	\$84,042
30 year loan	83,242
45 year loan	82,672

6. Costs to be met by ratepayers would thus be in the region of \$104,000 per annum over and above current costs of the present scheme.

7. In 1982, there were 206 properties rateable for water. It is assumed that this number would not increase significantly in future years. Current minimum water rate is \$189 per property.

8. To meet the estimated running costs and capital repayments associated with a filtration plant would necessitate a rate increase of about \$505 per property or total rating on present costs of about \$700 per annum per water ratepayer.

Items to be put forward to be included in the Walgett Shire budget.

- The lane between Wilson St. And Church St is in a big mess especially behind the business section. Could it be levelled out and proper drainage installed? Collarenebri receives quite heavy downpours in storms causing flooding.
- Could the pavers that are stored at the Walgett Shire council yard be laid on the other side of Wilson St in Collarenebri? It seems a waste of money not to finish the job.
- WE would like council to consider painting murals along the main street over all the tin boarding up old buildings. Also to put banners up advertising coming events.
- We would like new trees to be planted in place of dead and stunted trees .Red flowering gums grown on dwarf root stock and Chinese Elms would be the preferred choice as the ones planted in recent years have failed to grow. The best time to plant would be April with a good soil base and mulched, watered and fed. Neat round metal tree guards would be better than the ugly wooden ones in use at the moment.
- Collarenebri needs to have lawn cemetery and a single all purpose toilet built on the same scale as the Rowena town hall toilet. Also a bitumen road put into the cemetery from the lightning Ridge road and an adequate watering system put in place.

- A decent sign pointing to the weir with a bitumen road down to the weir and a turning circle with a bbq and picnic area established
- A footpath going from the Bowling Club to the hospital and the footpath in front of the hospital repair.
- The Collarenebri Pre-school needs the front section of their yard weather proofed so children can disembark with safety.
- We need an all weather access road into the rodeo area and a single all purpose toilet put in the rodeo area.
- Could council approach Moree council about putting a welcome to Walgett shire on the other side of the existing welcome to Moree shire sign on the Gwydir highway?

10. COUNCIL DECISIONS ACTION REPORT– 23.03.10

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/154

Summary:

A Schedule will be provided to each Council Meeting which summarises action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meeting of Council.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Attached is the Action Report related to the March 2010 Council Meeting. The Report summarises action in respect of all Resolutions as well as any other matter raised at the Meeting which required action. The Report does not repeat Resolutions etc as these are contained in the Minutes of the previous Meeting which are included elsewhere in the Agenda.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Agenda and Minutes of the March 2010 Council Meeting

Stakeholders:

Councillors and Executive Team

Financial Implications:

Nil

Council decisions Action Report – 23.03.10
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That the report be received.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachment:

Action Schedule

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COUNCIL DECISIONS: Meeting held 23rd March 2010

Action Report

47/10	Main Street Beautification concept
DCCS:	EOI for traffic study being developed
48/10	Confirmation of Minutes - 23 February 2010
GM:	No Action Required
49/10	Walgett Shire Council Mayoral Minute – Coolibah Kids
DCCS:	Letter sent 8.4.10
50/10	Minutes of Meeting of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)
GM:	No Action Required
51/10	Minutes of Walgett Interagency meeting
GM:	No Action Required
52/10	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Minutes – December 2009
GM:	No Action Required
53/10	Minutes of the Flood Management Authorities Quarterly Meeting
DUIS:	No Action Required
54/10	Minutes of Namoi Peel Customer Service Committee Meeting
DUIS:	No Action Required
55/10	Walgett Local Area Traffic Committee
DRISS:	Lightning Ridge Festival complete. Anzac Day yet to be implemented
56/10	Minutes of the December 2009 Meeting of the Rowena Precinct Committee
GM:	No Action Required

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57/10	Council Decisions Action Report – 23.02.10
GM:	No Action Required
58/10	Report on Reserve Trust Funds
DUIS:	Report to the May Council meeting
59/10	Internally Restricted Funds
DCCS:	Restrictions lifted
60/10	Externally Restricted Funds
DCCS:	Restriction lifted
61/10	Cash on Hand Investment Report as at 28 February 2010
DCCS:	No Action Required
62/10	Draft Human Resource Proposals
DCCS:	First strategies being developed
63/10	Draft Emergency Services Leave Policy
DCCS:	Adopted and being included in Policy Manual
64/10	Tourism Branding
DCCS:	Report to April Council Meeting on proposed expenditure
65/10	Community Partnerships Report
DCCS:	Brought back to April meeting
66/10	Report on Youth Development and Services – November 2009 to February 2010
DCCS:	No action required
67/10	Land Register
DCCS:	Completed with ongoing updates

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68/10	Policy – Building near Council Utility Systems
DPRS:	Policy Adoption recorded, no further action required
69/10	Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications
DPRS:	No action required
70/10	Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Invoice for Fruit Fly Control
DPRS:	Revised report submitted to April 2010 meeting
71/10	Local Approvals Policy, Proposed exemption to permit camping at the Burren Junction Bore Baths
DPRS:	Policy advertised, Public consultation in progress
72/10	Soil Contamination, Walgett Airport Soil
DPRS:	PB engaged to trial lime remediation
73/10	2009/2010 Local Heritage Fund Grants
DPRS:	No action required
74/10	Future of the Walgett Saleyards
DUIS:	Consultation with agents in progress
75/10	The Future of Walgett Medical Centre Building
DUIS:	Preparation of sale documents in progress
76/10	Asset Management Policy
DUIS:	No action required
77/10	Walgett Cemetery Memorial Garden proposal
DUIS:	Draft consultation paper preparation in progress

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Involvement in Darling River Run	
DCCS:	Information sought prior to letter being written
Carinda Pub	
DPRS:	Orders and correspondence under review with a view to taking further action
Addressing complaints to Council	
DCCS:	Ongoing development of complaints register in TRIM
Low level bridges on the Brewon Road	
DRISS:	Replied to Councillors by Minute
Signs for the Collarenebri Primitive Caravan Park	
DCCS:	On order – RTA approved
Rural Fire Service – long grass at Collarenebri	
DPRS:	Letter sent 29.3.10 to RFS requesting regular inspections of fire hazards
Water Connection in Collarenebri	
DPRS:	Draft policy on Non-urban water connections submitted to April meeting
Opening of the Carinda Road	
DRISS:	Replied to Councillors by Minute
Signage to Bourke	
DRISS:	Replied to Councillors by Minute
Faulty Workmanship with the cement slab on all of the skateparks	
DCCS:	Report to April Council Meeting

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Cost of Sealing Netball courts	
DUIS:	A further review of this item is required as works are more involved than just sealing. A minute will be provided at the April Council meeting
Progress on the Cumborah Shed	
DCCS:	Letter sent 14.4.10 to Cumborah Progress Association regarding request for additional funds
Council's partnership with the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre	
DCCS:	Ongoing
Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre upgrade	
DCCS:	Letter sent 7.4.10 requesting notification to Council regarding building progress
79/10 Engagement of Casual Employee	
DCCS:	No Action Required
80/10 UIS-02-10 - Installation of Water Meters in Lightning Ridge and Carinda Tender	
DUIS:	Awarded
81/10 UIST-03-10 – Management of Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool Tender	
DUIS:	Awarded
82/10 UIST-04-10 – Management of Collarenebri Swimming Pool Tender	
DUIS:	Awarded
83/10 Footpath Replacement Programme Walgett	
DUIS:	Negotiation with preferred contractor in progress

11. CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL INVOICE – FRUIT FLY CONTROL

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager
AUTHOR: Ray Kent – General Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/47

Summary:

At its March 2010 meeting, Council resolved to defer consideration of a report on this matter. The report is attached.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Apart from the Council report on this matter, also attached are two letters from the County Council. The first letter, dated 12 January 2010, advises that:

“The County Council has for many years carried out Fruit Fly control free of charge for its constituent councils”. “It was resolved at our December meeting Constituent Councils pay \$3,000 towards the cost of Fruit Fly control.”

In the second letter, dated 16 March 2010, the County Council advises that:

“Council also resolved to continue with its Fruit Fly Control program and your Council's contribution will be \$3,078 plus GST”.

Points to be noted are as follows:

1. The County Council has not provided “Fruit Fly control free of charge for its constituent Councils”. The cost of the Program has been funded each year from the weed control contributions from the constituent councils.
2. As pointed out in the March report to council, fruit fly control is not a part of the brief of the County Council. The responsibility for fruit fly control lies with the owners of fruit trees under the provisions of the Plant Diseases Act 1924 and the Act is administered by the Department of Infrastructure and Investment (formerly the Department of Agriculture).

There does not appear to be any justification at all for Walgett Council supporting the continuation of this program by the County Council. If the members of the County Council believe that it is the role of the County Council to provide this service, then Council's who wish to have this service provided in their Shires should bear the costs individually.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Council and residents

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Financial Implications:

An additional \$3,000 annually from Council's contribution to the County Council will be spent on weed control.

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Invoice – Fruit Fly Control
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Castlereagh Macquarie County Council be directed to cease fruit fly control activities in Walgett Shire.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

- report from the Director, Planning and Regulatory Services on the subject included in the March 2010 Council Agenda;
- letter from the County Council dated 12 January 2010 entitled "Fruit Fly Control";
- letter from the County Council dated 16 March 2010 and entitled "Council contribution 2010-2011"

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Report from the Director, Planning and Regulatory Services on the subject included in the March 2010 Council Agenda;

1. **CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL INVOICE: FRUIT FLY CONTROL**

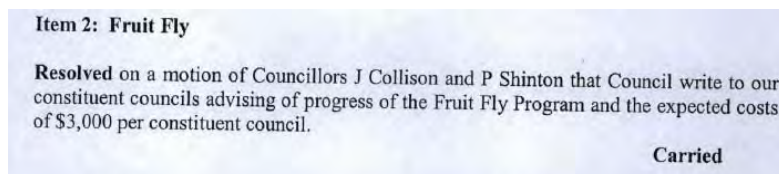
REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin
FILE NUMBER: 09/47

Summary:

Walgett Shire Council has received an invoice from the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council for "Fruit Fly Contribution 2009-2010". This report recommends that Walgett Shire Council respond by requesting further information before considering payment of the invoice.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council (CMCC) meeting held on 16 December 2009 record that an item relating to a fruit fly program was discussed, as follows:



Subsequently Walgett Shire Council received an invoice dated 5/1/2010 for \$3,300 (including GST) for "Fruit Fly Contribution 2009-2010".

A search of Council's records did not disclose any:

- Recent correspondence relating to the "progress of the Fruit Fly Program" or related matters.
- Evidence of any prior contribution from Walgett Shire Council to the CMCC specifically for fruit fly control.

Responsibility for fruit fly control lies with the owners of fruit trees under the provisions of the Plant Diseases Act 1924. The Act is administered by the Department of Infrastructure and Investment (formerly Department of Agriculture).

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Public, Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

If the invoice is paid there will be an additional \$3,000 of expenditure not provided for in Council's current 2009-2010 budget.

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Castlereagh Macquarie County Council Invoice for Fruit Fly Control

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Write to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council regarding its invoice dated 5/1/2010 for \$3,300 (including GST) for "Fruit Fly Contribution 2009-2010" and invite it to provide more information on what the contribution would be used for and why the Walgett Shire Council has been asked to make it.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

A – Invoice dated 5-1-2010 for \$3,300 from the CMCC

Castlereagh Macquarie County Council
P O BOX 227
Buckley Drive
COONAMBLE NSW 2829

Tax Invoice

Invoice #: 00812485
Date: 5/01/2010
Ship Via:
Page: 1

A.B.N.: 89 539 779 958
A.C.N.:

Bill To:

Ship To:

Walgett Shire Council
Fox Street
WALGETT NSW 2832

Walgett Shire Council
Fox Street
WALGETT NSW 2832

Description	Amount	Code
Fruit Fly Contribution 2009-2010	\$3,300.00	GST

101.01

Allocation

RECD

Z 8 JAN 2010

W.S.C.

G.R.D. No.

Service Rendered

Order No:

Prices reasonable
or as quoted

Cables Checked

Your Order #:	Customer ABN:	Freight:	\$0.00 GST
Shipping Date:	Terms: Net 21st after EOM	GST:	\$300.00
COMMENT	CODE	RATE	GST SALE AMOUNT
	GST	10%	\$300.00 \$3,000.00
			Total Inc GST: \$3,300.00
			Amount Applied: \$0.00
			Balance Due: \$3,300.00

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12 January 2010

The General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
Fox Street
Walgett NSW 2832

Dear Sir

Re: Fruit Fly Control

The County has for many years carried out Fruit Fly control free of charge for its Constituent Councils.

This year more than five hundred dac pots have been distributed as well as seven bait sprays using Protien Hydroisate and Maldison.

It was resolved at our December Meeting Constituent Councils pay \$3000 towards the continued costs of Fruit Fly control.

Yours faithfully

Ian Kelly
General Manager

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16 March 2010

File No.

The General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
77 Fox Street
Walgett NSW 2832

Dear Sir

Re: Council contribution 2010-2011

I wish to advise that Council, at its meeting held on 17 February 2010, resolved to increase the contributions of its constituent councils by the rate pegging limit of 2.6%. Therefore, your Council's contribution for 2010-2011 will be \$82,624 plus GST.

Council also resolved to continue with its Fruit Fly Control Program and your Council's contribution will be \$3,078 plus GST.

Yours faithfully

Ian Kelly
General Manager

12. SKATE PARK WATER POOLING

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf –Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1271, 09/1338, and 09/1399

Summary:

The Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri skate parks are experiencing water pooling during wet weather. Investigations are being made regarding the situation.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri skate parks were completed in 2009. The concrete slabs are experiencing water pooling during heavy rainfall. Investigations are being made, with the builder and supplier, regarding the cause of the situation and possible rectification options.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire young people, families and visiting youth

Financial Implications:

Nil

Skate Park Water Pooling
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Investigations continue and the Director Corporate & Community Services provide a report at the next Council meeting. <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

13. TOURISM BRANDING

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate & Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf –Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1334

Summary:

The development of Walgett Shire tourism destination concept has been completed by the consultants, Busy Street. This report outlines resources required to progress the branding process.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Walgett Shire competes with many other products to attract visitors to our region. Resources that present the Walgett Shire tourism brand to capture the attention of prospective visitors, differentiate our Shire from others and present a unique view of our area are important. The following sets out product requirements and estimated cost.

Product	Estimated cost
Postcards (10,000), Walgett, Lightning Ridge & Collarenebri	\$ 2,850.00
Letterhead (10,000), Walgett & Lightning Ridge	\$ 3,000.00
With compliments (10,000), Walgett & Lightning Ridge	\$ 1,900.00
Presentation folders (5000)	\$ 4,100.00
Visitor Information Guide (creative writing, photoshoot, design and print 50,000)	\$73,665.00
Advertisement design & production	\$ 1,300.00
Billboard production x 4 (artwork and installation @ \$1,500 per billboard) (rental @ \$5,200 per year per billboard)	\$ 6,000.00 \$20,800.00
Pull up banners (4 designs) – Lightning Ridge and Walgett	\$ 3,200.00
Car magnet (2)	\$ 180.00
Advertising for quotes	\$600.00
Total	\$117,595.00

Due to cost saving measures in the existing tourism budget the amount of \$73,665.00 can be allocated to the above amount. The remaining amount of \$43,930 is further required.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett community members, business, organisations and visitors with an interest in the Shire as a tourism destination

Financial Implications:

\$43,930.00 allocated from the 2010/11 baseline tourism budget

Tourism Branding Resource Production

Recommendation:

That:

1. \$73,665 be allocated from the existing tourism budget for production of the Visitor Information Guide.
2. The remaining amount of \$43,930 be allocated from the 2010/11 baseline tourism budget.

Moved:

Seconded:

14. GREY PARK – REGULATORY SIGNAGE

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate & Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/797

Summary:

NSW Police, Castlereagh Local Area Command, have requested consideration of regulatory signage at Grey Park Walgett.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Castlereagh Local Area Command has requested consideration of regulatory signage at Grey Park Walgett to assist them to respond to vandalism, graffiti and anti-social behaviour issues. It is proposed that signage be erected to prohibit entry into the park during night time and that this signage will enable Police to lawfully direct people out of the park during the prohibited hours.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Letter from Castlereagh Area Command dated 13 April 2010.

Stakeholders:

Walgett community members and visitors

Financial Implications:

Cost of Sign and erection

Grey Park – Regulatory Sign
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Regulatory signage be installed at Grey Park Walgett prohibiting entry into the Park from 10pm – 6am. <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachment:

Letter from the Crime Manager of the Castlereagh Local Area Command

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NSW Police

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CASTLEREAGH LOCAL AREA COMMAND CRIME MANAGEMENT UNIT

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WALGETT NSW 2832
Telephone : (02) 68 28 6826
Facsimile: (02) 68 28 6837

13 April, 2010

TRIM NUMBER

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Mr Ray Kent
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

RE: Security of Gray Park Walgett

Dear Ray,

I am writing to encourage some discussion at Council level in regards to issues that both Council and Police are having with vandalism, graffiti and general anti-social behavior within Gray Park at Walgett.

As you are no doubt aware there have been some isolated incidents at Gray Park recently particularly with the new play equipment. Whilst we do patrol the Park and the surrounding area as part of our every day taskings, obviously this clearly has not and will not prevent all incidents of crime within the park.

I am asking Council to consider either fencing (as a boundary fence and not a security fence) and/or signposting the Park to prohibit entry into the Park during the night time. In my opinion initially the signposting to prevent access to the Park during specified hours could be trialed. Should this work well and good, if not further consideration towards fencing could then be explored.

McDonald Park in Coonamble was apparently fenced but the fencing has been removed for reasons that I am not aware of, however similar signposting remains. These signs prohibit access to the Park between 8pm and 6am and enable Police to lawfully direct people out of the Park during these hours. In my opinion 8pm may be a little early for Walgett particularly if people wish to use the barbeque facilities, with perhaps 10pm to 5am more appropriate.

Whilst I appreciate there are no doubt a multitude of issues that the Council would need to consider, ultimately my goal is to reduce the incidence of crime within the Park and I see the signposting as a possible cost effective means to achieve this in the short term.

Yours sincerely

Tony Mureau
Inspector
Crime Manager
Castlereagh Local Area Command

15. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 10/188

Summary:

The work of Council's Community Services Division, and other Divisions of Council, is often best conducted in partnership with community organisations. Council has been approached by two organisations regarding the development of Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) with them.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The attached MOU's will, if adopted, enable both organisations, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd.(WAMS) and Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC), and Council to assure both Federal and State Governments that community engagement occurs in each of the projects that the partnership engages in.

Respective benefits for Council are (with WAMS) some access to healthy lifestyle management for some members of staff, improved co-ordination and management of issues such as domestic violence, youth services, physical activity programs, sexual health and healthy lifestyle programs. In addition, Council and WAMS recently jointly worked on a grant application to establish a Community Market Garden in Walgett and if successful will develop a closer working relationship during that program.

With MPREC, the benefits include: the establishment of a training provider to facilitate Council's commitment to increasing Indigenous employment, with MPREC being both training and personnel providers, and the development of a better skilled pool of workers for the Shire and other employers to access.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council and ratepayers
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service
Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation

Financial Implications:

Nil

Community Partnerships Report

Recommendation:

That:

1. Council endorses signing the MOU with Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd
2. Council endorses signing the MOU with Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

MOU – WAMS
MOU – MPREC

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED
AND
THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL**

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Overview

Currently Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd (WAMS) and the Walgett Shire Council (WSC) are amongst the largest employers of Aboriginal people in Walgett and each provides a range of services which are integral to the health and welfare of Aboriginal people living within the Walgett Local Government Area (LGA).

WAMS is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO) that provides a range of centre-based and out-reach Primary Health Care Services to Aboriginal people which include:

- General Practitioner and Dental Clinics
- Antenatal and Postnatal Clinics
- Treatment and Prevention of Chronic Disease
- Healthy for Life Program
- Immunizations and Vaccinations
- Mobile Children's Outreach Services
- Ear and Eye Health
- Mental Health
- Drug and Alcohol
- Social and Emotional Wellbeing Services including Counseling
- Sexual Health
- Public Health

WSC is a third tier of the Australian Government that provides general public services which include:

- Health, welfare and community services
- Planning and building services
- Land use management services
- Environment services
- Infrastructure and asset management services.

As well WSC is responsible for a range of assets and infrastructure within the Shire catchment area. These include roads, bridges, town halls, recreation and leisure facilities, drains, libraries and parks. Further WSC is responsible for developing local laws to deal with important community safety, peace and order issues such as public health, management of council property, environment and amenity. Local laws apply to noise, fire hazards, abandoned vehicles, parking permits, street stalls, disabled parking, furniture on footpaths, graffiti, burning off, animals in public spaces and nuisance pets.

While each organisation provides a number of services for Aboriginal people in the health and community service sector these can be enhanced and strengthened by working together in a well thought out and planned manner.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding between Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service and the Walgett Shire Council, is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each organization in the provision of a range of health and community services to the Aboriginal people living in the Walgett LGA. Further it is an opportunity to identify how Aboriginal people who work for the Shire Council may take advantage of the range of Primary Health Care and Preventative Services that are offered by WAMS, and where WAMS may make use of joint work or employment

opportunities with WSC. It is anticipated that through working in this 'partnership' each organization will be in a better position to achieve their overall organizational objectives and ensure that Aboriginal living in the Walgett LGA have access to an enhanced range of services.

This Memorandum of Understanding outlines the objectives of this enhanced service provision for Aboriginal people living in Walgett LGA as well as the responsibilities of each organization to ensure effective communication, including decision-making processes.

Underlying Principles of the Memorandum of Understanding

The underlying principles are essentially the key values the two participating agencies will need to ensure that Primary Health Care Services and those offered by Local Government for Aboriginal people living in Walgett and surrounding areas remain culturally appropriate and viable. These include:

- A recognition of the functional requirements of an adequate, culturally appropriate Primary Health Care Service for Aboriginal people living in Walgett and surrounding areas
- A recognition of the operational responsibilities of each organization as well as their limitations
- A recognition of the principles and ideas that underpin the operation of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organizations (ACCHO's) in a Primary Health Care setting
- A recognition of the principles and ideas that underpin the operation of Local Government Services in Australia in that Councils are area-based, representative governments with a legislative and electoral mandate to manage local issues and plan for the community's needs and must operate in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989
- Willingness to work together in a spirit of co-operation to improve the provision of Primary Health Care Services and Local Government Services for Aboriginal people living in Walgett and surrounding areas

Objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to clearly articulate the key objectives for the provision of adequate culturally appropriate health and community services for Aboriginal people living in the Walgett LGA and outlines what each participating agency will provide. Although this document refers to Aboriginal people it is recognised that on occasions non-Aboriginal people also access health and community services from WAMS. Key objectives for this MOU include the following:

Roles and Responsibilities

WAMS and WSC will explore the possibilities of working together in the following areas:

- Aboriginal Council staff access to WAMS programs (Men's Pit Stop, Healthy for Life Allied Health Services)
- Domestic Violence
- Youth Services
- Community/Market Garden
- Infrastructure and Building programs
- Shared employment for Aboriginal people through the Step Program
- Physical activity programs in the community

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Communication Protocols

It is expected that all staff involved in the provision of culturally appropriate and accessible health and community services to Aboriginal people living in Walgett LGA will at all times maintain confidentiality regarding client information and all matters relating to the operation of this program.

- To ensure effective communication is maintained between WAMS and WSC a formal **bi-monthly meeting** will take place between the Chief Executive Officers (or delegates) in order to deal with issues as they arise and pursue best practice concepts in the provision of culturally appropriate and accessible health and community services for Aboriginal people living in the Walgett LGA. It is also expected that this forum will enable more effective planning of future service provision and prevent duplication of service provision and that venues will alternate between WAMS and WSC.

Not necessary if CEO's are mtg.

Terms and Conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding

- This Memorandum is effective for twelve/twenty four months from the date of signing subject to change, renewal and/or termination by mutual consent

Legal Effect of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum is only to express the intention of the participating organisations.

The expressed intentions are not binding and no legally binding obligations are intended, or do arise as a consequence of the signing of this document. Actions taken by any institution in reliance of this document will be at that institutions sole risk

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

.....
Christine Corby OAM
Chief Executive Officer
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd
Date

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL

.....
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Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd
ABN 52 100 601 518
PO Box 2428 (Unit B, 18-30 Mountbatten Drive)
DUBBO NSW 2832

AND

Walgett Shire Council
ABN 88 769 076 385
PO Box 31 (77 Fox St)
WALGETT NSW 2832

(‘PARTIES’)

Note: This MOU acts solely as a guide to the obligations, intentions and policies of the Parties involved.

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd (MPREC) and Walgett Shire Council (WSC) that encompasses a mutual agreement between MPREC and WSC to enter into a formal working alliance for the purposes of promoting and advancing Indigenous employment and training opportunities, through projects including, but not limited to small infrastructure projects, Council works contracts, projects, and similar employment related activities.

It is acknowledged that MPREC may be required to competitively tender for some projects where other projects may be done on the basis of joint grant applications. There have been discussions with stakeholders and Parties. The MOU is aligned with the Walgett Shire Council Indigenous Employment Strategy. The parties will enter into a formal alliance (by signing the MOU). It is mutually agreed that:

MPREC and WSC work co-operatively with the common objective of completing this MOU

The following terms and actions have been identified and are agreed to by both Parties:

1. WSC will, in alignment with its Indigenous Employment Strategy, engage MPREC where possible and practicable to effectively deliver project outcomes, including provision of Indigenous participants (labour), delivery of accredited training through MPREC's Registered Training Organisation (RTO), and through other resources within the capacity of MPREC.
2. MPREC will collaborate with WSC to provide contracted resources to complete projects (including but not limited to 'Community Projects') in a manner that will maximise Indigenous employment and training opportunities.
3. Both Parties will collaborate to scope each project and will enter into individual agreements for each project (Project Agreements). The agreements will be in alignment and in accordance

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with the objectives and spirit of this MOU and each parties contractual and/or statutory obligations, and will be by way of formal contract or agreement.

4. MPREC will complete and submit progress reports for each project at agreed stage points for each agreement, and will submit a final report comprehensively detailing the project outcome.
5. WSC will provide MPREC with whatever resources agreed to in each Project Agreement and will diligently facilitate each project to its completion.
6. Both Parties agree that the Participants will be supervised at all times while engaged or employed in Projects by MPREC. In the case where this cannot be provided by MPREC, it is WSC's responsibility to provide supervision.
7. Both Parties agree that either Party, can terminate this MOU by giving 30 days notice in writing to the other Party if a negotiated resolution to a dispute cannot be reached.
8. Both Parties agree to use its resources and best endeavours to assure the success of this MOU. MPREC will liaise with nominated WSC personnel to facilitate the progression of this MOU.
9. This MOU does not in any way affect, reduce, or absolve Parties' legislative or sound practice requirements and/or obligations including (but not limited to) Worker's Compensation and other employee responsibilities, OHS, Safe Workplace, Insurances and Employee rights.
10. Both Parties agree that this MOU will end on 30 September, 2012.

This MOU constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties in relation to an alliance to advance WSC's Indigenous Employment Strategy, and prevails over any representations whether oral or in writing made prior to the date of this MOU.

Signed and agreed to by the Parties this _____ day of _____ 2010

For MPREC
(print name)

Signed _____

Date:

____/____/201__

For WSC
(print name)

Signed _____

Date:

____/____/201__

16. DEBT RECOVERY PROGRESS REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate & Community Services
AUTHOR: Bronwyn Newton – Customer Service Officer - Finance
FILE NUMBER: 09/745

Summary:

This report provides a current progress report on the Debt Recovery Action undertaken to recover outstanding arrears.

Comments (including issues and background):

The total number of debts referred to Simons Ravden Lawyers as at 31st March 2010 is 491 totalling \$1,485,707.89.

As at 31/03/2010, Walgett Shire Council has received a total of \$839,422.94 in outstanding rates arrears payments, being 50.52% of the total outstanding arrears referred to Simons Ravden Lawyers.

Walgett Shire Council and Simon Ravden Lawyers continue to have a good working relationship and are successfully recovering the outstanding arrears on Council's Rates.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council – Debt Recovery Flow Report as at 31st March 2010
Summary Report Information Comparison Graph

Stakeholders:

- Walgett Shire Council
- Walgett Shire Ratepayers.

Financial Implications:

Decreasing rates outstanding debts and increasing revenue.

Debt recovery Progress Report

Recommendation:

That:

1. Council note the Debt Recovery Flow Report and the Summary Report Information Comparison Graph.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachment:

Summary Report information

17. CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2010

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove – Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 09/1460

Summary:

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 31 March 2010.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Walgett Shire Council operates one primary transaction account with the Commonwealth Bank and invests funds surplus to its operational requirements. The level of funds held in the account at any time reflects the outlook in terms of payments to be made in the short term.

As at 31 March 2010 the operational bank account's balance was \$1,503,353.11. The reconciliation of this balance is:

Operational Account Bank Reconciliation As at 31 March 2010	
	\$
Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 28 January 2010	3,635,109.21
Add: Receipts	507,928.79
Add: Recalled Investments	
Less: New Investments	
Less: Payments	- 2,639,684.89
Closing Ledger Balance as at 31 March 2010	1,503,353.11
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2010	1,518,781.48
Add: Receipts not banked	7,633.36
Less: Payments not presented	- 23,061.73
Closing Balance of Bank Account	1,503,353.11
Difference (A-B)	-

As at 31 March 2010 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was \$5,549,360.80. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

Term Deposits	\$4,500,000.00
Callable Range Accrual Notes	\$1,000,000.00
Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO)	\$ 49,360.80

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The market values disclosed for the Floating Rate Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values as at 30 June 2009 and were supplied by the ANZ Group. Interest coupons totalling \$8,257.10 for the quarter ending March 2010 were received, representing an annualised return on last market value of approximately 67%. As at 31 March 2010 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were \$7,052,713.91 represented by:

Working Account Balance	\$1,503,353.11
Investments	\$5,549,360.80

Cash on Hand and Investment Report as at 31 March 2010

Recommendation:

1. That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 March 2010 be received.

Moved:**Seconded:**

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Council investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the regulations and council's investment policy											
Investment Institution	Type of Investment	Term (days)	Rate %	Ref	Reset Date	Maturity Date					
Term Deposits											
Local Government Financial Services	Term Deposit	91	5.50	615/10		06-Apr-10			\$	500,000.00	
IMB Ltd Financial Services	Term Deposit	91	5.50	616/10		13-Apr-10			\$	500,000.00	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.60	617/10		04-May-10			\$	500,000.00	
Newcastle Permanent	Term Deposit	91	5.74	618/10		18-May-10			\$	500,000.00	
Australian Defence Credit Union	Term Deposit	91	5.78	619/10		25-May-10			\$	500,000.00	
Australian Defence Credit Union	Term Deposit	91	5.82	620/10		01-Jun-10			\$	500,000.00	
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	91	5.55	621/10		01-Jun-10			\$	500,000.00	
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.83	622/10		08-Jun-10			\$	500,000.00	
Macquarie Bank	Term Deposit	91	5.50	625/10		29-Jun-10			\$	500,000.00	
Callable Range Accrual Notes (CRAN)											
Commonwealth Bank of Australia bond	Term Deposit	92	7.50	623/10	16-Jun-10	16-Dec-10			\$	500,000.00	
Royal Bank Canada bond	Term Deposit	92	7.70	624/10	16-Jun-10	16-Mar-11			\$	500,000.00	
Floating Rates Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO)											
Zircon Finance Ltd	Floating Rate CDO		0.00			20-Sep-14			\$	0.00	
Morgan Stanley Aces SP	Floating Rate CDO	91	6.290		21-Jun-10	20-Jun-15			\$	12,165.59	
Helium Capital Ltd	Floating Rate CDO	92	6.073		23-Jun-10	23-Jun-14			\$	2,193.12	
Magnolia Finance GLB Ltd	Floating Rate CDO	91	5.740		21-Jun-10	20-Mar-12			\$	35,002.09	
									\$	5,549,360.80	

18. BASE LINE BUDGET AS AT 31 MARCH 2010

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/33

Summary:

This report presents Walgett Shire Council's draft base line budget as at 31 March 2010. The report includes the budget result for the general fund, water fund, sewer fund and waste fund.

Discussion (including issues and background):

In accordance with Section 401 of the Local Government Act 1993, Part 9 Division 3 section 201 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Guidelines), Council is required to include an estimate of income for the period ending 20 June 2011 in the Management Plan 2010-2015.

As part of the budget process a base line budget is developed before new expenditure items are considered for inclusion in Walgett Shire Council's 2010-2011 budget. The base line budget utilizes Council's adopted assumptions for costs and estimates of general fund revenue. At this stage of the budgetary process water and sewer income increases are based on a 5% estimate and waste on a 15% increase on the current year's fees and charges. Councillors will receive a copy of the draft baseline budget at the Council meeting for the meeting on 30 April when fees and charges will also be considered.

As at 31 March 2010 Walgett Shire Council's base line budget results are:

Operational Budget:

General Fund	Balanced
Walgett Water Fund	\$133,441.00 deficit
Lightning Ridge Water Fund	\$121,001.00 Surplus
Collarenebri Water Fund	\$158,966.00 Deficit
Walgett Sewer Fund	\$ 22,856.00 Deficit
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund	\$ 66,537.00 Surplus
Collarenebri Sewer Fund	\$ 42,699.00 Surplus
Waste Fund	\$ 8,261.00 Deficit

The operational budgets contain depreciation estimates as part of costs. The Department of Local Government now includes a building and infrastructure renewal ratio as an indicator of financial performance. This ratio assesses asset renewal against depreciation, amortisation and impairment expenses. Asset renewal represents the replacement and or refurbishment of existing assets and doesn't include the acquisition of new assets. Sealing an unsealed road is defined as acquiring a new asset. A healthy ratio is one above 100%

Currently \$2,158,000 is estimated as the total depreciation expense. The revaluation of roads, stormwater and footpaths currently being undertaken to meet the requirements of the Department of Local Government has a completion date of 30 June 2010. Once roads are revalued and a new

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base determined for depreciation purposes the annual depreciation expense for Council's roads may increase considerably. Included in the operational base line budget are the following estimates of depreciation available for consideration by council to replace or refurbish existing assets.

General Fund	
Fleet	\$540,000.00
Roads	\$643,000.00
Buildings and other Structures	\$411,000.00
Stormwater	\$ 22,000.00
Walgett Water Fund	\$147,900.00
Lightning Ridge Water Fund	\$126,480.00
Collarenebri Water Fund	\$126,480.00
Walgett Sewer Fund	\$ 76,500.00
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund	\$ 51,000.00
Collarenebri Sewer Fund	\$ 11,220.00
Waste Fund	NIL

The capital budget will be completed after Council's considerations on 30 April 2010.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council Base Line Budget

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers
Walgett Shire residents

Financial Implications:

Nil

Base Line Budget as at 31 March 2010

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the report.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

19. *ESTIMATE OF RESERVES AS AT 30 JUNE 2010*

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/33

Summary:

This report provides a general estimate of cash on hand as at 30 June 2010 and the balance of internal, external and unrestricted funds.

Discussion (including issues and background):

An estimate of restricted and unrestricted funds as at 30 June 2010 has been calculated to assist in the formulation of the 2010-2011 Walgett Shire Council budget. This estimate is based on the actual reserve balances as at 31 March 2010 adjusted for estimates of expected cash inflows and out goings for the 3 months to 30 June 2010. These estimates are imprecise but will provide general guidelines to assist in budget formulation. Any additional borrowings are not included in the estimate.

The estimate of cash on hand is: \$7,000,000.00

Represented by:

Externally restricted reserves: \$5,000,000.00

Internally restricted reserves: \$1,800,000.00

Unrestricted Funds as at 30 June 2010 \$ 200,000.00

The Department of Local Government includes an unrestricted current ratio as an indicator of financial performance to assess council's level of working capital and its ability to satisfy short term obligations. This ratio compares current unrestricted assets with current liabilities less special purpose liabilities. A healthy ratio is above 2:1. Council's ratio has been declining over the past four years from 3.99 in June 2006 to 1.88 in 2009. Council's auditors Spencer Steer has stressed the need to be vigilant to prevent this financial indicator from falling any lower.

A general estimate of Council's unrestricted current ratio as at 30 June 2010 to assist in the budget process is:

Current Assets less all External Restrictions
Current liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities

Estimated ratio 1.8:1

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

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Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers
Walgett Shire residents

Financial Implications:

As per report

Estimate of Reserves as at 30 June 2010
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council note the report.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

20. NEW EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS FOR 2010-2011 BUDGET

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Myrene Lovegrove - Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/33

Summary:

This report presents a collated list of new expenditure proposals for consideration by Council to be included in the 2010-2011 Walgett Shire Council budget.

Discussion (including issues and background):

As part of Walgett Shire Council's budget process new expenditure proposals are received from the Council, the executive, precinct committees, rate payers associations, other bodies and the general public. These items are recorded, costed and collated for consideration by council. Some costings are provided in submissions received.

An invitation to make written submissions was included in the Walgett Shire Newsletter with a closing date of 9 April 2010. Additional submissions were received at community meetings in Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett in mid April 2010.

To date general estimates of cost of most requests have been included on the attached spreadsheet. All projects and cost will need refining before inclusion in the draft budget for 2010-2011. A general estimate of the cost of new expenditure requests for the 2010-2011 budget to date total:

General Fund	\$5,579,460
Walgett Water Fund	\$ 207,000
Lightning Ridge Water Fund	\$ 430,000
Collarenebri Water Fund	\$ 140,000
Walgett Sewer Fund	\$ 544,000
Lightning Ridge Sewer Fund	NIL
Collarenebri Sewer Fund	\$ 195,000
Waste Fund	\$ 330,000

Relevant Reference Documents:

Walgett Shire Council Base Line Budget 2010-2011
Various budget requests and submissions

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Ratepayers
Walgett Shire residents

Financial Implications:

To be determined based on cost of adopted projects

New Expenditure proposals for 2010/2011 Budget

Recommendation:

1. That Council consider the list of new expenditure proposals on 30 April 2010 at the budget strategy session.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

New Expenditure Proposals

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	Fund	Fund	Location	New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Director UIS	11	General	Burren	Sports oval facility upgrades		10,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Burren	Burren Junction Cubbaroo Camp draft electricity box		2,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore Baths Upgrade/ New Toilet Block		60,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore baths Caravan dump point		15,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore Baths - 2 sets steps		15,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	2nd evaporation pond		50,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore baths - gravel, tree, lawn - beautification		30,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Walkway/cycle way from bore baths to town		90,000	-		
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	bore baths - rainwater tank		9,500			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Shade area with tables and chairs at each camping ground		6,500			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore baths - sign prohibiting camping around toilet block		3,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore baths - top dress in side fence for lawns and grass		10,000			
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	bore baths - repairs to concrete on pool surrounds		35,000	-		
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	bore baths - Bridge to central island with shade, tables & chairs		45,000	-		
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Bore baths - coin operated BBQ		8,500	-		
Burren Precinct	11	General	Burren	Water outlet at each camping ground		2,500			
Director CCS	11	General	Burren	Playground Equipment		28,000			
					-	420,000	-	-	-
Director UIS	11	General	Carinda	Repair Carinda pool shade		40,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Carinda	Carinda pool/sports oval amenities block upgrade		5,000			
Letter	11	General	Cumborah	Community Shed Additional funds		30,000			
					-	75,000	-	-	-

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	Fund	Fund	Location	New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Install drainage - lane between Wilson St & Church St		120,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Lay pavers in Wilson St		15,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Paint murals on unused buildings in main street		80,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Banners in main street to advertise upcoming events		15,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Replace trees		18,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Install metal tree guards		30,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Develop lawn cemetery		50,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Toilets for cemetery		90,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Seal cemetery road		45,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Install Cemetery watering system		35,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Sign to weir		7,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Sealed road to weir		60,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	BBQ and picnic area at weir		20,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Footpath from Bowling Club to Hospital		70,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Repair footpath in front of Hospital		8,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Weather proof front of pre-school sealing		20,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	All weather road to Rodeo area					
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Toilets in rodeo area		90,000			
Precinct Committee	11	General	Collie	Welcome to Walgett Shire Sign on Moree Shire boundary		10,000			
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Repair Earl St Seal					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Collie to Burren road - linemark including fog line					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Collie to Moree road - fog line					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Collie to Walgett road - fog line					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Boat ramp upgrade including fish cleaning area					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Ker, Gutter and drainage program					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Full shade cover for swimming pool					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Repair road and drainage in lane ways behind shops					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Repair George St potholes					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Main street program -trees, tree guards, drip system					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Main street seating					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	New culvert at entry to Hospital					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Wider access to primitive camp -14" gate or ramp					
Meeting	11	General	Collie	Levee on eastern corner of cemetery					
Director CCS	11	General	Collie	Playground Equipment		75,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri Pool Repairs		70,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri Aerodrome lights	100,000	200,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri Oval Sprinklers		9,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Table drains upgrade and 30mm driveway pipes		45,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri Sports oval sprinklers and fence		70,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri tennis courts develop sport area and plumbing		7,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri Earl park tables and seating		3,800			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri lions park tables and seating		3,800			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri racecourse camp draft area and plumbing work		50,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Collie	Collarenebri town hall capital maintenance		30,000			
					100,000	1,346,600	-	-	-

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	Fund	Fund	Location	New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Resolution 18/2010	11	General	LR	Australian Opal Centre		20,000			
Meeting	11	General	LR	Re-surface netball courts					
Meeting	11	General	LR	emergency mens housing					
Meeting	11	General	LR	Tourism Association additional contribution		102,500			
Meeting	11	General	LR	Water tank for historical society		600			
				Exhibition space					
				Sealed trail along 3 mile road					
				Child protection for pond at Gem Park					
				Relocate older play equipment from Lions to Len Cran Park					
				Support to establish Men's Shed					
Letter	11	General	LR	Transcultural community Council		3,200			
Letter	11	General	LR	Security cameras and monitors		80,000			
Letter	11	General	LR	Diving pool operations -additional contribution		125,000			
Director PRS	11	General	LR	Preserved opal Fields Heritage study	3,000	6,000			
Director PRS	11	General	LR	Lightning Ridge Urban Expansion Design		20,000			
Director PRS	11	General	LR	Lightning Ridge Urban Expansion Land Acquisition		50,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Seal Pandora and opal Street intersection		10,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Duck park tree guards		3,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Develop motor sports area on vacant land		50,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Lions park tree guards		5,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	LR HACC develop area for LR town hall		100,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Len Cran Park ground preparation ,playground equipment and shade		75,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	LR Art and Craft centre phone line and air conditioner		10,000			
Resolution 2/2010	11	General	LR	LR art centre fence, painting and mural		50,000	-		
Director UIS	11	General	LR	LR sports oval/racecourse upgrade facilities, shade and seating		60,000			
Director UIS	11	General	LR	Basket ball acrylic surfacing and line marking		100,000			
Letter	11	General	LR	Community Centre - on going support		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Letter	11	General	LR	Development of LR Community Centre		25,000			
					3,000	905,300	10,000	10,000	10,000
Director UIS	11	General	Rowena	Table drains upgrade		30,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Rowena	Rowena Hall capital repairs to roof, guttering, tank and electrical		50,000			
Letter	11	General	Rowena	Hire of hall CWA donation		100			
Director UIS	11	General	Rowena	Rowena sports oval seating and shade		10,000			
					-	90,100	-	-	-
Resolution 19/2010	11	General	Shire Wide	Murray Darling Association Membership		460			
Director CCS	11	General	Shire Wide	Development program - Masonic hall and others		6,000			
Director CCS	11	General	Shire Wide	Plan scanner to comply with Right to Information GIPA Act		30,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Shire Wide	Street Lighting		100,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Shire Wide	Vegetation Spraying program		25,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Shire Wide	Tree maintenance program		25,000			
Director UIS	11								
					-	186,460	-	-	-

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	Fund	Fund	Location	New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Director CCS	11	General	W/LR	increase library hours		25,000			
Resolution 10/2010	11	General	Walgett	Upgrade Walgett Showground's		50,000			
Director CCS	11	General	Walgett	Main street Program		150,000	150,000	150,000	
Director CCS	11	General	Walgett	Small person's playground Walgett Skate park		48,000			
Director PRS	11	General	Walgett	Walgett Pesticide Residue Pit		20,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Walgett Hanger pavement repairs		20,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Kerb and gutter renewal		150,000	300,000		
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	No 1 & 2 Oval sprinklers		10,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Repair wagon shelter near Walgett pool		9,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Repair Walgett Pool Shade		75,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Community consultation- development of skill share site		1,000			
Director UIS	11	General	Walgett	Walgett sports oval change rooms, water system, long jump pit		75,000			
Resolution 362/09	11	General	Walgett	Walgett Museum Redevelopment Program		350,000	-		
Letter	11	General	Walgett	Bull dust to bitumen art show		3,000			
					-	986,000	450,000	150,000	-

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	Fund	Fund	Location New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
DRISS	11	General	Forward Design - Coonabarrabran - Mungindi Road Upgrade Project		100,000			
DRISS	11	General	Forward Design - Come By Chance Road Upgrade Project		50,000			
DRISS	11	General	Forward Design - Cryon road Upgrade Project		50,000			
Letter	11	General	Bugilbone Road - Upgrade to Sealed				4,500,000	
Letter	11	General	Gundabloui Road - Upgrade to Sealed			7,500,000		
Letter	11	General	Bus Routes - Upgrade to Sealed				75,000,000	
Letter	11	General	Billybingbone Road - Upgrade to Gravel Sheet			315,000		
Letter	11	General	Pian Creek Road - Upgrade to Sealed				5,250,000	
Letter	11	General	Brewon Road - Upgrade Bridges (4)				3,000,000	
DRISS	11	General	Wangan Bridge, Come By Chance Road - Upgrade				900,000	
DRISS	11	General	13 Mile Bridge, Come By Chance Road - Upgrade			100,000		
DRISS	11	General	Urban Roads - Reseals		100,000	100,000	100,000	
DRISS	11	General	Shire Roads Reseals		50,000	-	50,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads Reseals		200,000	200,000	200,000	
DRISS	11	General	Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting		300,000		300,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads Gravel Resheeting			300,000		
DRISS	11	General	Shire Roads Grids Replacement / Removal		20,000	20,000	20,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads Grids Replacement / Removal		60,000	60,000	60,000	
DRISS	11	General	Shire Roads Culvert Replacement		50,000	50,000	50,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads Culvert Replacement		50,000	50,000	50,000	
DRISS	11	General	Shire Roads Traffic Facilities Renewal		20,000	20,000	20,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads Traffic Facilities Renewal		50,000	50,000	50,000	
Letter	11	General	Burren Junction Streets Upgrade to Sealed		100,000			
DRISS	11	General	Cumborah Streets - Upgrade to Sealed			200,000		
Letter	11	General	Rowena Streets - Upgrade to Sealed				100,000	
Letter	11	General	Rowena Streets - New Truck Parking Area				100,000	
Letter	11	General	Camerons Lane - Upgrade to Sealed				2,250,000	
Letter	11	General	Baooona Road - Upgrade to Sealed				450,000	
Letter	11	General	Moomin Road (Part) - Upgrade to Sealed				2,250,000	
Letter	11	General	Rowena Road - Upgrade to Sealed				4,500,000	
DRISS	11	General	New Office Manager Position for Rural Infrastructure & Support S	80,000				
DRISS	11	General	Walgett Depot Upgrade		50,000	50,000	50,000	
DRISS	11	General	Walgett Truck Bypass - Feasibility Study		30,000			
DRISS	11	General	Quarries Development & Liabilities Project		30,000			
DRISS	11	General	Shire Road - Gravel Resheet Floodways		150,000	150,000	150,000	
DRISS	11	General	Regional Roads - Gravel Resheet Floodways		50,000	50,000	50,000	
				80,000	1,510,000	9,215,000	99,450,000	-
Total General Fund				183,000	5,519,460	9,675,000	99,610,000	10,000

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	Fund	Fund	Location	New Expenditure Proposals	2010/11 additional income	2010/11 Cost	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Director UIS	12	Walgett Water	Walgett	Treatment Plant design and renewal		40,000			
Director UIS	12	Walgett Water	Walgett	Feasibility Study of Filtration plant upgrade		15,000			
Director UIS	12	Walgett Water	Walgett	Walgett Filtration plant internal and external painting		10,000			
Director UIS	12	Walgett Water	Walgett	Fluoridation design and construction	70,000	140,000			
Resolu		Walgett Water	All areas	Waste Management Advisory Group		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
					70,000	207,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Director UIS	13	LR Water	LR	Feasibility Study of LR Bore & construct 2nd bore		400,000			
Director UIS	13	LR Water	LR	Booster pump station upgrade LR		30,000			
					0	-			
					-	430,000	-	-	-
Director UIS	14	Collie Water	Collie	Fluoridation design and construction	70,000	140,000			
					0	-			
					70,000	140,000	-	-	-
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Open water drains up grade		120,000			
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Sewer Treatment plant feasibility study		50,000			
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Sewer mains replacement/reline program		250,000			
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Oxidation Feasibility study		50,000			
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Sewer mains extension to cemetery -oval pilot program		40,000			
Director UIS	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Replace 100mm submersible sewer pumps		14,000			
	15	Walgett Sewer	Walgett	Fencing of Sewerage treatment plant		20,000			
					-	544,000	-	-	-
Director UIS	17	Collie Sewer	Collie	Sewer mains replacement/reline program		75,000			
Director UIS	17	Collie Sewer	Collie	Sewer pump station mechanical upgrades		80,000			
Director UIS	17	Collie Sewer	Collie	Open drains upgrade		40,000			
Director UIS	17	Collie Sewer	Collie	100 mm effluent line construction			300,000		
Resolution 334/09	17	Collie Sewer	Collie	Extend effluent system west of Barwon St		-	100,000		
					-	195,000	400,000	-	-
Director UIS	21	Waste	Shire Wide	Feasibility / Design / Land purchase of new landfill & transfer stations		200,000			
Director UIS	21	Waste	Rowena	Tip Upgrade		35,000			
Director UIS	21	Waste	Burren	Tip Upgrade		35,000			
Director UIS	21	Waste	CBC	Tip Upgrade		10,000			
Resolution 359/09	21	Waste	Carinda	Tip Remediation		50,000			
					-	330,000	-	-	-
				Total	323,000	7,365,460	10,077,000	99,612,000	12,000

21. RATES, FEES AND CHARGES 2010-2011

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 10/33

Summary:

This report recommends that Council adopt the proposed 2010/2011 rates, fees and charges in accordance with S535 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Section 532 of the Local Government Act 1993 states that Council must give public notice (in accordance with S405 of the Local Government Act 1993) of its proposed Rates, Fees and Charges and that they must be included in Council's draft Management Plan.

The schedule for advertising Council's draft Budget, Rates, fees and charges and Management Plan 2010/2011 requires the Plan to be advertised for public comment from 27 May 2010, with public submissions closing at 5.00pm on 23 June 2010. Council's Management Plan, with all financial and other inclusions will then be adopted at the meeting on 28 June 2010.

Most notably the projection of rates and charges for the 2010 – 2011 rating year based on valuations up to 15th April 2010 includes:

- The yield on ordinary rates has been increased by 2.6% and the catch-up figure of \$4065 from 2009-2010 rating year;
- The projected yield from ordinary rates is \$4,383,163.81. This is an increase of \$26548.77 on the figure estimated in February of \$4,356,615.04;
- Farmland rates have been adjusted to enable the transitioning of the farmland rate to a common rate in the dollar in 2011-2012 rating year. This has an impact of an average increase of 6.56 % for non irrigable categorised properties and an average decrease of 8.03% for irrigable categorised properties;
- Water and sewer charges have been increased by only 5%; and
- Domestic waste charges have been increased by 15% in order to start preparing for the significant increases in costs incurred by Council currently and in the near future.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Local Government Act 1993

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council and ratepayers

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Financial Implications:

As per draft Budget 2010/2011 and draft Management Plan

Rates, Fees and Charges 2010/2011
<p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To advertise the proposed 2010/2011 rates as per the attached rates schedules and in accordance with S535 of the Local Government Act 1993.2. To advertise the proposed 2010/2011 fees and charges as per the attached fees and charges schedules and in accordance with S535 of the Local Government Act 1993. <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Rates Schedule

Fees and Charges Schedule

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Ordinary Rates									
Description	No Assess	Rate in \$	Base	Minimum	2011 Ad Valorum	2011 Base	2011 Total	2011 Base %	Avg Per Assess
Walgett Residential	638	0.04369734	175.00	0	171,472.80	111,650.00	283,122.80	39.44%	443.77
L/Ridge Residential	656	0.01088330	175.00	0	176,438.97	114,800.00	291,238.97	39.42%	443.96
Collarenebri Residential	205	0.11750000	133.00	0	47,889.96	27,265.00	75,154.96	36.28%	366.61
B/Junction Residential	98	0.03300000	123.00	0	21,167.85	12,054.00	33,221.85	36.28%	339.00
Carinda Residential	76	0.15315102	72.00	0	6,623.75	5,472.00	12,095.75	45.24%	159.15
Cumborah Residential	56	0.01705212	67.00	0	5,187.28	3,752.00	8,939.28	41.97%	159.63
Rowena/CBC Residential	40	0.42590286	67.00	0	3,704.95	2,680.00	6,384.95	41.97%	159.62
Residential - Preserved Opal Fields	1773	0.05008896	118.00	0	214,569.50	209,214.00	423,783.50	49.37%	239.02
Residential - Other	109	0.00796433	118.00	0	23,549.22	12,862.00	36,411.22	35.32%	334.05
Walgett Business	113	0.04860960	225.00	0	66,982.07	25,425.00	92,407.07	27.51%	817.76
L/Ridge Business	106	0.01031130	225.00	0	64,263.16	23,850.00	88,113.16	27.07%	831.26
Collarenebri Business	32	0.12098592	185.00	0	12,871.66	5,920.00	18,791.66	31.50%	587.24
B/Junction Business	19	0.03591000	175.00	0	8,966.74	3,325.00	12,291.74	27.05%	646.93
Carinda Business	13	0.03601415	103.00	0	2,625.42	1,339.00	3,964.42	33.78%	304.96
Cumborah Business	0	0.01705212	67.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
Rowena/CBC Business	7	0.32388255	103.00	0	971.64	721.00	1,692.64	42.60%	241.81
Business - Preserved Opal Fields	56	0.06156000	175.00	0	14,903.66	9,800.00	24,703.66	39.67%	441.14
Business - Other	98	0.01008815	139.00	0	14,291.90	13,622.00	27,913.90	48.80%	284.84
Rural (Farmland)	724	0.00455995	0.00	175.34	2,259,863.47	0.00	2,259,863.47	0.00%	3,125.20
Rural Irrigable	87	0.00516073	0.00	175.34	683,068.81	0.00	683,068.81	0.00%	7,767.26
Total Ordinary Rates	4906				3,799,412.81	583751.00	4,383,163.81		
					Notional Yield		4,268,128.08		
					Increase 2.6%		110,971.33		
					Under rated in 2010		4,065.00		
					2010 Farmland Writeoff		0.00		
					Allowable Yield		4,383,164.41		

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Charges									
Description	No Assess	Charge Per Service	Number of Services				2011 Total		
Domestic Waste Management									
Waste Management Charge	5043	42.90	5,043				216,344.70		
Garbage Collection Charge (\$501) per occupancy (per bin)	1713	392.46	1,987				779,818.02		
Trade Waste Management									
240L MGB Weekly Service	22	392.46	71				27,864.66		
360L MGB Twice Weekly Service	6	1092.50	32				34,960.00		
360L MGB Weekly Service	15	546.25	75				40,968.75		
Sewerage									
Walgett	791	372.37	791				294,544.67		
Lightning Ridge	761	352.58	761				268,313.38		
Collarenebri	222	403.07	222				89,481.54		
Additional Sewer Connections (per connection)									
Walgett	39	372.37	76				28,300.12		
Lightning Ridge	24	352.58	34				11,987.72		
Collarenebri	3	403.07	8				3,224.56		
Cistern Charges - hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs									
Walgett	19	58.33	229				13,357.57		
Lightning Ridge	15	54.96	237				13,025.52		
Collarenebri	4	63.23	24				1,517.52		
Water									
Walgett	817	790.17	817				645,568.89		
Lightning Ridge	779	702.68	779				547,387.72		
Collarenebri	254	820.48	254				208,401.92		
Carinda Town Bore	53	345.20	53				18,295.60		
Rowena Bore	17	405.84	17				6,899.28		
Carinda Bore	1	328.00	1				328.00		
Cumborah Bore	0	367.79	0				0.00		

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SERVICE PROVIDED		RATES, RATING INFORMATION AND ENQUIRY FEES			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Section 603 Certificate		\$ 60.00	Nil	\$	60.00
Urgent Section 603 Certificate		\$ 120.00	Nil	\$	120.00
Information given in writing		\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00	\$	22.00
Inspection of valuation records by applicant		<i>per hour or part thereof</i>	\$ 30.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 33.00
Search conducted by Council		<i>per hour or part thereof</i>	\$ 60.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 66.00
Reprinting rate notices		<i>per notice</i>	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.50	\$ 5.50
RATES - PENALTIES					
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Accrual of Interest on Rates and Charges (Refer Section 566 Local Government Act)		9%	Nil	9%	
Legal Fees				actual cost	
SERVICE PROVIDED		DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Waste Management Charge		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 42.90	Nil	\$ 42.90
Garbage Collection Charge (\$501) per occupancy		<i>per bin per annum</i>	\$ 392.46	Nil	\$ 392.46
Additional Bin Collection		<i>per bin per annum</i>	\$ 341.27	Nil	\$ 341.27
Late Collection Charge			\$ 83.25	Nil	\$ 83.25
SERVICE PROVIDED		TRADE WASTE MANAGEMENT			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Trade Waste Management					
240L MGB Collection - weekly collection		<i>per bin per annum</i>	\$ 392.46	Nil	\$ 392.46
360L MGB Collection - twice weekly collection		<i>per bin per annum</i>	\$ 1,092.50	Nil	\$ 1,092.50
360L MGB weekly Service		<i>per bin per annum</i>	\$ 546.25	Nil	\$ 546.25
SERVICE PROVIDED		SEWERAGE			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Walgett		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 372.37	Nil	\$ 372.37
Lightning Ridge		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 352.58	Nil	\$ 352.58
Collarenebri		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 403.07	Nil	\$ 403.07
Additional Sewer Connections (per connection)					
Walgett		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 372.37	Nil	\$ 372.37
Lightning Ridge		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 352.58	Nil	\$ 352.58
Collarenebri		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 403.07	Nil	\$ 403.07
Walgett - Cistern charges, hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 58.33	Nil	\$ 58.33
Lightning Ridge - Cistern charges, hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 54.96	Nil	\$ 54.96
Collarenebri - Cistern charges, hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 63.23	Nil	\$ 63.23
Lightning Ridge Pump Assisted Sewerage Charge		<i>per annum</i>	\$ 335.79	Nil	\$ 335.79

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SERVICE PROVIDED		WATER			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Carinda	per annum per property	\$ 328.76	Nil	\$	328.76
Rowena	per annum per property	\$ 405.84	Nil	\$	405.84
Carinda Bore Water	per annum per unit	\$ 328.00	Nil	\$	328.00
Carinda Town Bore Water	per annum per property	\$ 345.20	Nil	\$	345.20
Cumborah	per annum per property	\$ 367.79	Nil	\$	367.79
Walgett	per assessment or per dwelling (whichever is greater)	\$ 790.17	Nil	\$	790.17
Lightning Ridge	per assessment or per dwelling (whichever is greater)	\$ 702.68	Nil	\$	702.68
Collarenebri	per assessment or per dwelling (whichever is greater)	\$ 820.48	Nil	\$	820.48
Metered Standpipes	per load	\$ 57.75	Nil	\$	57.75
+ ADD	per kilolitre	\$ 1.22	Nil	\$	1.22
Meter Reading Charge	per request	\$ 33.08	Nil	\$	33.08
SERVICE PROVIDED		ADMINISTRATION			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Research Staff Costs (minimum one hour)	per hour	\$ 59.09	\$ 5.91	\$	65.00
Document Folding	per 1,000 or part thereof	\$ 36.36	\$ 3.64	\$	40.00
Typing	per hour	\$ 54.55	\$ 5.45	\$	60.00
Laminating	A4	\$ 3.64	\$ 0.36	\$	4.00
Laminating	A3	\$ 5.45	\$ 0.55	\$	6.00
Laminating (Large Documents)	per linear cm	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.02	\$	0.25
Plans and Map Printing - over the counter	A3 to A2	\$ 4.00	Nil	\$	4.50
Plans and Map Printing - over the counter	A2 to A1	\$ 6.50	Nil	\$	7.00
Plans and Map Printing - over the counter	A1 or larger	\$ 11.00	Nil	\$	11.00
Plans and Map Printing - by post	Smaller than A1	\$ 12.00	Nil	\$	12.00
Plans and Map Printing - by post	A1 or larger	\$ 17.00	Nil	\$	17.00
Binding	First 100 pages	\$ 3.64	\$ 0.36	\$	4.00
+ ADD	per each additional 100 pages	\$ 2.73	\$ 0.27	\$	3.00
Freedom of Information Application		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$	30.00
Freedom of Information - Internal Review		\$ 42.00	Nil	\$	42.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		LIBRARY			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Photocopying B&W	per page	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.03	\$	0.31
Overdue Item	per item	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.06	\$	0.61
+ ADD	per day	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.02	\$	0.20
Lost Membership Card		\$ 1.53	\$ 0.15	\$	1.69

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SERVICE PROVIDED		WALGETT VISITOR INFORMATION AND INTERNET CENTRE			
		2010/2011		GST	TOTAL
BLACK & WHITE COPYING					
Photocopying B&W - A4 Single - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.03	\$	0.31
Photocopying B&W - A4 Single - (51-100 copies)	per page	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.02	\$	0.26
Photocopying B&W - A4 Single - (101-500 copies)	per page	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.02	\$	0.20
Photocopying B&W - A4 Single - (501+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.01	\$	0.15
Photocopying B&W - A4 Double sided - (500+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.04	\$	0.41
Photocopying B&W - A4 Double sided - (500+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Photocopying B&W - A4 Double sided - (500+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.03	\$	0.31
Photocopying B&W - A4 Double sided - (501+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.02	\$	0.26
Photocopying B&W - A3 Single - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.06	\$	0.61
Photocopying B&W - A3 Single - (51-100 copies)	per page	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.05	\$	0.56
Photocopying B&W - A3 Single - (101-500 copies)	per page	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.05	\$	0.51
Photocopying B&W - A3 Single - (501+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.04	\$	0.46
Photocopying B&W - A3 Double sided - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.07	\$	0.72
Photocopying B&W - A3 Double sided - (51-100 copies)	per page	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.06	\$	0.66
Photocopying B&W - A3 Double sided - (101-500 copies)	per page	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.06	\$	0.61
Photocopying B&W - A3 Double sided - (501+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.05	\$	0.56
COPYING TO COLOUR PAPER					
Photocopying Colour Paper - A4 Single - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.03	\$	0.31
Photocopying Colour Paper - A4 Single - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.02	\$	0.26
Photocopying Colour Paper - A4 Double sided - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.04	\$	0.41
Photocopying Colour Paper - A4 Double sided - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
COLOUR COPYING					
Photocopying Colour - A4 Full Page - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 3.81	\$ 0.38	\$	4.19
Photocopying Colour - A4 Full Page - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 3.43	\$ 0.34	\$	3.77
Photocopying Colour - A3 Full Page - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 5.77	\$ 0.58	\$	6.34
Photocopying Colour - A3 Full Page - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 5.19	\$ 0.52	\$	5.71
COLOUR COPYING - Authorised School Projects					
Photocopying Colour School Projects - A4 Full Page - (0-50 copies)	per page	\$ 3.35	\$ 0.33	\$	3.68
Photocopying Colour School Projects - A4 Full Page - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 3.35	\$ 0.33	\$	3.68
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Photocopying Colour School Projects - A3 Full Page - (51+ copies)	per page	\$ 5.21	\$ 0.52	\$	5.73
COLOUR COPYING - Additional Charges					
Wallet size		\$ 0.47	\$ 0.05	\$	0.51
4' x 6'		\$ 1.02	\$ 0.10	\$	1.13
5' x 7'		\$ 2.05	\$ 0.20	\$	2.25
6.5' x 8.5'		\$ 3.07	\$ 0.31	\$	3.38
FAXING					
Inwards	initial page	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.10	\$	1.13
+ ADD	additional page	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.05	\$	0.51
Outwards	initial page	\$ 2.98	\$ 0.30	\$	3.27
+ ADD	additional page	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.10	\$	1.13
PHOTO QUALITY COPYING (Best quality paper used)					
Black & White A4 Full Page		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour A4 Full Page		\$ 3.91	\$ 0.39	\$	4.30
Sepia A4 Full Page		\$ 1.95	\$ 0.20	\$	2.15
Black & White 8.5' x 6.5'		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour 8.5' x 6.5'		\$ 2.98	\$ 0.30	\$	3.27
Sepia 8.5' x 6.5'		\$ 1.44	\$ 0.14	\$	1.59
Black & White 5' x 7'		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour 5' x 7'		\$ 0.19	\$ 0.02	\$	0.20
Sepia 5' x 7'		\$ 1.02	\$ 0.10	\$	1.13
Black & White 4' x 6'		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour 4' x 6'		\$ 1.12	\$ 0.11	\$	1.23
Sepia 4' x 6'		\$ 0.65	\$ 0.07	\$	0.72
Black & White Wallet Size		\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour Wallet Size		\$ 0.56	\$ 0.06	\$	0.61
Sepia Wallet Size		\$ 0.47	\$ 0.05	\$	0.51
PRINTING					
Black & White Copies	per page	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.03	\$	0.36
Colour Copies	per page	\$ 3.35	\$ 0.33	\$	3.68

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LAMINATING				
Laminating - A3		\$ 5.77	\$ 0.58	\$ 6.34
Laminating - A4		\$ 3.91	\$ 0.39	\$ 4.30
Laminating - A5		\$ 1.95	\$ 0.20	\$ 2.15
Laminating - Credit Card Size		\$ 1.02	\$ 0.10	\$ 1.13
INTERNET CHARGES				
Internet Usage	<i>initial ½ hour</i>	\$ 2.73	\$ 0.27	\$ 3.00
+ ADD	<i>per minute thereafter</i>	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.10
Internet Usage - Members	<i>per hour</i>	\$ 3.18	\$ 0.32	\$ 3.50
TYPING	<i>per hour</i>	\$ 59.09	\$ 5.91	\$ 65.00
SERVICE PROVIDED CEMETERY				
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
BURIAL - Lawn Section				
Walgett only				
<i>NOTE: Grave excavation included</i>				
a) 1st Interment		\$ 1,090.91	\$ 109.09	\$ 1,200.00
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment		\$ 545.45	\$ 54.55	\$ 600.00
c) Childs cask (less than 1.1 m long)		\$ 272.73	\$ 27.27	\$ 300.00
Note: A standard lawn cemetery plaque up to the value of \$200.00 and its installation is included in the				
BURIAL - monumental section (Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Collarenebri)				
<i>NOTE: Grave excavation included</i>				
a) 1st Interment or		\$ 636.36	\$ 63.64	\$ 700.00
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment or		\$ 318.18	\$ 31.82	\$ 350.00
c) Childs cask (less than 1.1 m long)		\$ 181.82	\$ 18.18	\$ 200.00
BURIAL - monumental section				
Burren Junction, Cumborah and Carinda				
<i>NOTE: Permit only. Grave excavation not included. Council excavation work is additional on a per job basis</i>				
a) 1st Interment or		\$ 400.00	Nil	\$ 400.00
b) Reopening for 2nd Interment or		\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
c) Childs cask (less than 1.1 m long)		\$ 150.00	Nil	\$ 150.00
BURIAL - ADDITIONAL CHARGES				
<i>(Where Council excavates the grave)</i>				
a) Weekend and public holiday interment		\$ 300.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 330.00
b) Extra (double) depth		\$ 90.91	\$ 9.09	\$ 100.00
BURIAL RESERVATION				
All Public Cemeteries	<i>per plot</i>	\$ 181.82	\$ 18.18	\$ 200.00
MEMORIAL WALL (where provided)				
Niche and plaque up to a value of \$90.00 (inc. GST)		\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 220.00
Copy of Cemetery Register				
a) Digital (email or CD)		\$ 18.18	\$ 1.82	\$ 20.00
b) Printed		\$ 36.36	\$ 3.64	\$ 40.00
Exhumation - fee				
Exhumation - excavation, ancillary staff & equipment		\$ 250.00	Nil	\$ 250.00
	<i>cost</i>		<i>yes</i>	<i>cost</i>
SERVICE PROVIDED IMPOUNDING				
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Abandoned Vehicles				
Charges for seizure, taking custody, removal, keeping and releasing vehicle				
a) Examination and valuation of vehicle		\$ 75.00	Nil	\$ 75.00
b) Photographs		\$ 25.00	Nil	\$ 25.00
c) Notice to Police		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
d) Advertising Charges		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
+ ADD		cost	Nil	cost
e) Notification		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
f) Release Fee		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
g) Towing and Removal		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
+ ADD		cost	Nil	cost
h) Charges for keeping vehicle in custody per day		\$ 25.00	Nil	\$ 25.00
Impounding of Abandoned Shopping Trolleys		\$ 80.00	Nil	\$ 80.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ANIMAL CONTROL		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
REGISTRATION				
Desexed Cat or Dog		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
Desexed Cat or Dog owned by Pensioner		\$ 15.00	Nil	\$ 15.00
Entire (not desexed) Cat or Dog		\$ 150.00	Nil	\$ 150.00
Entire (not desexed) Cat or Dog owned by a Registered Breeder		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
Assistance Dogs		Free	Nil	Free
Micro chipping		\$ 55.00	Nil	\$ 55.00
IMPOUNDED CATS & DOGS				
Dog and Cat Impounding Release Fee		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
Dog and Cat Impounding Sustenance	per day	\$ 25.00	Nil	\$ 25.00
SALE OF CATS & DOGS				
All animals are to be desexed and vaccinated		Discounted veterinary fees		
+ ADD (administration fees)		\$ 18.18	\$ 1.82	\$ 20.00
IMPOUNDED HORSES ETC				
Administration Costs for impounded horses, cattle, goats and sheep:-		Actual veterinary fees		
+ ADD (administration fees)		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
a) Entry of Impounding		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
b) Entry of Release		\$ 15.00	Nil	\$ 15.00
c) Advertising		cost	Nil	cost
+ ADD (administration fees)		\$ 25.00	Nil	\$ 25.00
d) Notice of Impounding		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
e) Transportation to pound		cost	Nil	cost
+ ADD (administration fees)		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
DRIVING FEES				
Rates for driving or taking to pound, horses, asses, mules, cows or camels				
1st Animal	per km	\$ 0.80	Nil	\$ 0.80
2nd Animal	per km	\$ 0.60	Nil	\$ 0.60
Additional Animals	per km	\$ 0.33	Nil	\$ 0.33
Driving Fees				
(Owned by the same person and impounded at the one time)				
0 - 100 sheep	per km	\$ 2.00	Nil	\$ 2.00
Each additional 100 sheep (or part thereof)	per km	\$ 1.00	Nil	\$ 1.00
Driving Fees - Every goat or pig	each	\$ 1.00	Nil	\$ 1.00
Sustenance - Horses, cattle, goats and sheep				
Cattle and Horses (Weekdays)	each	\$ 5.00	Nil	\$ 5.00
Cattle and Horses (Weekends & Public Holidays)	each	\$ 10.00	Nil	\$ 10.00
(Minimum charge of \$40.00 per day per owner)				
SERVICE PROVIDED		CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
APPLICATIONS				
(i) <\$5,000		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
+ ADD		0.5% x proposed building cost		
(ii) >\$5,000 and < \$100,000		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
+ ADD		0.35% x proposed building cost		
(iii) >\$100,000 and <\$250,000		\$ 407.50	Nil	\$ 407.50
+ ADD		0.2% x proposed building cost		
(iv) >\$250,000		\$ 707.50	Nil	\$ 707.50
+ ADD		0.1% x proposed building cost		
Lodgement with Council of a:		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
· A Complying Development Certificate,				
· A Construction Certificate,				
· An occupation certificate, OR				
· A subdivision certificate,				
issued by a private certifier				

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SERVICE PROVIDED		CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Construction Certificate and Complying Development Certificate modification fee				
Class 1, 10	<i>per application</i>	\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
Class 2-9	<i>per application</i>		30% x original application fee	
SERVICE PROVIDED		BUILDING/PLANNING CERTIFICATES		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Outstanding Notices Certificate (S.735A of the Local Government Act)		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
Orders Certificate (s.121ZP of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979)		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
Planning Certificates (S.149 (2))		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
Planning Certificate with additional information (S.149 (2) & (5))		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Swimming Pool Certificate of compliance		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
Swimming Pool Certificate of exemption		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
Building certificate - DOMESTIC (class 1 together with any class 10 on the site)	<i>per dwelling contained in the building</i>	\$ 210.00	Nil	\$ 210.00
Building certificate - COMMERCIAL (< 2000m2)				
- First 200m2		\$ 210.00	Nil	\$ 210.00
- Next 200-2000m2	<i>per m2</i>	\$ 0.42	Nil	\$ 0.42
Building certificate - COMMERCIAL (> 2000m2)				
- First 2000m2		\$ 966.00	Nil	\$ 966.00
- Next 2000m2 +	<i>per m2</i>	\$ 0.06	Nil	\$ 0.06
Additional Inspections, where more than one inspection is necessary		\$ 75.00	Nil	\$ 75.00
Copy of Building Certificate		\$ 10.00	Nil	\$ 10.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		BUILDING/PLANNING PLANS		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Stamping of additional plans and specifications when Construction Certificate approved				
0-4 instances		Free	Free	Free
5+ instances	<i>each</i>	\$ 10.00	Nil	\$ 10.00
Copy of Building Plans		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
+ ADD			Standard Copying Charges	
Certified copies of a document, plan or map (under section 150(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979)	<i>per document, plan or map</i>	\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		MANDATORY INSPECTIONS		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
BCA 1a or 1b (domestic)				
- new building up to \$100,000	7 Inspections	\$ 320.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 352.00
- new building over \$100,000	7 Inspections	\$ 409.09	\$ 40.91	\$ 450.00
- minor alterations & additions	1 Inspection	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 88.00
- major alterations & additions	4 Inspections			\$ 352.00
BCA 2,3 or 4 (commercial)				
- Up to \$500,000	5 Inspections	\$ 400.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 440.00
- Over \$500,000	9 Inspections Typically	\$ 720.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 792.00
BCA 10a or 10b	2 Inspections	\$ 156.36	\$ 15.64	\$ 172.00
BCA 5,6,7 or 8 (commercial)				
- Up to \$250,000	4 Inspections	\$ 320.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 352.00
- Over \$250,000	7 Inspections	\$ 560.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 616.00
BCA 9a, 9b, or 9c (commercial)				
- Up to \$1.0M	9 Inspections Typically	\$ 720.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 792.00
- Over \$1.0M	Fees Calculated based on number & complexity of inspections required			
Pool				
- inground	5 Inspections incl. fences	\$ 320.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 352.00
- above ground	2 Inspections incl. fences	\$ 156.36	\$ 15.64	\$ 172.00
Fencing	1 Inspection	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 88.00
Additional or repeat inspections	each	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 88.00
Restumping of Buildings.	2 Inspections	\$ 156.36	\$ 15.64	\$ 172.00
Demolition (where requested)				
- With asbestos	3 Inspections	\$ 240.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 264.00
- Without asbestos	2 Inspections	\$ 156.36	\$ 15.64	\$ 172.00
Manufactured home or moveable dwelling (S.68)	3 Inspections	\$ 240.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 264.00
Requested inspections of slab, frames, etc on commercial basis for work not associated with a CC or CDC	per inspection	\$ 90.91	\$ 9.09	\$ 100.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		INSPECTIONS - HEALTH		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Inspection fee on behalf of a Private Certifier where Council is not the issuer of the Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate (per inspection)	per inspection	\$ 150.00	Nil	\$ 150.00
Hair, Beauty or Skin Penetration Premises Inspection Fee		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Food Premise Inspection Fee		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Trade waste inspection		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		BUILDING/PLANNING RESEARCH		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
In depth advice or research by professional staff not covered by other fees or charges	per hour	\$ 80.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 88.00
(Minimum Charge \$88.00)	per km travelling	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.00
Administrative Fee for searching Development Services Records	per hour	\$ 40.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 44.00
List of Development Applications or Construction Certificates, digital format only				
6 months		\$ 80.00	Nil	\$ 80.00
12 months		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Existing Use - Written Response	minimum	\$ 70.00	Nil	\$ 70.00
Rezoning enquiry requiring written response	minimum	\$ 140.00	Nil	\$ 140.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - STRUCTURES AND PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval A1 - Install manufactured home, moveable dwelling, etc on land		\$ 400.00	Nil	\$ 400.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - PLUMBING		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval B1 - Water Supply Work				
a) new service		\$ 150.00	Nil	\$ 150.00
b) modify existing		\$ 75.00	Nil	\$ 75.00
Activity Approval B2 - Draw and Sell Water from Council Supply	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
Activity Approval B3 - Water Connection or Meter - STANDARD CONNECTIONS				
<i>All prices include water meters</i>				
standard single 20mm water connection (raw or filtered)		\$ 700.00	Nil	\$ 700.00
dual 20mm water connection (raw and filtered)		\$ 950.00	Nil	\$ 950.00
single 25mm water connection (raw or filtered)		\$ 800.00	Nil	\$ 800.00
dual 25mm water connection (raw and filtered)		\$ 1,100.00	Nil	\$ 1,100.00
Activity Approval B3 - Water Connection or Meter - NON-STANDARD CONNECTIONS				
For services greater than 25mm	<i>cost</i>	<i>cost</i>	Nil	<i>cost</i>
For relocation or replacement of services with a larger service	<i>cost</i>	<i>cost</i>	Nil	<i>cost</i>
Activity Approval B3 & B4 - Water & sewer				
Disconnection from council water & sewer mains		\$ 300.00	Nil	\$ 300.00
Reconnection (where existing meter in place)		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Activity Approval B4 - Sewerage Work				
a) new service		\$ 180.00	Nil	\$ 180.00
b) modify existing		\$ 80.00	Nil	\$ 80.00
Activity Approval B5 - Stormwater Drainage				
a) new service		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
b) modify existing		\$ 50.00	Nil	\$ 50.00
Activity Approval B6 - Connect private sewer to public sewer	<i>per dwelling</i>	\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
Activity Approval - combined application	<i>per dwelling</i>	\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
<i>Any domestic B1, B4 and B5 Activity Applications (other than water connection or meter), where complete</i>				
SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - WASTE		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval C4 - Dispose of Waste into a Council Sewer		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Activity Approval C3, Place a Waste Storage Container in a public place	<i>per bin</i>	\$ 60.00	Nil	\$ 60.00
Activity Approval C5, Install, construct or alter a waste treatment device or a human waste storage facility or				
a) Connected to Council System		\$ 80.00	Nil	\$ 80.00
b) Domestic on site sewerage management facility, e.g. septic tank		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Activity Approval C6 - Operate a system of sewerage management (within the meaning of Section 68A)				
a) up to 2 systems on a single property		\$ 30.00	Nil	\$ 30.00
b) each for additional systems		\$ 10.00	Nil	\$ 10.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY LAND		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval D1 - Engage in a Trade or Business <i>(Nil for a non profit community organisation with appropriate public liability insurance)</i>		\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
Activity Approval D2 - Direct or procure a theatrical, musical or other entertainment for public <i>(Nil for a non profit community organisation with appropriate public liability insurance)</i>		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Activity Approval D3 - Construct a temporary enclosure for the purpose of entertainment <i>(Nil for a non profit community organisation with appropriate public liability insurance)</i>		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Activity Approval D4 - For a fee or reward, play a musical instrument or sing <i>(Nil for a non profit community organisation with appropriate public liability insurance)</i>		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - PUBLIC ROADS		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval E1 - Swing or hoist goods over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle		\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
Activity Approval E2 - Expose or allow to be exposed any article in or on or so as to overhang any part of the		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		ACTIVITY - OTHER		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Activity Approval F2 - Operate a caravan park or camping ground				
a) Caravan Site		\$ 6.00	Nil	\$ 6.00
b) Camping Site <i>(Minimum Charge \$100.00)</i>		\$ 1.65	Nil	\$ 1.65
Activity Approval F4 - Install a domestic oil or solid fuel heating appliance, other than a portable appliance		\$ 80.00	Nil	\$ 80.00
Activity Approval F5 - Install or operate amusement devices (within the meaning of the Construction Safety Act 1912)				
a) First device		\$ 60.00	Nil	\$ 60.00
b) Subsequent devices *		\$ 40.00	Nil	\$ 40.00
<i>* must be owned by same company / person and provided that complete papers are lodged for all devices at</i>				
Activity Approval F7 - Use a standing vehicle or any article for the purpose of selling any article in a public place	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 200.00	Nil	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous Activity Approvals - Any Section 68 Local Government Act 1993 Activity Approval not referred to above		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		GIS MAPS AND DATA		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Drainage Diagram		\$ 22.00	Nil	\$ 22.00
GIS Data owned by Council	<i>DVD</i>	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 110.00
<i>E.g. Urban aerial photos, water main data, sewer main data, zoning data Nil for Government Authorities, Community Groups and Non Profit Groups</i>				
GIS Maps				
a) Colour A1		\$ 54.55	\$ 5.45	\$ 60.00
b) Colour A0		\$ 90.91	\$ 9.09	\$ 100.00
c) Black and White up to A3		\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 22.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - PLANT HIRE		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Brentwood Trailer / Truck Combination		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Jackpick, Compressor and Operator		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Loader		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Backhoe / Loader		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Water Tanker (11,800L)		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Tractor / Slasher / Mower - Large		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Tractor / Slasher / Mower - Small		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Crane Truck		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Skid Steer and Attachments		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Trader Truck		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Concrete Saw		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Truck - 7 Tonne		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Roller		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
Grader		Quote given on request (includes GST)		
* Availability of most plant is limited and Council reserves the right to deny the availability of any plant not in a serviceable condition				
* All plant must be hired with a Council employee as operator				
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - SHOWGROUNDS, SPORTS GROUNDS		
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Bond - Refundable				
Showgrounds	per user	\$ 1,000.00	Nil	\$ 1,000.00
Sports Grounds	per user	\$ 250.00	Nil	\$ 250.00
Cost of any cleaning / repairs after function, and loss of keys to be borne by hirer.				
Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account				
Temporary Licence Fee	per annum	\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Kitchen				
Bond	per user	\$ 250.00	Nil	\$ 250.00
Fees	per day	\$ 31.82	\$ 3.18	\$ 35.00
(includes use of cool room, bain marie, microwave, freezer, etc.)				
Gazebo				
Bond		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Fees	per day	\$ 9.09	\$ 0.91	\$ 10.00
Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account				
Sanitary Bins	per bin per booking	\$ 22.73	\$ 2.27	\$ 25.00
Chairs & Tables				
Bond		\$ 100.00	Nil	\$ 100.00
Chairs	each per day	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.09	\$ 1.00
Tables	each per day	\$ 4.55	\$ 0.45	\$ 5.00
Cool Room (Bar)	per day	\$ 31.82	\$ 3.18	\$ 35.00
Showground/Racecourse				

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Travelling Microphone (Any event)				
Bond		\$	250.00	Nil \$ 250.00
Fees	per day	\$	9.09	\$ 0.91 \$ 10.00
<i>Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account</i>				
Floodlights Bar and Surrounding Area				
Showground/Racecourse	per day	\$	13.64	\$ 1.36 \$ 15.00
(maximum of 7 days for booked events only)				
<i>(Minimum Charge \$30.00 per booking)</i>				
Floodlights				
Showground/Racecourse Arena	per day	\$	33.64	\$ 3.36 \$ 37.00
Electricity/Camping				
Showground/Racecourse/Sportsgrounds				
(maximum of 7 days for booked events only)				
- Individual	per day	\$	4.55	\$ 0.45 \$ 5.00
- Organisation	per day	\$	9.09	\$ 0.91 \$ 10.00
Line Marking - Sportsgrounds				
	per season (12 month period)	\$	227.27	\$ 22.73 \$ 250.00
Floodlights - Sportsgrounds				
	per night	\$	22.73	\$ 2.27 \$ 25.00
	per season	\$	227.27	\$ 22.73 \$ 250.00
SERVICE PROVIDED ENGINEERING - HALLS				
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Bond - Refundable				
	per user	\$	250.00	Nil \$ 250.00
For all Halls				
<i>Cost of any cleaning / repairs after function, and loss of keys to be borne by hirer.</i>				
<i>Bond deposited into Council's Bank Account</i>				
Function - Collarenebri				
Combined	per day	\$	90.91	\$ 9.09 \$ 100.00
Supper Room	per day	\$	45.45	\$ 4.55 \$ 50.00
Main Hall	per day	\$	63.64	\$ 6.36 \$ 70.00
Meetings - Collarenebri				
Meeting Room	per day	\$	4.55	\$ 0.45 \$ 5.00
Supper Room	per day	\$	13.64	\$ 1.36 \$ 15.00
Main Hall	per day	\$	63.64	\$ 6.36 \$ 70.00
Function - Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction				
Combined	per day	\$	22.73	\$ 2.27 \$ 25.00
Supper Room	per day	\$	13.64	\$ 1.36 \$ 15.00
Main Hall	per day	\$	13.64	\$ 1.36 \$ 15.00
Meetings - Rowena, Carinda and Burren Junction				
Supper Room	per day	\$	7.27	\$ 0.73 \$ 8.00
Main Hall	per day	\$	7.27	\$ 0.73 \$ 8.00
Cleaning - All Halls				
+ ADD	per hour	\$	31.82	\$ 3.18 \$ 35.00
	per km travel	\$	0.61	\$ 0.06 \$ 0.67
SERVICE PROVIDED ENGINEERING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS/MEETING ROOM				
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL
Council Chamber/Meeting room				
<i>(Non profit organisations are exempt)</i>				
Meeting Room	per day	\$	50.00	Nil \$ 50.00
Back of Council Chambers	per day	\$	70.00	Nil \$ 70.00
Council Chambers	per day	\$	100.00	Nil \$ 100.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - SALEYARDS			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Saleyard Fees					
Yard Dues - Cattle Sold	per head	\$ 3.18	\$ 0.32	\$	3.50
Yard Dues - Store Cattle Sold	per head	\$ 2.09	\$ 0.21	\$	2.30
Yard Dues - Horses	per head	\$ 11.36	\$ 1.14	\$	12.50
Yard Dues - Bulls	per head	\$ 11.36	\$ 1.14	\$	12.50
Working Use - Cattle (ie, use of crush)	per head	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.10	\$	1.10
Private Weighing of Cattle	per head	\$ 3.18	\$ 0.32	\$	3.50
Casual use of yards for sheep	per 1,000 (or part thereof) per day	\$ 26.27	\$ 2.63	\$	28.90
Casual use of yards for cattle	per 100 (or part thereof) per day	\$ 28.64	\$ 2.86	\$	31.50
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - WALGETT SWIMMING POOL			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Family Season Ticket		\$ 227.27	\$ 22.73	\$	250.00
Single Season Ticket		\$ 109.09	\$ 10.91	\$	120.00
Adult (+child under 2yrs)		\$ 1.82	\$ 0.18	\$	2.00
Children		\$ 1.82	\$ 0.18	\$	2.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - CARINDA SWIMMING POOL			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Family Season Ticket		\$ 36.36	\$ 3.64	\$	40.00
Single Season Ticket		\$ 18.18	\$ 1.82	\$	20.00
Adult and Child	per person	\$ 2.27	\$ 0.23	\$	2.50
* All tickets \$5.00 deposit on key					
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - COLLARENEBRI SWIMMING POOL			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Family Season Ticket		\$ 136.36	\$ 13.64	\$	150.00
Single Season Ticket		\$ 68.18	\$ 6.82	\$	75.00
Adult and Child	per person	\$ 1.82	\$ 0.18	\$	2.00
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - BURREN JUNCTION SWIMMING POOL			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Family Season Ticket		\$ 81.82	\$ 8.18	\$	90.00
Single Season Ticket		\$ 45.45	\$ 4.55	\$	50.00
Adult		\$ 2.73	\$ 0.27	\$	3.00
Child		\$ 1.82	\$ 0.18	\$	2.00
Child under 5 year of age					Free
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - WATER SUPPLY INVESTIGATION			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Fire Flow Investigation		\$ 200.00	\$ 20.00	\$	220.00
Max / Minimum Pressure Enquiries		\$ 118.18	\$ 11.82	\$	130.00

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SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING - WALGETT AERODROME			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Casual Rental	<i>per week</i>	\$ 45.45	\$ 4.55	\$ 50.00	
Rental of Hangar Space at Walgett Aerodrome		<i>(or part thereof for less than 4 weeks)</i>			
Monthly Rental	<i>per month</i>	\$ 136.36	\$ 13.64	\$ 150.00	
Rental of Hangar Space at Walgett Aerodrome		<i>(or part thereof for periods exceeding 4 weeks)</i>			
Annual Rental	<i>per annum</i>	\$ 1,363.64	\$ 136.36	\$ 1,500.00	
Rental of Hangar Space at Walgett Aerodrome					
SERVICE PROVIDED		ENGINEERING			
		2010/2011	GST	TOTAL	
Garbage Bin - New Mobile Garbage Bins (MGB)					
- 240L	<i>each</i>	\$ 65.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 71.50	
- 360L	<i>each</i>	\$ 95.00	\$ 9.50	\$ 104.50	
Compost Bin - New Bin	<i>each</i>	\$ 54.55	\$ 5.45	\$ 60.00	
Worm Farm - New	<i>each</i>	\$ 70.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 77.00	
Solid Septic Waste Management	<i>per m3</i>	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 16.50	
Dump Solid Septic Waste					
SERVICE PROVIDED		DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS			
245AA What is the maximum fee?					
(1) The fee for a development application must not exceed the maximum amount determined in accordance with this Division.					
(2) The services covered by the fee for a development application include the following:					
(a) the receipt of the application, and any internal referrals of the application,					
(b) consideration of the application for the purpose of determining whether any further information is required in relation to the proposed					
(c) inspection of the land to which the proposed development relates,					
(d) evaluation of the proposed development under section 79C of the Act, including discussion with interested parties,					
(e) preparation of internal reports on the application,					
(f) preparation and service of notices of the consent authority's determination of the application,					
(g) the monitoring and reviewing by the Director-General of the practices and procedures followed by consent authorities in dealing with					
(i) for the purpose of assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of those practices and procedures, and					
(ii) for the purpose of ensuring that those practices and procedures comply with the provisions of the Act and this Regulation,					
(h) the monitoring and reviewing by the Director-General of the provisions of environmental planning instruments:					
(i) that control development, or					
(ii) that are required to be taken into consideration by consent authorities when dealing with development applications,					
for the purposes of assessing the effectiveness of those provisions in achieving their intended effect and making recommendations for their					
(i) the operational expenses of the Building Professionals Board established under the Building Professionals Act 2005.					
Note. Clause 50 (1) (c) provides that a development application must be accompanied by the fee, not exceeding the fee prescribed by Part 15,					

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246 What is the fee for a development application?

(1) The maximum fee for development involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of work or the demolition of a work or a building, and

(2) Despite subclause (1), the maximum fee payable for development for the purpose of one or more advertisements is:

(a) \$215, plus \$70 for each advertisement in excess of one, or

(b) the fee calculated in accordance with the Table,

whichever is the greater.

(3) The fees determined under this clause do not apply to development for which a fee is payable under clause 247.

TABLE:

Estimated cost	Maximum fee payable
Up to \$5,000	\$110
\$5,001-\$50,000	\$170, plus an additional \$3 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) of the estimated cost.
\$50,001-\$250,000	\$352, plus an additional \$3.64 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which the estimated cost exceeds \$50,000.
\$250,001-\$500,000	\$1,160, plus an additional \$2.34 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which
\$500,001-\$1,000,000	\$1,745, plus an additional \$1.64 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which
\$1,000,001-\$10,000,000	\$2,615, plus an additional \$1.44 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which
More than \$10,000,000	\$15,875, plus an additional \$1.19 for each \$1,000 (or part of \$1,000) by which

247 Development involving the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated construction cost of \$100,000 or less

A maximum fee of \$364 is payable for development involving the erection of a dwelling-house with an estimated cost of construction of \$100,000 or

248 Residential flat development

An additional fee, not exceeding \$600, is payable for development which is required to be referred to a design review panel under State

249 Development involving the subdivision of land

The maximum fee payable for development involving the subdivision of land is calculated as follows:

(a) Subdivision (other than strata subdivision):

(i) Involving the opening of a public road, \$500 plus \$50 for each additional lot created by the subdivision, or

(ii) Not involving the opening of a public road, \$250 plus \$40 for each additional lot created by the subdivision,

(b) Strata subdivision, \$250 plus \$50 for each additional lot created by the subdivision.

Note. For example, a plan of subdivision that provides for 5 lots over land that has previously comprised 2 lots will result in the creation of 3

250 Development not involving the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work, the subdivision of land or the demolition of a building or

A maximum fee of \$220 is payable for development that does not involve the erection of a building, the carrying out of a work, the subdivision of

251 Designated development

In addition to any other fees payable under this Division, a maximum fee of \$715 is payable for designated development.

252 What additional fees are payable for development that requires advertising?

(1) In addition to any other fees payable under this Division, a consent authority may charge up to the following maximum fees for the giving of the

(a) \$1,665, in the case of designated development,

(b) \$830, in the case of advertised development,

(c) \$830, in the case of prohibited development,

(d) \$830, in the case of development for which an environmental planning instrument or development control plan requires notice to be given

(2) The consent authority must refund so much of the fee paid under this clause as is not spent in giving the notice.

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252A What additional fees are payable for development that requires concurrence?

- (1) An additional processing fee up to a maximum of \$110, plus a concurrence fee for payment to each concurrence authority, are payable in respect
- (2) The consent authority must forward each concurrence fee to the concurrence authority concerned at the same time at which it forwards a copy
- (3) The concurrence fee for a development application is not payable:
 - (a) to any concurrence authority whose concurrence may be assumed in accordance with clause 64, or
 - (b) to any concurrence authority that has notified the consent authority in writing that payment of the fee is waived, whether generally, in
- (3A) A concurrence authority may repay to the consent authority the whole or any part of a concurrence fee paid to it under this clause, in which
- (4) The additional processing fee is not payable:
 - (a) for any application in respect of which concurrence may be assumed in accordance with clause 64 for all of the concurrence authorities
 - (b) for any application made before 1 July 2002.
- (5) For the purposes of this clause, the concurrence fee payable to a concurrence authority for a development application is \$250 or such lesser

253 What additional fees are payable for integrated development?

- (1) An additional processing fee up to a maximum of \$110, plus an approval fee for payment to each approval body, are payable in respect of an
- (2) The consent authority must forward each approval fee to the approval body concerned at the same time at which it forwards a copy of the
- (2A) The approval fee for a development application is not payable to any approval body that has notified the consent authority in writing that
- (2B) An approval body may repay to the consent authority the whole or any part of an approval fee paid to it under this clause, in which case the
- (3) The additional processing fee is payable in respect only of applications made on or after 1 July 2002.
- (4) For the purposes of this clause, the approval fee payable to an approval body for a development application is \$250 or such lesser amount as is

254 What if two or more fees are applicable to a single development application?

If two or more fees are applicable to a single development application (such as an application to subdivide land and erect a building on one or more

255 How is a fee based on estimated cost determined?

- (1) In determining the fee for development involving the erection of a building, the consent authority must make its determination by reference to a
 - (a) the costs associated with the construction of the building, and
 - (b) the costs associated with the preparation of the building for the purpose for which it is to be used (such as the costs of installing plant,
- (1A) In determining the fee for development involving the carrying out of a work, the consent authority must make its determination by reference to
- (1B) In determining the fee for development involving the demolition of a building or work, the consent authority must make its determination by
- (2) The estimate must, unless the consent authority is satisfied that the estimated cost indicated in the development application is neither genuine

256 Determination of fees after development applications have been made

- (1) The determination of a fee to accompany a development application must be made before, or within 14 days after, the application is lodged with
- (2) A determination made after the lodging of a development application has no effect until notice of the determination is given to the applicant.
- (3) A consent authority may refuse to consider a development application for which a fee has been duly determined and notified to the applicant but

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256A Proportion of development application fees to be remitted to Director-General

(1) For each development application lodged with a consent authority for development referred to in clause 246 (1) having an estimated cost

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where:

(1A) Such part of the amount referred to in subclause (1) as is not directed by the Minister to be paid into the Building Professionals Board Fund

(2) On or before the 14th day of each month, the consent authority must forward to the Director-General the total amount set aside under subclause

(3) The report referred to in subclause (2) must contain such information, and be prepared in such form, as the Director-General may determine.

256B Staged development applications

The maximum fee payable for a staged development application in relation to a site, and for any subsequent development application for any part of

22. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
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Summary:

The NSW Department of Industry and Investment – State and Regional Development and Tourism Division in conjunction with Broken Hill City Council, Southern Cross University and Bendigo Bank are sponsoring a conference in Broken Hill from May 4th -6th 2010.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The Director Corporate and Community Services is attending the above conference. Councillors are invited to nominate to attend as well, if interested. The conference program is attached to this report.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Conference Program

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council and ratepayers
Tourism industry in the region

Financial Implications:

Costs associated with the conference.

Rates, Fees and Charges 2010/2011

Recommendation:

1. That Cllr attend the Community Economic Development Conference 2010 May4-6 in Broken Hill with the Director Corporate and Community Services.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Conference Program



**TUESDAY MAY 4
DAY 1**

8.00am
Registration (refreshments available from 8.00am)

9.00am
Welcome to Country

9.05am
Local community welcome

- Mayor, Broken Hill City Council

9.15am
Conference opening day 1

- Barry Buffier, Deputy Director-General, State & Regional Development and Tourism, Industry & Investment NSW

9.25am
Local community showcase

- Frank Zaknich, General Manager, Broken Hill City Council
- Kym Fuller, Chair, Regional Development Australia – Far West
- Jason King, Bells Milk Bar & Museum
- Vince Gauci, Chair, Broken Hill Community Foundation

Frank Zaknich will outline how Broken Hill City Council's longstanding heritage policies have led to the entire city being considered by the Australian Heritage Council for inclusion in the National Heritage List.

Kym Fuller will speak about Regional Development Australia – Far West's focus on delivering a consistent message to both levels of government and addressing identified issues from the region including its remoteness, diversity and disadvantages.

Jason King has turned an ailing old milk bar on the wrong side of the tracks into a tourism icon. The Bells Milk Bar & Museum is famous not only for re-creating the 1950s milk bar experience but also its accompanying milk bar museum.

Vince Gauci, former head of Western Mining, will explain how the Broken Hill Community Foundation is meeting the need for investment capital as an alternative to mainstream lenders to achieve sustainability and growth.

10.10am
Morning tea

10.40am
Keynote – Communities in transition

- Professor Robert Manne, Professor of Politics at La Trobe University

Professor Robert Manne will share his insights on using the lessons of the past to help us decide how to develop a sustainable future for the communities we live and work in. Professor Manne is one of Australia's leading thinkers and authors. He is a columnist for *The Age*, *The Australian* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and is a regular commentator on the ABC.

12.10pm
Bendigo Bank

Bendigo Bank is a conference sponsor

12.30pm
Lunch

1.30pm
Concurrent sessions

A1 – Transforming your town – making a practical difference at the local level

- Eddie Roberts, Management Committee, Uki Village & District Residents Association
- Samantha Muller, Director, R&S Muller Enterprise Pty Ltd

Sculpture Symposium



- Anne Duke, Steering Committee Member, Caldera Community Economic Transition Program
- Rick Hutton, Secretary, Bingara & District VISION 20/20
- Marg Duffy, Coordinator, Comboyne Sustainability Strategy
- Erwin Weber, Environment Group, North West District Action Plan

The Northern Rivers communities of Uki, Tyalgum, Chillingham and Crystal Creek, together with Bingara and Comboyne, are amongst the first village districts in NSW to develop 'community economic transition (CET) plans' which are community driven climate change action plans and will help to generate green jobs and enterprise.

A2 – Incentives to change – helping hands in the carbon countdown

- Sandra Menteith, Project Coordinator, Bundy-on-Tap
- Rob Cawthorne, Managing Director, The Carbon Reduction Institute
- David Trewin and Sue Akeroyd, NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water
- Susan Wright, Acting Manager Workforce Development, Industry Programs, State Training Services, NSW Department of Education and Training

Sandra Menteith will speak about the community-based, collaborative Bundy-on-Tap initiative which has put Bundanoon on the map as Australia's (and possibly the world's) first 'bottled water free' town.

Rob Cawthorne gives an insiders view about the world of carbon trading, the challenges it poses to business and the local economy, and how it creates new incentives for change.

David Trewin and Sue Akeroyd give an insight into the range of programs available through the NSW Government to assist businesses, industry and other parts of the community to manage the transition to a lower carbon footprint.

Susan Wright will explain the NSW Government's Green Skills Strategy and training programs available to help businesses obtain the skills they need to make the most of the new green economy.

A3 – Designing sustainable lifestyles – innovation in the built and natural environment

- Dr Janis Birkeland, Professor of Architecture, Queensland University of Technology
- Ian Oelrichs, Adjunct Fellow, Australian Regional Tourism Research Centre RFI Southern Cross University, Southern Cross University Foundation Board Member

This session will focus on the design of sustainable lifestyles and offers a unique opportunity to discuss the future of your town with two experts in the field.


Dr Janis Birkeland will show how to facilitate 'positive development' and eco-retrofit buildings and urban centres to achieve sustainability whilst also having a positive ecological impact, at no extra cost.

Ian Oelrichs will present on settlement planning/design, climate change and the models that will deliver the best combination of quality of life, community, environment and economy.



COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION

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TUESDAY MAY 4 CONT
DAY 1

A4 – Tourism trends and sustainable practices

- Andrew Maurer, Manager Forecasting and Analysis, Tourism Research Australia
- Christopher Warren, President of the Kangaroo Valley Tourist Association and Responsible Tourism Consultant
- Michael McCulkin, Owner, Tri State Safaris
- Mitch Lowe, Tourism Coordinator, Lismore City Council

Andrew Maurer will provide an insight into tourism trends. He will consider the future for tourism, while taking a look at when the recovery is coming, what the growth markets are and the forecasts for NSW and Australia.

Christopher Warren will speak about the Green Kangaroo program, providing an inspiring example of adapting to climate change, where tourism figures grow and income increases while reducing the environmental footprint.

Michael McCulkin will speak about the challenges facing his tourism business and how sustainable tourism practices evolve with the business.

Mitch Lowe is a member of a team that promotes Lismore through innovative projects such as Lismore Alive, the famed Lismore Lantern Parade, the Sustainable Lifestyle Expo and a new City Centre Management Plan.

A5 – Greening your business and industry

- Doug Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Village Green Global Inc
- Dr Keith Bolton, Ecotechnology Fellow, Southern Cross University and founding Director of Ecotechnology Australia
- Darren Ryan, Toyota Motor Corporation Australia
- Richard Walker, Executive Director, Economic Development Australia

Doug Smith will explain how Village Green's SMARTWeb software tracks electricity use, water consumption, transportation, natural gas, waste and other factors to find ways to save energy and money. In 2005, Village Green piloted their approach through the Broken Hill Oasis initiative which involved 151 small to medium sized businesses.

Dr Keith Bolton and his team are pioneers in the development of industrial hemp and innovative waste management systems, creating green products and services for dynamic new markets emerging in the textile and building industry.

Darren Ryan will discuss the plans Toyota has for greening government and company fleets and will present the new Hybrid Camry model.

Richard Walker will describe new green industries and their associated jobs. In order to stay competitive internationally in an environment increasingly affected by climate change, industries must be prepared to adapt to a new world low carbon economy.

3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.30pm

Designing sustainable lifestyles – introduction

- Dr Janis Birkeland, Professor of Architecture, Queensland University of Technology

Dr Janis Birkeland will introduce the challenges and opportunities in planning for and designing sustainable lifestyles, retrofitting buildings and designing landscapes that generate a positive ecological impact.

3.45pm

Designing sustainable lifestyles – the complete picture

- Julie McCrossin, radio broadcaster and TV personality



Broken Hill Trades Hall

Julie McCrossin will interact with a panel of experts and solicit comments from conference participants on the theme of transition, including:

- The shape of things to come
- Redesigning the rural and regional way of life
- Community resilience
- Facilitating green jobs and business
- Making a village or organisation carbon neutral
- The government's role in facilitating a climate change action plan.

This session brings together the strands of the sustainable lifestyles and community resilience sessions.

5.15pm

Close

7.00pm

Welcome dinner – 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' theme

Frock up for an unforgettable night of over-the-top fun, reliving the Australian road movie with attitude – *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. Broken Hill was an infamous stopover for the three drag queens on their bus journey to Alice Springs. The venue for the conference welcome dinner will be the Broken Hill Trades Hall which tells of the city's proud union history, this is where the eight hour work day was won.



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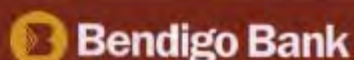
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Aboriginal art

WEDNESDAY MAY 5 DAY 2

8.20am
Registration

8.40am
Introduction

8.45am
Conference opening day 2

- The Hon. Ian Macdonald MLC, Minister for State and Regional Development, Minister for Mineral and Forest Resources

9.00am
Impact and outlook for the State's regional economy

- Michael Pascoe, finance and economics commentator

What do current economic and business trends have in store for our regional centres, coastal cities and inland bush communities? Michael Pascoe is one of Australia's most experienced and trusted business commentators who understands the changing framework of international trade and the interests of regional industry.

10.00am
Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a conference sponsor

10.15am
Community showcase – packaging Canowindra tourism product

- Bob Craven, Manager/Owner, *taste Canowindra*

taste Canowindra is a wine, food, art and music business that showcases what Canowindra offers to visitors; Bob Craven will describe the strong cooperative spirit between local tourism operators who have a fervent commitment to selling other attractions, typically through packaging up products.

10.30am
Morning tea

11.00am
Concurrent sessions

B1 – Growing your businesses through marketing, customer service and shop local campaigns


- Jenny de Greenlaw, de Greenlaw Consultancy
- Debbie Prior, President, Forbes Promotion and Development
- Jenny Massie, Manager, Clarence River Tourism
- Jason King, Bells Milk Bar & Museum, Broken Hill

Jenny de Greenlaw will speak about the latest business marketing trends and how to plan and implement a shop local campaign.

Debbie Prior will speak about the Boutique Forbes branding and shop local campaigns including the 'Girls' Day Out' and 'Land on your Feet in Forbes' which have been conducted without a paid project manager.

Jenny Massie will explain how Clarence River Tourism delivers on its commitment to providing customer service that exceeds customer expectations.

Jason King will speak about the importance of the Bells Milk Bar & Museum customer experience which involves aesthetics, escapism, education and entertainment.



Repco Rally Australia, Northern Rivers



B2 – Success factors in attracting new residents and building community capital

- Neil Argent, Associate Professor, Division of Geography and Planning, University of New England
- David Matthews, Co-Chair Bendigo Bank Community Bank Strategic Advisory Board
- Malcolm Bristow, Director, Leap Agency

According to Neil Argent, the amenities of a regional community largely determine its attractiveness as a location for potential new residents. He will explain his 'amenity index' for towns and outline why the places attracting tree changers are also attracting women.

David Matthews will share success stories from many communities that have turned around their prospects by engaging residents, building their financial and social capital, and by working to a community plan.

Malcolm Bristow will explain the campaign to attract those with the desired demographic profile to first visit and then relocate to Wodonga on the NSW/Victorian border.

B3 – Engaging with and building Aboriginal business

- Paul Schenk, Aboriginal Business Development Manager, Industry & Investment NSW
- Kerry Pearse, Executive Director Policy and Programs Aboriginal Affairs NSW, Department of Human Services
- Economic Development Officer, Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Work Place Relations
- Graham Clarke owner and operator of Harry Nanya Tours

This session will provide information on business support services that are available from State and Commonwealth agencies to support Aboriginal economic development. Find out how to engage with your local Aboriginal community to tap into potential labour markets through Job Compacts.

Broken Hill's Aboriginal businesses offer a range of goods and services including hair styling, fitness programs, retail outlets, cafes, motor services, arts, crafts and tourism.

Graham Clarke, the Aboriginal business owner and operator of Harry Nanya Tours (as seen on Channel Nine's Getaway show in 2009) will talk about his multi award-winning tour company

B4 – Positive communication: changing the organisational climate

- Campbell MacBean, Business Coach and Psychologist, Positive Mind

Through fun and interactive learning, participants will gain an understanding of what is needed to build positive communication at work. Participants will learn practical techniques and gain insights into positive psychology and communication in the workplace.

B5 – Community events – it's not just about the \$s

- Chris Gibson, Professor in Human Geography, Australian Research Council Future Fellow, University of Wollongong
- Trundle Bush Tucker Day Inc
- Steve Keogh, Manager, Event Development Regional Events, Events NSW
- Suzie Coulston, Consultant (former Growing Kyogle Events Project Officer)


Chris Gibson will discuss the results of the largest ever study of festivals in country Australia – the results of which demonstrate that events are not just about the dollars.

The annual Trundle Bush Tucker Day brings together this small Central Western community to both coordinate the event and raise funds for charities and local organisations.

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Royal Flying Doctor Service



WEDNESDAY MAY 5 CONT DAY 2

Steve Keogh will outline the key objectives which regional event owners should consider in seeking the support of Events NSW. Events NSW supported the inaugural 2009 Repco Rally Australia international motorsport event in and around Kyogle.

Suzie Coulston will give a frank account of 'the good, the bad and the ugly' of the Repco Rally Australia event.

12.30pm

Field trips – lunch included

FT1 – Creative enterprise

Experience Broken Hill's vibrant art industry firsthand. On this field trip you will visit Pro Hart's Gallery and learn about one of Australia's most iconic and enduring artists. Pro Hart's art captured the lush colours, the sense of space and spirituality of the outback. His creative spirit knew no bounds – he experimented with 'performance art' years before it became fashionable. Pro Hart's Gallery is home to one of Australia's largest private art collections. Participants will also visit the Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery which shows touring and locally curated exhibitions including work from established and emerging Aboriginal artists. The gallery is housed in Sully's Emporium; owned and renovated by Broken Hill City Council, the building has won numerous heritage awards for its restoration and refurbishment.


FT2 – Small businesses on show

Limestone Station is located seven kilometres from Broken Hill on Silverton Road. The Station's produce includes carob and olive oil; crops well suited to arid climates. Owner, Colin Clare, will give a presentation on the station's produce and how he is perfecting the genetics of carob trees in his nursery. Participants will then travel to Bells Milk Bar & Museum to hear from self-styled milk bar crusader, Jason King, the man behind its restoration and reinvention. At Bells you will experience one of Australia's oldest intact milk bars and have the opportunity to taste amazing old fashioned drinks made in Broken Hill according to Les Bell's famous 1950s recipe. The final stop off is Outback Whips and Leather in

Broken Hill's central business district. The owner, Ron Hill, will take this opportunity to discuss his bush leather craft skills. Ron produces a range of traditional bush leather goods made to be used by the men and women who live and work in the harsh Australian outback.

FT3 – Mining and industry

This field trip involves an eye-opening guided underground tour of Day Dream Mine. Participants will be equipped with a miner's lamp and will get a feel for the life of a miner in the 1860s at one of the original mines near Silverton. To participate, you will need to be reasonably fit, at ease in confined (underground) spaces and have sturdy footwear. Alternatively, participants can choose to have lunch at the Broken Earth restaurant located at the top of the Line of Lode and stroll through the Line of Lode Miners' Memorial. Both groups of participants will then meet up at the recently renovated GeoCentre in the Old Bond Store building. This geological science museum is home to a 42 kilogram silver nugget, the Broken Hill Silver Tree and a large mineral collection.



Day Dream Mine



FT4 – Heritage and history

Silverton, 25 kilometres northwest of Broken Hill, is a picturesque cluster of buildings with a restored gaol, art galleries and artists' studios, and the celebrated Silverton Hotel. The Historical Society Trust will give participants a guided tour including the opportunity to check out Silverton Hotel's film memorabilia which includes a replica of Mad Max's car. In 1885 Silverton's population peaked at 3,000. By 1901 the population had fallen to just 286 people. Silverton, now with a population of less than 60 people, is managed by the Silverton Village Committee. Participants will then return to Broken Hill for a historical tour of the city, including the Trades Hall. This is Broken Hill's most historically important building. It is the first privately-owned Trades Hall in the southern hemisphere. Built and paid for entirely by the people of Broken Hill, it stands as a proud and fitting monument to all workers, past and present. The Trades Hall has been the home of the union movement in Broken Hill since it was built in 1905.

FT5 – Connecting communities

This field trip involves a visit to two iconic outback assets: the School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Participants will enter the classroom and join the Principal of the School of the Air to experience how around 80 primary pupils living on isolated stations in western NSW receive their education. The school has been operating for over 50 years. Up until 2002, VHF radio was the school's main communication medium. In 2003 this was replaced with a satellite system allowing students to see and talk to their teacher via their computers. Participants will then travel to the RFDS base and enjoy afternoon tea in the hangar owned by the Uniting Church Flying Patrol which provides a Christian community service to residents of the outback. Broken Hill is the only location in Australia where visitors can see a working RFDS base in action every day of the

week. A guided tour will describe the full extent of the RFDS aeromedical services. Participants will view the communications room, browse through the Mantle of Safety Museum and see medically outfitted aircraft and the hangar.

4.00pm

Conclusion of field trips

Time for shopping till 5.30pm

7.00pm

Conference dinner – Races under a Starry Night

Dinner takes on a racing theme at the home of the Broken Hill St Patrick's Race Day. The recently completed Broken Hill Regional Events Centre is now the largest single floor conference space in the Far West region. The pavilion is located on Crown Land and is managed by a Reserve Trust comprising five volunteers. The Trust raised over \$700,000 in grants and received extensive in-kind materials and labour from the Broken Hill community. The Trust was the winner of the Crown Reserve Trust – Community Trust Award category of the NSW/ACT 2009 Regional Achievement & Community Awards.



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Burrumbidgee Irish Wolfhound



THURSDAY MAY 6
DAY 3

8.30am

Registration

9.00am

Conference opening day 3

- Michael Cullen, Executive Director, Enterprise, Small Business & Regional Development, Industry & Investment NSW

9.10am

Community infrastructure funding explained

- Shirley Lean, Director, Regional Business Services, Enterprise, Small Business & Regional Development, Industry & Investment NSW
- Marcus James, General Manager Regional Policy, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
- Fran Schonberg, Manager, Office of Rural Affairs

In recent times a number of infrastructure funding initiatives have been announced by the Australian and NSW Governments. This panel will give an overview of the funding on offer and examples of initiatives which have received funding.

10.00am

Community showcase – Hamilton

- Keven Hughes, Board Member, Hamilton Business District Committee

Keven Hughes will speak about Hamilton's achievements including events such as the Hamilton Music, Food and Wine Festival which consistently attracts more than 15,000 people and its wireless broadband network which is available to all businesses, residents, shoppers and visitors free of charge. Hamilton's sense of place has been captured in a unique way through public art created by local primary students to tell their story about Hamilton.

10.15am

Morning tea

10.45am

Concurrent sessions

C1 – Marketing your assets and building your brand

- Charlotte Prouse, Director, Leap Agency
- Clint Wright, Director, Threesides

Charlotte Prouse and Clint Wright were the creators of 'The Poachers Way' marketing initiative which grouped together a collection of wonderful regional experiences in the Canberra region inspired by life and the land. In this session you'll hear how to turn assets into successful tourism products and brands.

C2 – Creative approaches in tough times

- Sue Schneider, President, Lockhart Spirit of the Land Committee
- James Giddey, Executive Officer, West Darling Arts Inc
- Andy Reimanis, Projects Manager, Caldera Regional Arts Inc

Sue Schneider will speak about the successful Lockhart Spirit of the Land festival which was developed to encourage drought-affected farmers to create an artwork from new or recycled materials from the land.



The Poachers Way

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James Giddey will present an overview of the creative solutions in the Far West of NSW including Broken Hill's 'Get off Your Arts' and a Wilcannia Arts and Culture Centre project.

Andy Reimanis will outline steps being taken to engage visual artists, government, community groups and businesses to work towards establishing world class events and products in the Caldera area around the Mount Warning Wollumbin remnant volcano.

C3 – Balancing employment and residential growth

- Sarah Hill, Practice Manager, Hill PDA
- Deb Tuckerman, Economic Development Manager, Great Lakes Council

Sarah Hill will speak about incentives used by local governments to encourage business retention, employment and economic development both in Australia and overseas, including land use planning, financial incentives and governance.

Deb Tuckerman will focus on the preparation of the Forster Tuncurry Employment Lands Implementation Strategy developed with Hill PDA.

C4 – Meeting industry employment challenges

- Kevin Robbie, Director of Social Enterprise, Social Ventures Australia
- Bobbi Ballas, Senior Industry Advisor, Industry Programs, State Training Services, NSW Department of Education and Training
- Regional representatives, State Training Services, NSW Department of Education and Training

Kevin Robbie will speak about models that can help local councils to create employment for people marginalised from the labour market.

Bobbi Ballas and representatives from NSW DET State Training Services (STS) Centres will provide training solutions for changing times by outlining a tool kit of programs and services aimed at ensuring business, community and individual skills needs are met. Using case studies from across NSW the Centres will provide a range of success stories demonstrating how to mix training programs for a customised approach to skilling your workforce.

CS – Moving towards more dynamic local economies

- Barbara Manion, Tourism & Development Manager, Boorowa Council
- Professor Kerry Brown, Director, Centre for Tourism, Leisure and Work, Southern Cross University
- Rose Wright, Manager, Research Extension and Industry Development, School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Southern Cross University

Barbara Manion will outline Boorowa's approach to enticing visitors to stop and take a break through rejuvenating the town's main street.

Professor Kerry Brown is the leader of an international team researching and developing new approaches to clustering.

Rose Wright, an experienced economic development practitioner will offer valuable insights into how this new thinking on clustering might be applied across different industry sectors.

12.00 noon

Conclusion and boxed lunches



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23. ARRANGEMENT OF WATER AND SEWER FUNDS

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services

AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services

FILE NUMBER: 09/1764

Late report, to be circulated prior to Council meeting.

24. BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANS

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate and Community Services
AUTHOR: Carole Medcalf – Director Corporate and Community Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1761

Summary:

In accordance with Local Government Circular 09/16 Council has an obligation to have a Business Continuity Plan and to have emergency procedures in place.

Discussion (including issues and background):

After seeking three quotes (prior to Council's decision to seek Expressions of Interest) Council engaged Echelon to prepare its Business Continuity Plan and its Emergency Evacuation Procedures/Plan. The Plans were developed in consultation with the Executive Team, the OH&S and Risk Management Officer and staff from across Council's administrative functions. A draft Plan was prepared, presented to Executive and the OH&S and Risk Management Officer and after comment the final version is now presented to Council for endorsement.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Draft Business Continuity Plan
Draft Emergency Evacuation Plan
DLG Circular 09/16

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council and ratepayers

Financial Implications:

Nil

Business Continuity and Emergency Evacuation Plan
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Walgett Shire Council accepts and endorses the Business Continuity and Emergency Evacuation Plans attached.</p> <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments

Circular 09-16 Review of Business Continuity Plans
Draft Emergency Plan and Procedures Manual (Under Separate Cover)
Draft Business Continuity Plan - (Under Separate Cover)



Circular No. 09-16
Date 1 May 2009
Doc ID. A179037

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REVIEW OF BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS

Purpose

To remind councils of the importance of developing, reviewing and updating business continuity plans.

Background

In April 2007 the Department issued a circular recommending that councils ensure they have in place a well developed business continuity plan that addresses the key risks to council's continued activities and provides a well articulated plan to minimise the potential impact of these risks (*Circular to Councils 07-12 Business Continuity Plans*).

The current outbreak of a new form of influenza A (H1N1) virus acts as a timely reminder for all councils to review their business continuity plans for currency and completeness.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the swine influenza situation to be a public health event of international significance and has raised the level of pandemic alert from four (4) to five (5). Australia is now in the DELAY phase (as at 29 April 2009), which aims to delay entry of the virus into Australia using border measures, increased monitoring and escalating preparedness activities. For more information on the Australian phases see the Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza 2008 at the following link:

<http://www.flupandemic.gov.au/internet/panflu/publishing.nsf/Content/ahmppi-1>

NSW Health has updated its internet site to provide specific advice to the public regarding Swine Influenza at the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp

Recommended Action for Councils

While there is no immediate threat from Swine Influenza, councils are strongly encouraged to review their business continuity plans to ensure they are current and comprehensive and include plans to minimise the potential risks to council's operations arising from possible human influenza pandemics.

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More Information

If councils require assistance in developing, evaluation and/or testing their business continuity plan, there are resources available including:

- Standards Australia International HB 221:2004 Business Continuity Management or HB 292 Set-2006 : Business Continuity Management Handbooks Set
- Business Continuity Guide for Australian Businesses located on the Department of Tourism and Industry website at:
<http://www.industry.gov.au/pandemicbusinesscontinuity/>.
- A copy of the NSW Human Influenza Pandemic Sub Plan can be found via the following link: www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/content.php/583.html
- Additional information regarding pandemic preparedness can be found on the NSW Health site via the following link:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/pandemic/index.asp

A current and comprehensive business continuity plan is essential to the long-term sustainability of councils and should be part of 'business as usual' for all councils.



Ross Woodward
Acting Director General

25. ACCREDITATION OF COUNCIL BUILDING CERTIFIERS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Matthew Goodwin – Director Planning and Regulatory Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1328

Summary:

Amendments to the legal system within NSW are occurring which will require Council to ensure that building work is only certified and inspected by suitably accredited council building certifiers. It is recommended that Council note the report and delegate authority to the General Manager to assess and submit applications for accreditation by Council's building surveyors, to the NSW Building Professionals Board.

Current situation:

Clause 162A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 prescribes that building work must be inspected at defined "critical stages" (Attachment A). Walgett Shire Council employs a Senior Health and Building Surveyor and a Health and Building Surveyor to undertake critical stage inspections associated with Construction Certificates and Complying Development Certificates issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, (amongst other duties).

Once a Construction Certificate or Complying Development Certificate has been approved, the applicant must appoint Council or an accredited private certifier as the Principal Certifying Authority (PCA). Private certifiers must be accredited with the NSW Building Professionals Board and have their own professional indemnity insurance cover. The appointed PCA then undertakes the mandatory critical stage inspections specified in the approval documents.

In most cases Council is appointed as the PCA. Private certifiers are rarely used within the Walgett Shire because the nearest are located in Narrabri or Dubbo. This makes their services relatively expensive after the inclusion of travelling costs.

Critical stage inspections are undertaken by both of Council's building surveyors. More complex developments/inspections are predominantly handled by the Senior Health and Building Surveyor, or by the Health and Building Surveyor under direct or indirect supervision.

The background of Walgett Shire Council's current building surveyors is:

- Senior Health and Building Surveyor – Tertiary qualified building surveyor and architect with extensive building design and project management experience.
- Health and Building Surveyor – Qualified carpenter and joiner with extensive building project management experience. Expects to complete Diploma in Building Surveying sometime between December 2010 and March 2011.

Imminent changes:

The provisions of the Building Professionals Amendment Act 2008 and alterations arising from the Building Professionals Amendment (Accreditation of Council Employees) Regulation 2010 commenced on 1 March 2010. Council was notified of the changes via circulars and letters (Attachment B & C).

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Key aspects of the changes include:

- From 1 September 2010 Councils will be required to ensure that building certification work is only done by an accredited certifier.
- If appointed by a developer, the Council must act as the principal certifying authority (PCA) for a development (unless it has applied for, and received, an exemption from being the PCA).
- Council accredited certifiers must operate within the limitations of their category of accreditation and subject to any specific conditions of accreditation.
- Council accredited certifiers can carry out work for any council in NSW.
- Accreditation will only cover work undertaken for a Council.
- Council accredited certifiers will be subject to the Building Professionals Board's (BPB) disciplinary procedures.
- Initial accreditation is free. Annual renewals to March 2013 will cost \$250 each.
- All accredited certifiers are required to undertake continuing professional development.
- Existing civil liability protections under section 731 of the Local Government Act 1993 remain.
- Applicants for accreditation must complete and application form and submit it to Council for assessment. Council then makes an assessment of whether the applicant has the right qualifications and the required experience. If Council endorses the application, it then submits it to the BPB for determination.
- A requirement for Council to keep additional records relating to its accredited certifiers.

Several categories for building certifier accreditation have been established. The table below provides a simplified overview of the categories, authorities and the criteria to be met to enable accreditation.

CATEGORY	AUTHORITIES	CRITERIA
A1 Accredited Certifier – Building Surveying Grade 1	Issue CDCs, CCs and OCs for all classes and sizes of buildings. Undertake all critical stage inspections.	3 years relevant practical experience and relevant qualification.
A2 Accredited Certifier – Building Surveying Grade 2	Issue CDCs, CCs and OCs for: (a) Class 1 & 10 buildings. (b) Class 2 to 9 buildings, maximum 3 storeys and maximum floor area 2,000m ² . Undertake critical stage inspections associated with (a) and (b).	2 years relevant practical experience and relevant qualification, OR; 2 years relevant practical experience.
A3 Accredited Certifier – Building Surveying Grade 3	Issue CDCs, CCs and OCs for: (a) Class 1 & 10 buildings. (b) Class 2 to 9 buildings, maximum 2 storeys and maximum floor area 500m ² . Undertake critical stage inspections associated with (a) and (b).	1 years relevant practical experience and relevant qualification, OR; 2 years relevant practical experience.

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CATEGORY	AUTHORITIES	CRITERIA
A4 Building Inspector	Inspections, apart from last critical stage inspection, of: (a) Class 1 & 10 buildings. (b) Class 2 to 9 buildings, maximum 2 storeys and maximum floor area 500m ² .	5 pathways: (1) Qualified - Completed a building surveying course satisfying the qualification requirements for A1, A2 or A3, OR; (2) Student – under supervision of a category A1, A2 or A3 accredited certifier, OR; (3) Builders qualification – Completed certificate IV course with 6 months relevant practical experience, OR; (4) Pre-purchase qualification – Completed certificate IV course with 6 months relevant practical experience, OR; (5) 1 year relevant practical experience.

Note:

CDC - Complying Development Certificate

CC - Construction Certificate

OC - Occupation Certificate

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- Building Professionals Amendment Act 2008
- Building Professionals Amendment (Accreditation of Council Employees) Regulation 2010
- Planning Circular PS 10-003, Commencement of provisions – accreditation of Council Employees, issued by Department of Planning 26 February 2010

Stakeholders:

Council, builders, developers and public

Financial Implications:

Financial impacts of accreditation requirements on Council will include:

- Fees for accrediting building certification staff.
- Greater costs to address staff absences arising from leave or illness. It will be mandatory for Council have suitably accredited people available for building certification, hence on occasions it will probably be forced to engage contract accredited building certifiers.
- Presently there is a very limited supply of skilled building surveyors and it is expected that this shortage will become more dramatic with the introduction of accreditation.
- The salary required levels to retain competent and accredited building surveyor is likely to increase due to the shortage of suitable staff.

Accreditation of Council Building Certifiers

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the report on recent legislative changes which require Council to ensure that, from 1 September 2010, construction work under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 must be certified and inspected by suitably accredited council building certifier or a private certifier.
2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to assess and submit applications for accreditation, by Council's building certification staff, to the NSW Building Professionals Board.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

- A – Clause 162A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
- B – 5 March 2010 letter from BPB regarding Council Accredited Certifiers
- C – Statement of responsibilities for Councils, dated February 2010, issued by the BPB

Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000

Current version for 1 March 2010 to date (accessed 10 March 2010 at 14:21)

[Part 8](#) » [Division 5](#) » [Clause 162A](#)

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162A Critical stage inspections required by section 109E (3) (d)

- (1) For the purposes of section 109E (3) (d) of the Act, the occasions on which building work must be inspected are as set out in this clause.

Note. These inspections are the *critical stage inspections*.

- (2) Except as provided by subclause (3), the critical stage inspections may be carried out by the principal certifying authority or, if the principal certifying authority agrees, by another certifying authority.
- (3) The last critical stage inspection required to be carried out for the class of building concerned must be carried out by the principal certifying authority.
- (4) In the case of a class 1 or 10 building, the occasions on which building work for which a principal certifying authority is first appointed on or after 1 July 2004 must be inspected are:
 - (a) (Repealed)
 - (b) after excavation for, and prior to the placement of, any footings, and
 - (c) prior to pouring any in-situ reinforced concrete building element, and
 - (d) prior to covering of the framework for any floor, wall, roof or other building element, and
 - (e) prior to covering waterproofing in any wet areas, and
 - (f) prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections, and
 - (g) after the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.
- (4A) However, in the case of a class 1 or 10 building, an inspection on an occasion described in subclause (4) (a)–(f) that occurs before 1 July 2005 is not prescribed for the purposes of section 109E (3) (d) of the Act if:
 - (a) the inspection is carried out by a person considered by the principal certifying authority to be suitably qualified to carry out the inspection (but who is not necessarily an accredited certifier) and employed, or nominated for the purpose of carrying out the inspection, by the principal certifying authority, and
 - (b) the person would not be disqualified by section 109ZG of the Act (except by subsection

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- (1) (d) or (1A) of that section) from issuing a Part 4A certificate in relation to any aspect of the development concerned.
- (c) the person makes a record of each inspection carried out by him or her, and provides a copy of that record to the principal certifying authority, as required by clause 162B for a critical stage inspection or any other inspection required by the principal certifying authority.
- (5) In the case of a class 2, 3 or 4 building, the occasions on which building work must be inspected are:
 - (a) (Repealed)
 - (b) prior to covering of waterproofing in any wet areas, for a minimum of 10% of rooms with wet areas within a building, and
 - (c) prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections, and
 - (d) after the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.
- (6) In the case of a class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 building, the occasions on which building work for which a principal certifying authority is first appointed on or after 1 July 2004 must be inspected are:
 - (a) (Repealed)
 - (b) prior to covering any stormwater drainage connections, and
 - (c) after the building work has been completed and prior to any occupation certificate being issued in relation to the building.
- (7) (Repealed)
- (7A) Inspections of building work must be made on the following occasions in addition to those required by the other provisions of this clause for the building work:
 - (a) in the case of a swimming pool, after the construction of the swimming pool is completed and the barrier (if one is required under the Swimming Pools Act 1992) has been erected and before the pool is filled with water,
 - (b) in the case of a class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 building, after excavation for, and before the placement of, any footings.
- (8) This clause does not prescribe any occasion on which a manufactured home or dwelling built off the site in sections and transported to the site for assembly is required to be inspected.

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Attachment B – 5 March 2010 letter from BPB regarding Council Accredited Certifiers



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5 March 2010

Mr Ray Kent
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Dear Mr Kent

Council Accredited Certifiers

On 1 March 2010, new legislation introducing a framework for the accreditation of council building surveyors began. The new legislation establishes qualification and experience standards for all certifiers – whether they work for a council or in the private sector – and is a major step forward in achieving one system of accreditation throughout NSW.

From 1 September 2010, all building certification work done by councils in NSW must be undertaken by accredited certifiers. Councils may use their own accredited staff (council accredited certifiers) to carry out the certification work on its behalf, or engage accredited certifiers from the private sector.

A three year period is also proposed to allow time for all officers to be accredited – and time for employees to graduate to more senior levels of accreditation if they wish. The transition period will also allow councils to review existing processes and procedures to determine required staffing levels.

Accreditation will be free in the first year, from 1 March 2010, and the Board has reduced fees in the years following.

Attached is an 'Information Kit' to assist you, your council and your applicants. The enclosed CD-Rom contains electronic copies of all the relevant documents.

The Board has established a hotline to answer any questions you or your staff may have in relation to the new regulation and the Accreditation Scheme. The number is **1300 001 619**.

I trust that you will understand that this initiative of the Board will bring the NSW building certification system into alignment with other States, help prepare us for national licensing of building professionals and continue to improve the quality of buildings for consumers and the general community.

Yours sincerely

Sue Holliday
President
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Responsibilities for councils

Councils have a number of obligations in relation to council accredited certifiers.

- From 1 September 2010, all building certification work undertaken by councils must be undertaken by an accredited certifier. Building certification work includes the issue of complying development certificates, construction certificates, occupation certificates, compliance certificates and the carrying out of mandatory "critical stage" inspections of building work. Councils can use accredited staff members (known as "council accredited certifiers") to carry out the certification work on its behalf or engage accredited certifiers from the private sector or other councils.
- All building certification work carried out on behalf of a council needs to accord with the EP&A Act and EP&A Regulation.
- All building certification work must be undertaken by an accredited certifier with the appropriate level of accreditation (A1, A2, A3 or A4), having regard to any specific conditions of accreditation.
- Council accredited certifiers need to comply with the Code of Conduct contained in the Board's Accreditation Scheme, take part in the Board's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program and satisfy the conflict of interest requirements under the *Building Professionals Act 2005*.
- In recommending an officer for accreditation, councils must consider the requirements of the Board's Accreditation Scheme, the relevant assessment guidelines for each category and the applicant's qualifications and experience.
- Councils have specific record-keeping obligations and need to record the name and accreditation number of each certifier; the date of their commencement or engagement by the council and the date of cessation of these terms; and a brief description of each project where the certifier carried out certification work on behalf of the council.
- Councils need to notify the Board when a certifier commences employment with a council and when a certifier ceases to be employed by the council.
- Councils need the relevant insurance to cover the individual accredited certifier employed by the Council.

For further information or assistance, call 1300 001 619.

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26. DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Matthew Goodwin – Director Planning and Regulatory Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1367

Summary:

This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently processed under delegated authority.

Discussion (including issues and background):

The table following this report provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during March 2010.

Document type 20 represents Development Applications, while document type 24 represents Complying Development Certificates.

Relevant Reference Documents:

Files for the respective Development and Complying Development Certificate applications

Stakeholders:

Public and applicants

Financial Implications:

Nil

Development and Complying Development Certificate Applications
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with under delegated authority by the Director Planning and Regulatory Services and General Manager during March 2010. <p>Moved: Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

A – Report on DAs and CDCs issued during March 2010

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Determined Applications



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27. POLICY – WATER SUPPLY IN NON-URBAN AREAS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services
AUTHOR: Director Planning and Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin
FILE NUMBER: 09/1409

Summary:

This report recommends that Walgett Shire Council adopts an updated policy regarding water supply in non-urban areas.

Discussion (including issues and background):

At a Council meeting held on 15 July 2008 Walgett Shire Council resolved to rescind the majority of its previous policies and adopt updated policies as contained within a "Policy Manual". For several years prior to that date, Council had effectively maintained a policy of not allowing new non-urban water connections. Since 15 July 2008 Council has not had formal policy regarding non-urban water connections.

A "Policy for water supply in non-urban areas" has been drafted which addressees the various issues associated with supplying water in non-urban areas adjoining towns and villages within the Shire (Attachment A). Within urban zones, where there are sufficient numbers of residents and it is technically feasible, it is a core Council function to establish and maintain a water supply. This responsibility does not extend to non-urban lands because such connections inevitably incur substantially higher establishment and maintenance costs on a per user basis.

Significant issues arise from existing non-urban water mains and associated water connections in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri, including:

- a) Connections are not economically viable when compared to urban water connections. In turn significant inequities arise between urban and non-urban users because the costs of operating and maintaining the system are shared among all users.
- b) In the majority of cases it is also not viable for the end user to comply with appropriate engineering specifications when establishing a non-urban water main.
- c) Most existing mains do not comply with current engineering standards. For example, they:
 - 1) Do not have scour points (Auspec item D11.04, 3).
 - 2) Are not looped to prevent dead ends (Auspec item D11.06, 3).
 - 3) Are less than 100mm in diameter (Auspec item D11.09, 9).
- d) Significant public health risks arise from sub-standard mains and connections. For example, some plumbing installations require a back flow prevention device to prevent the water supply system from being contaminated, but they have not been installed.
- e) Unauthorised connections and sub-standard connections are more prevalent in non-urban areas. Anecdotal evidence suggests there may be significant numbers of unauthorised connections at Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.
- f) Previous Council approvals for new mains and connections generally do not include any reference to the ownership of the main, or conditions of connection. The ownership of such mains is questionable.

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- g) Several mains that are believed to be privately owned, traverse land owned by a third party but are not contained within an easement. The ownership of such mains is questionable.
- h) Several mains that are believed to be privately owned, traverse road corridors but do not appear to have any approval under the Roads Act 1993. The legality of such mains is questionable.
- i) Existing connections in non-urban areas creates unnecessary and inappropriate expectations for further connections to be permitted.

BACKGROUND:

It is a core Council function to establish and maintain a water supply system in urban zones where it is technically feasible and there are sufficient numbers of residents to make the system economically viable. Economic viability is also a key element of any decision to extend a water supply system within an urban zone. Viable returns cover the ongoing costs of operating, maintaining and replacing the infrastructure involved.

Council makes no commitment to supply new users in non-urban zones. In part this stance is based on Council's previous experience with rural spur mains in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri, which shows:

- j) Connections are not economically viable when compared to urban water connections. In turn significant inequities arise between urban and non-urban users because the costs of operating and maintaining the system are shared among all users.
- k) In the majority of cases it is also not viable for the end user to comply with appropriate engineering specifications when establishing a non-urban water main.
- l) Most existing mains do not comply with current engineering standards. For example, they:
 - 4) Do not have scour points (Auspec item D11.04, 3).
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 - 6) Are less than 100mm in diameter (Auspec item D11.09, 9).
- m) Significant public health risks arise from sub-standard mains and connections. For example, some plumbing installations require a back flow prevention device to prevent the water supply system from being contaminated, but they have not been installed.
- n) Unauthorised connections and sub-standard connections are more prevalent in non-urban areas. Anecdotal evidence suggests there may be significant numbers of unauthorised connections at Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.
- o) Previous Council approvals for new mains and connections generally do not include any reference to the ownership of the main, or conditions of connection. The ownership of such mains is questionable.
- p) Several mains that are believed to be privately owned, traverse land owned by a third party but are not contained within an easement. The ownership of such mains is questionable.
- q) Several mains that are believed to be privately owned, traverse road corridors but do not appear to have any approval under the Roads Act 1993. The legality of such mains is questionable.
- r) Existing connections in non-urban areas creates unnecessary and inappropriate expectations for further connections to be permitted.

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Maps showing the extent of the Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett water supply systems and the boundary of urban zones are attached to this report (Attachment B). They also show mains where the ownership or legal status is questionable.

Council owned mains are provided significant protection under the Local Government Act 1993, including:

- Section 59A provides that Council owns the water, sewerage and stormwater drainage infrastructure it has installed, including on privately owned land. It also provides Council the ability to maintain, extend and improve that infrastructure.
- Under Section 191A an authorised officer of Council has the power to “*enter any premises to carry out water supply work, sewerage work or stormwater drainage work on or under the premises*”.
- Section 635 makes it an offence for a person to damage, or interfere with, Council’s infrastructure.

The draft “Policy for water supply in non-urban areas” has been developed with consideration for the issues raised previously and similar policies adopted by other Councils and water supply authorities.

Relevant Reference Documents:

- Local Government Act 1993 (especially Chapter 7, Part 1 - activity approvals).
- Roads Act 1993 (especially Part 9, Division 3, - other works and structures).
- NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.
- Auspec New South Wales Development Design Specification - D11 Water Reticulation.

Stakeholders:

Public, Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

Application of the policy will facilitate cost effective operation and maintenance of urban water supply systems. Alternatively, permitting additional ad-hoc non-urban water connections will inevitably create inequities, while exacerbating issues likely to adversely affect the efficiency of the system.

Policy – Water Supply in Non Urban Areas

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Adopt the policy titled “Water supply in non-urban areas” as submitted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

A – Draft Policy – Water supply in non-urban areas

B – Maps of water mains and urban zones for Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett



P&R – WATER SUPPLY IN NON-URBAN AREAS

Adoption Date:

Review Date:

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Regulatory Services

POLICY STATEMENT

Walgett Shire Council is committed to providing cost effective water supplies within urban areas.

OBJECTIVES:

- To ensure that water supply systems are operated and maintained in a cost effective manner.
- To avoid new water connections outside urban zoned areas unless there are substantial public benefits.
- To ensure that all water connections comply with the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.
- To ensure that all water mains comply with the Auspec New South Wales Development Design Specification - D11 Water Reticulation.

POLICY ELEMENTS:

Council will apply the following elements to ensure that its objectives for water supply in non-urban areas are met.

New connections for residential purposes

Council will not permit any new water connection for residential purposes outside of an urban zone.

New connections for commercial purposes

Council may consider a new water connection for commercial purposes outside of an urban zone. It will have regard for the following principles when evaluating any application:

- It is not appropriate to permit such connections unless there are substantial and clear public benefits.
- It is not appropriate to permit such connections unless there is adequate surplus capacity within the existing system.
- All costs associated with establishing the connection should normally be borne by the landholder that will benefit from the connection. This may include costs associated with establishing easements or approvals under the Roads Act 1993.
- All installations must:
 - Have 'water supply work' approval under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 and comply with the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.
 - Where new mains are required, comply with Auspec New South Wales Development Design Specification - D11 Water Reticulation.
 - Be undertaken by a suitably licensed trade person.

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New connections for public purposes

Council may consider a new water connection for a public purpose outside of an urban zone. It will have regard for the following principles when evaluating any application:

- It is not appropriate to permit such connections unless there are substantial and clear public benefits.
- The potential for using alternative sources of water supply, such as rainwater tanks.
- Whether there is a need for an easement to enable a water main to pass through land that is not controlled by Council.
- All installations must:
 - Have 'water supply work' approval under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993 and comply with the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.
 - Where new mains are required, comply with Auspec New South Wales Development Design Specification - D11 Water Reticulation.
 - Be undertaken by a suitably licensed trade person.

Existing connections

Council will continue to supply water to existing non-urban connections, subject to the following conditions:

- The original connection was established with written approval from Council.
- The service is not extended to supply another property.
- A water meter is established and relevant water charges are being paid.
- Council provides no guarantee regarding minimum water pressure or volume.
- Adequate capacity remains available within the water supply system to service urban users.
- Where necessary, the landowner upgrades their internal plumbing to comply with the NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

In the event that one or more of the above conditions are not met, Council may cut off a non-urban connection.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTS

Local Government Act 1993 (especially Chapter 7, Part 1 - activity approvals).

Roads Act 1993 (especially Part 9, Division 3, - other works and structures).

NSW Plumbing and Drainage Code of Practice.

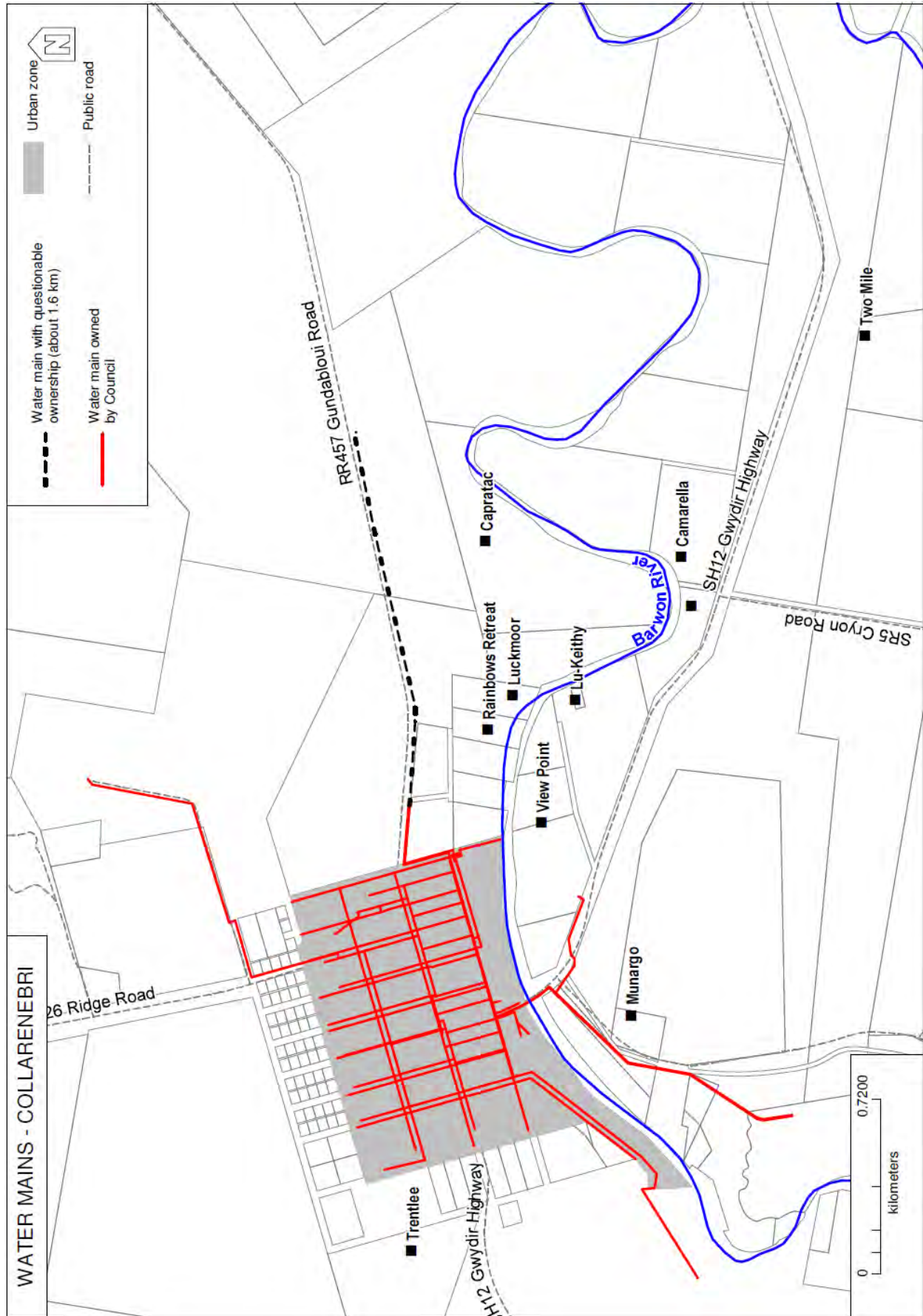
Auspec New South Wales Development Design Specification - D11 Water Reticulation.

RELATED WSC POLICIES

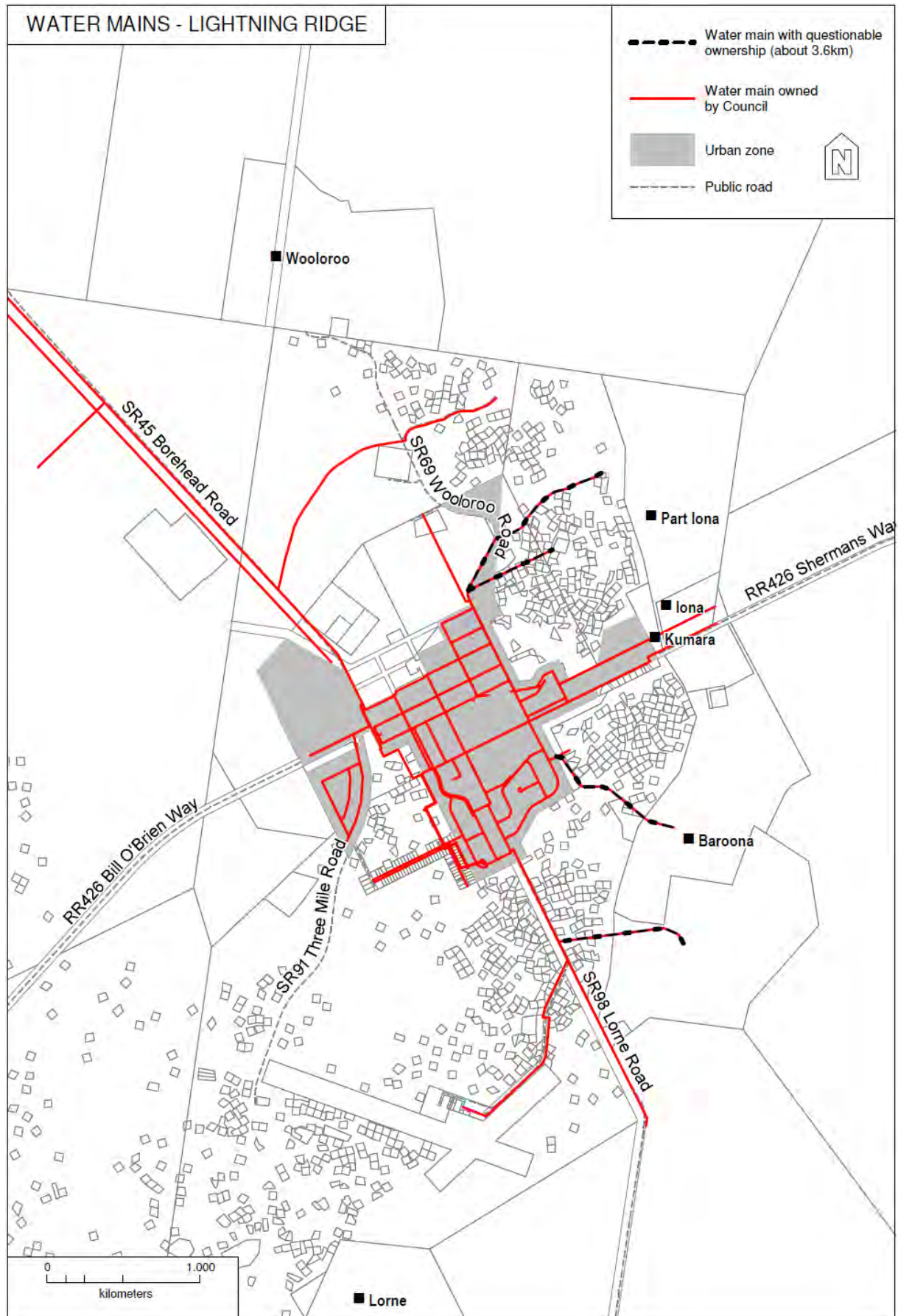
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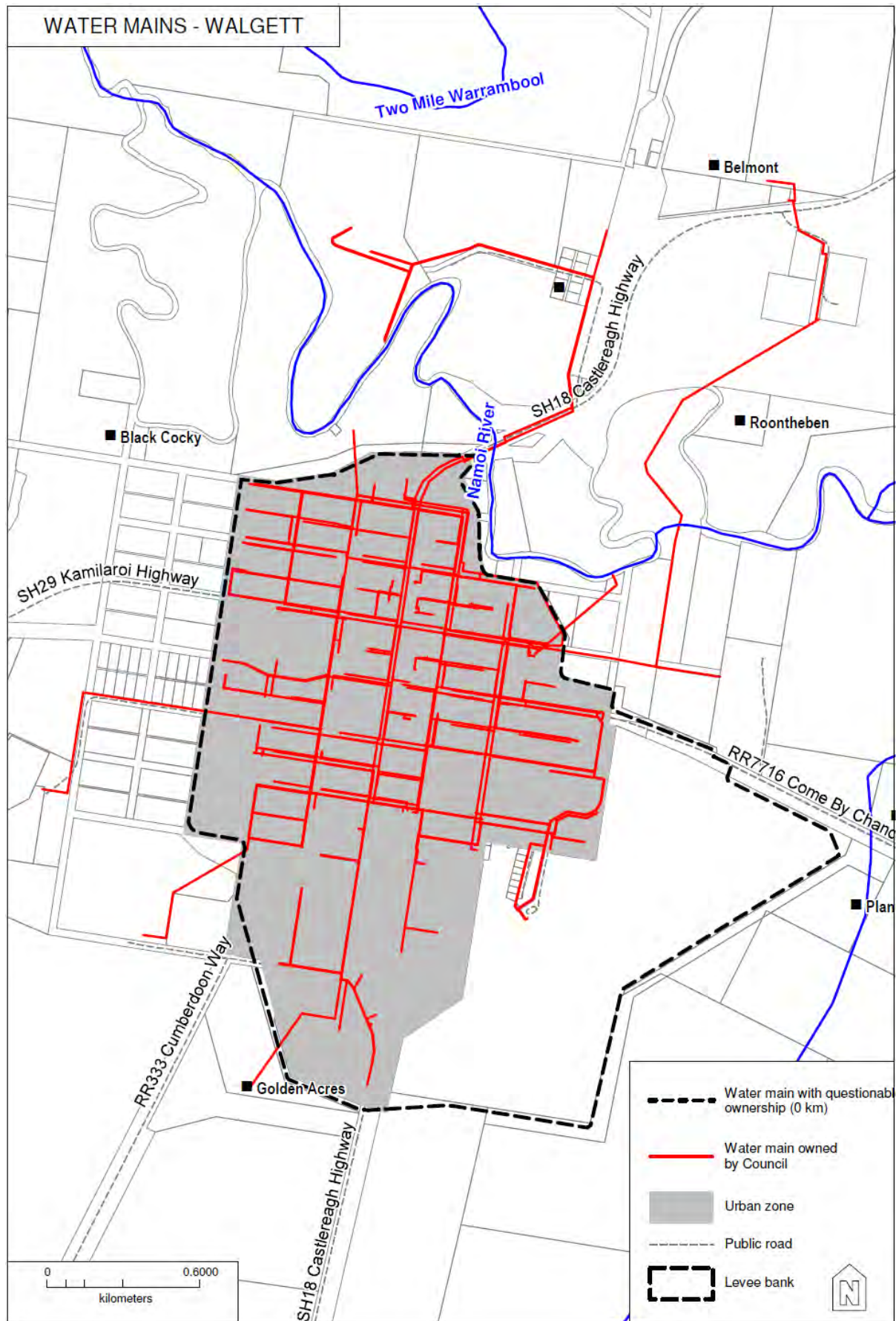
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1.0	Apr 2010	DPRS	All	All	Draft policy created after a review of similar policies maintained by other NSW Councils.



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28. WATER SUPPLY BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructure Services
AUTHOR: Siegfredo O Coralde – Director of Urban Infrastructure Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1409

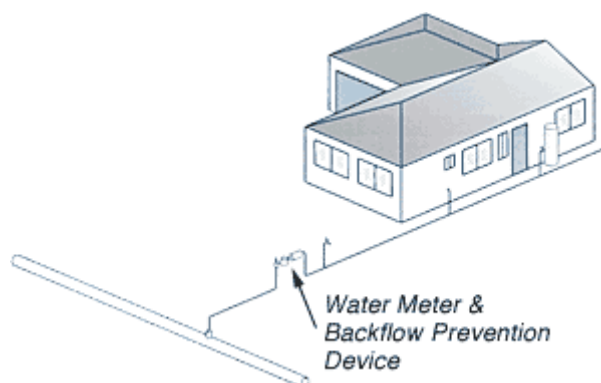
Summary:

This report recommends to Council the approval and implementation of a Water Supply Backflow Prevention Policy effective 1 May 2010.

Background:

The majority of Australian water utilities most particularly in bigger cities have already adopted the Australian Standard AS3500 to ensure that 'containment protection' of supplied water is protected and safe guarded at all times.

Safe Drinking Water Philosophy. Council has a responsibility to provide safe drinking water to its residents from the point of treatment to the point of use. Water mains supply should never be contaminated. A sample diagram of a backflow prevention device is shown below:



The water supply system is designed to ensure that water flows from the reservoir to properties under pressure of 2 to 3 bar (300Kpa). If this pressure is not maintained, there is a chance that water could be drawn from properties back to Council's main water supply.

When can backflow occur? Backflow can occur in two different circumstances. One circumstance is 'back pressure' caused by a gravitational effect when the pressure downstream becomes higher than mains pressure and the elevated water storage reservoirs. Another cause is when the pressure downstream of the 'cross-connection becomes greater than the pressure upstream of the cross connection. Both circumstances may allow water, other contaminated or polluted liquids to enter the potable water supply system. Potential cross connections that are likely to occur are from:

- Hospitals or similar institutions
- Industrial or commercial premises
- Recreational premises such as clubs or hotels
- Community Services such as dental surgeries
- Dairy farms and market gardens

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Another circumstance is '*back siphonage*' where the water, contaminated or polluted liquids enter the filtered or potable water supply by 'siphonage' caused by a drop in supply pressure creating a negative pressure in the water supply main. This can occur in the following ways:

- through a vacuum in the system caused by a high water usage (draw off) of a broken main pipe thereby dropping mains pressure
- flushing of the water main can also cause the same negative pressure resulting in back siphonage high velocity water which due to under size piping causes an aspirator effect from pipe intersections creating a vacuum and then a reverse flow.

Does Council require a backflow policy? Council is continuously improving its water supply service to the community through water meter projects in Walgett, Collarenebri and Rowena townships this year. Lightning Ridge and Carinda residents, but not Burren Junction and Comeby-Chance residents will have their water meters installed before the end of July 2010.

It is expected that supply and quality of water will increase over the next few years as a result of the proposed augmentation of a new water treatment plant in Walgett and construction of new water facilities in Namoi and Gingie aboriginal villages. A Backflow Policy is a proactive way of ensuring that 'containment' is effectively done to isolate one property from another and the public water supply when contamination happens.

Backflow preventers are required by Australian Standards, National Plumbing and Drainage Code (AS3500.1) for protection and conservation of safe drinking water.

Relevant Documents

Australian New Zealand Standards 3500

Community Implications:

The community needs to be informed regarding the implementation of the Backflow Prevention Policy.

Financial Implications:

Council shall set fees and charges to coincide with the number of backflow prevention devices installed on premises. Fees shall include an initial fee and an annual registration fee.

Water Supply Backflow Prevention Policy
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>1. That Council approve the Backflow Prevention Policy effective 1 May 2010.</p> <p>Moved:</p> <p>Seconded:</p>

Attachments:

Backflow Prevention Policy



AFM – BACKFLOW PREVENTION POLICY

Adoption Date:

Review Date:

Responsible Officer: Director – Urban Infrastructure Services

POLICY STATEMENT

WSC is committed to ensuring that safety of the water supply scheme is protected where residential, commercial, farm and industrial property owners take responsibility of ensuring no contaminated water shall affect the water supply system from their properties.

WSC is committed to ensuring that backflow conditions are prevented at all times.

OBJECTIVES:

- To monitor and inspect potential risk of backflow contamination from connections to the existing water supply system
- To ensure that proper assessments of identified properties are carried out based on assignment of hazard levels
- To ensure that default or different hazard levels rating are appropriately assigned based on best available site specification of an identified property.
- To investigate the identified potential hazard level within 24 hours after receiving a registered Customer Service Notification Form
- To advise the property owner of potential hazard within 48 hours after investigation
- To encourage property owners to take responsibility of ensuring that they do not affect the water supply system with any contaminated water from their property by installing backflow preventer/s.
- To ensure that qualified persons carry out installation of backflow preventers have obtained training and approval according to appropriate standards.
- To comply with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND DOCUMENTS

- Nil

RELATED WSC POLICIES

- Water Meter Policy

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1.0	14 April 2010	DUIS	All	All	

29. ROAD MAINTENANCE COUNCIL CONTRACT (RMCC) – ADJUSTMENT TO FIXED UPPER LIMIT (FUL)

REPORTING SECTION: Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
FILE NUMBER: 09/1870

Summary:

Council currently conducts road maintenance for the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) on State Highways in the Shire under a Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC). This report advises Council that a variation to the Fixed Upper Limit (FUL) for Routine Services has been granted subject to conditions.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Council's contract is the third largest (by network length) in the Western Region. This work includes both Routine Services and Ordered Works. Routine Services include activities such as inspections, litter removal, bitumen patching, slashing, sign maintenance and the like. Ordered Works include anything else.

Routine Works are paid for by the RTA at cost, including (a justified) administration on-cost component. No 'profit' is permitted to be charged for Routine Services. Ordered Works are usually on a quotation basis, whereby the quotation may include an allowance for estimating error and rework. The (justified) effects of wet weather are a Variation to the quoted price. All cost and pricing is heavily scrutinised by the RTA Contract Manager.

The performance of Routine Services is dictated by the Contract through a range of requirements including intervention levels and service frequencies. Conversely, expenditure on Routine Services is limited by a Fixed Upper Limit (FUL). The FUL is the expenditure limit which cannot be exceeded by Council without specific approval from the RTA.

Prior to the RMCC, which commenced 1 October 2008, the Single Invitation Maintenance Contract (SIMC) operated on a Lump Sum basis as opposed to a FUL. In reality this meant that the works were provided at less than true cost recovery and limited to a large extent by the Lump Sum amount.

The original FUL for 2009/2010 was \$730,000. This represented a marginal increase over the 2008/2009 equivalent and in the order of \$200,000 above the SIMC Lump Sum. The actual cost of Routine Services in 2008/2009 (excluding administration on-cost) was approximately \$860,000, this was covered by RTA Routine Services payments, but not the entire administration on-cost.

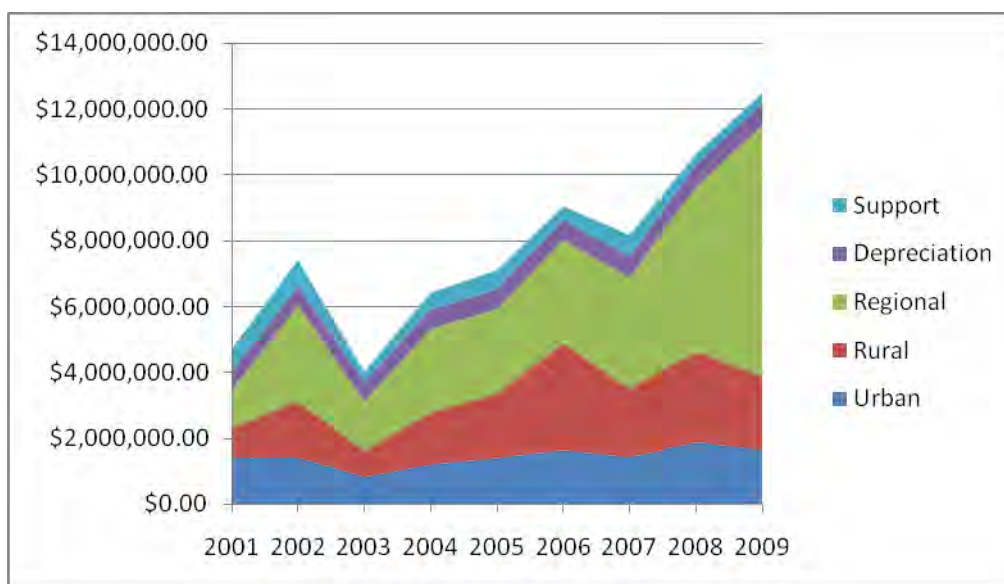
Due to what is predicted to be a sustained need for providing services exceeding the FUL, a request was made to the RTA to vary the FUL. Most of the increased expenditure relates to bitumen patching and preparation for reseals. The request was pitched at (or beyond) the upper limits of what could be expected to receive approval from the RTA. The application required justification of Council's productivity, the need for additional services, and explanation of past performance.

The RTA has granted a variation to FUL for Routine Services subject to conditions. The proposed FUL for 2009/2010 is \$1,081,000 and for subsequent years \$1,000,000. These amounts exclude

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GST. These amounts are still very tight, and without efficiency gains being made, they will not cover the administration on-cost component of the works. The conditions require correction of unsatisfactory performance as identified by RTA Surveillance Officers and the Contract Manager in terms of (a) OHS Management, (b) Works Planning & Programming, (c) Productivity, (d) Quality Systems Documentation, and (e) Timely Delivery of Services.

The criticism is valid to an extent and primarily reflects a lack of staffing resource in the management and administration area of road maintenance. Other factors, such as the significant increase in Ordered Works issued to Walgett Shire and Council's larger than normal road sealing program on Regional Roads over the same period have also affected Council's ability to meet the RTA's requirements. Expenditure on Ordered Works was \$1.54M in 2005/2006, in 2008/2009 it had risen to \$4.54M. Expenditure on Regional and Local Roads over the last nine years can be seen in the following figure:



Council has only five staff, excluding the Director, managing and administering Council's roads program. This includes the Technical Officers/Foremen who allocate and oversee the work of field teams. During the three years to 2009/2010, there have been four occasions where one of these positions was vacant, usually for an extended period. The critical Road Engineer position was vacant for almost 18 months. This included the period of implementation of the new RMCC contract documentation. The Rural Infrastructure Department has a number of other functions and strategic planning needs which are managed and administered by the Director and Support Services Coordinator.

A Business Systems Improvement Process has commenced to address the needs of the Department. This Process is targeting all of the areas of concern with the RTA. Progress is proving difficult while workload remains at current levels and there are staff vacancies in the senior levels in the Department. These changes will be supported by plant and equipment upgrades/replacements recently approved by Council and improvements in plant costing by Support Services. Staffing issues are hoped to be addressed to some extent through the current review of Council's Staffing Structure.

Relevant Reference Documents:

09/1870/028 Letter of offer from RTA

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

The budget for RMCC Routine Services Revenue is increased to \$1,081,000 for 2009/2010. The budget for RMCC Routine Services (at cost) Expenditure is proposed to be increased to \$1,068,000. This leaves (an unrealistic) 1.2% administration on-cost revenue on Routine Services, meaning that a disproportionate amount of administration on-cost will be borne by Regional Roads Capital Works and other Roads program areas. It is unlikely that Council will be able to comply with the Contract at any higher rate of administration on-cost recovery this year.

Road Maintenance Council Contract (RMCC) – Adjustment to Fixed Upper Limit (FUL)

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the amendment of the Fixed Upper Limit of Council's Road Maintenance Council Contract with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority;
2. Increase the budget for RMCC Routine Services Revenue to \$1,081,000 for 2009/2010;
3. Increase the budget for RMCC Routine Services (at cost) Expenditure to \$1,068,000; and
4. Decrease the budget for RMCC Management on-cost (Routine & Ordered) Expenditure to \$125,000;

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments:

Nil

30. FINANCING OF HIGH UTILISATION PLANT

REPORTING SECTION: Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
AUTHOR: Ian Taylor – Director Rural Infrastructure & Support Services
Myrene Lovegrove – Finance Manager
FILE NUMBER: 10/8

Summary:

Council has six permanent staff nominally assigned as roller operators, but owns only three rollers. This report expands upon the Report “Leasing of High Utilisation Plant” presented at the February 2010 ordinary meeting and recommends that Council call tenders to acquire up to three rollers and two motor graders on the basis that a loan would be raised to finance the acquisitions.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Council has six permanent staff nominally assigned as roller operators, but owns or leases only three rollers. Currently these staff and up to six additional staff (casual/contract) operate rollers sourced on short term dry hire arrangements.

It is considered likely that Council will be able to obtain more favourable terms if the plant items used by the permanent staff were sourced on longer term arrangements.

Council also has two motor graders operated by permanent staff positions that are due to be replaced (11,000+ hours, 10 years old). However it does not have sufficient cash to replace both simultaneously due to the need to procure other more specialist and low utilisation equipment.

All the machines operated by permanent staff can reliably and predictably be operated at high utilisation rates. This will remain the case even with the reduction in the works program associated with the completion of the ‘AusLink’ projects and flood damage repairs.

It is recommended that Council proceed as soon as possible to acquire the following (new) plant and dispose of the two motor graders by auction or tender:

- Two ERG Class MG8 Motor Graders fitted for, but not with, grade control
- Two Self Propelled 21-22 Tonne Ballasted Multi-Tyred Rollers
- One ERG Class RR9 Self Propelled Single Drum Padfoot Vibratory Roller

This would result in retaining one plant item in ownership or lease per permanent staff member assigned to heavy plant operations. The selection focuses on plant that can be deployed even during periods of limited construction activity.

The complete grader & compaction plant fleet would then comprise:

- Five Graders
- Three Multi-Tyred Rollers
- Two Linkage-mount ‘freeroll’ Multi-Tyred Units
- Two Smooth Drum Rollers
- One Padfoot Roller

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The following alternative financing methods have been considered and assessed as follows, based upon a nominal acquisition of \$1.2M:

- **Loan:**
Assumptions: 8.09% Fixed Interest, 10 year Term
Annual Cost: \$176,000 (~\$590/week/\$200,000 capital)
Flexibility: Choice of plant suppliers and timing of changeover is not fixed. Secured by source of income.
- **Hire Purchase or Chattel Mortgage:**
Assumptions: 11% Fixed Interest, 4 year Term, 40% residual
Annual Cost with No Balloon: \$369,000 (~\$1,230/week/\$200,000 capital)
Annual Cost with \$200,000 Balloon: \$379,000 (including Balloon, \$329,000 without) (~\$1,270/week/\$200,000 capital)
Flexibility: Timing of changeover is fixed by Contract. Secured by plant item or plant owned by finance company. Can claim entire GST at start of contract. Interest only is expensed.
- **Finance Lease:**
Assumptions: 11% Fixed Interest, 4 year Term, 40% residual
Annual Cost with No Balloon: \$369,000 (~\$1,230/week/\$200,000 capital)
Annual Cost with \$200,000 Balloon: \$379,000 (including Balloon, \$329,000 without)
Flexibility: Timing of changeover is fixed by Contract. Secured by plant item. No GST claim. Full payment is expensed.
- **Short Term (Dry) Hire:**
Assumptions: Hire rates vary depending on the type of plant and include routine servicing.
Examples of available rates include:
CCF Class 17.5 Padfoot Roller: ~\$1,700 - \$2,300/week
CCF Class 15 Motor Grader: ~\$2,700 – \$3,500/week

Considering the above alternatives, it is clear that the preferred method of acquiring this plant is to use a loan. This will provide Council with on-going flexibility in terms of plant acquisition and disposal and is cheaper than both current arrangements and the Leasing / Hire Purchase options.

Relevant Reference Documents:

09/1260/009 Strategic Plant Replacement Program

Stakeholders:

Rural Infrastructure Section

Financial Implications:

Acquisition costs will be fully recovered through internal plant hire charges to operations, maintenance, and project budgets.

Council does not have sufficient reserves to cover acquisitions of the identified plant. The necessary loan(s) would only be raised on approval of tenders or quotations sourced through a public tender arrangement with a Prescribed Entity such as Local Government Procurement.

The Division of Local Government of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet would require notification of the loans in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Financing of High Utilisation Plant

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse calling tenders to acquire up to three rollers and two motor graders on the basis that a loan would be raised to finance the acquisitions; and
2. Endorse the sale by tender or auction of both motor graders identified for disposal in council's strategic plant replacement program.

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments

Nil

31. DECEMBER 2009 FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND MARCH 2010 FLOOD EVENT

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Summary:

This report provides council with an update on the assessment of flood damage claim under the natural disaster arrangements.

Discussion (including issues and background):

Council sustained damage to road infrastructure as a result of the December 2009 Flood Event. A second event occurred in March 2010. Both events were declared a natural disaster in Walgett Shire.

As a declared natural disaster, funding provisions outlined in the Natural Disaster Arrangements assist council in rectifying the damage. Emergency Works (to open roads to traffic), State and Regional roads are funded at 100% of the assessed cost. Local roads are funded at 75% for the first \$116,000 and 100% thereafter. This means that Council must contribute \$29,000 from its own funds to the assessed cost of repairs in any one year.

Damage assessments and inspections by the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) have been completed for the December 2009 Event. Agreement has been reached with respect to Regional and Local Roads with the exception of Cumberdoon Way. Finalisation of the Cumberdoon Way claim is the subject of further submissions at the time of writing this report.

The preliminary estimate of the damage costs of \$1.1M, excluding repairs to approximately Cumberdoon Way (MR333), was approximately 20% above the amount that has been agreed. Final amounts cannot be made public until the RTA has announced them.

The replacement of the geotextile seal on MR333 is proposed to be part funded by the Natural Disaster Program subject to it being upgraded to a gravel pavement at cost to the Regional Roads Block Grant. Agreement on the final assessment is awaiting further submissions being made by Council to the RTA. This will require a significant financial contribution from Council's normal funding sources (possibly up to \$1M which is around 50% of the cost of upgrading the road), however the cost to Council will NOT represent any rework as a result of the original decision to construct the geotextile seal.

Damage assessments for the March 2010 Event have only recently commenced. This event was the result of flooding in the Moonie River, overbank flows from the Narran River, and some flows in the 12 Mile Warramboul. All floodwater flowed into the Shire from Queensland. The impact from this event has affected Angledool Road, Burrenbaa Road, Koomalah Road, Ridge Road (MR426), Gundabloui Road (MR457) and some adjacent areas. At the time of writing, some roads still have water across floodways and bridge side tracks. There was also damage to the Castlereagh Highway north of Lightning Ridge.

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Road users in Walgett Shire

Financial Implications:

Council's contribution to the repair costs will be deducted from general maintenance allocation for Shire Roads.

The Cumberdoon Way upgrade will require a substantial allocation from next year's Regional Road Block Grant.

December 2009 Flood Damage and Assessment and March 2010 Flood Event

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Note the impact of the December 2009 and March 2010 Flood events on Walgett Shire Roads

Moved:

Seconded:

Attachments

Nil