AGENDA FOR
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

28th April, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held at the **Collarenebri Hall** on **28th April, 2015** commencing at 10.00am to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Please note:

The bus will leave from the back of the Council building at 8:30am.

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

What is a "Conflict of Interests" – A conflict of interests can be two types:
Pecuniary – an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.
Non-Pecuniary – a private or personal interest that a Council official has that does not amount to a pecuniary interest as defined in the Local government Act (eg. A friendship, membership of an association, society or trade union or involvement or interest in an activity and may include an interest of a financial nature.)
Remoteness
A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to a matter or if the interest is of a kind specified in Section 448 of the Local Government Act.
Who has a Pecuniary Interest? – A person has a pecuniary interest in a matter if the pecuniary interest is the interest of:

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

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

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

N.B. "Relative", in relation to a person means any of the following:
(a) the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descends or adopted child of the person or of the person's spouse.
(b) the spouse or de facto partners of the person or of a person referred to in paragraph (a)
No Interest in the Matter
However, a person is not taken to have a pecuniary interest in a matter:

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

Disclosure and participation in meetings

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

No Knowledge – A person does not breach this Clause if the person did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter under consideration at the meeting was a matter in which he or she had a pecuniary interest.
Participation in Meetings despite Pecuniary Interest (S452 Act)
A Councillor is not prevented from taking part in the consideration or discussion of, or from voting on, any of the matters/questions detailed in Section 452 of the Local Government Act.
Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.
There are a broad range of options available for managing conflicts & the option chosen will depend on an assessment of the circumstances of the matter, the nature of the interest and the significance of the issue being dealt with. Non-Pecuniary conflicts of interest must be dealt with in at least one of the following ways:

- It may be appropriate that no action be taken where the potential for conflict is minimal. However,

Councillors should consider providing an explanation of why they consider a conflict does not exist.

- Limit involvement if practical (eg. Participate in discussion but not in decision making or vice versa). Care needs to be taken when exercising this option.
- Remove the source of the conflict (eg. Relinquishing or divesting the personal interest that creates the conflict)
- Have no involvement by absenting yourself from and not taking part in any debate or voting on the issue as if the provisions in S451 of the Local Government Act apply (particularly if you have a significant non-pecuniary interest)

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)
A disclosure (and the reason/s for the disclosure) made at a meeting of the Council or Council Committee or Sub-Committee must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting

2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

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

3. Apologies

4. Welcome to Visitors

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3. Apologies

4. Welcome to Visitors

5. Public Forum Presentations

5.1 National Australia Bank Representatives

6. Declaration of Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary Interests

7. Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising

7.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held 24 March 2015

Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting – 24 March 2015
Recommendation: That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held 24 March 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachment

Minutes of Meeting held 24 March 2015

MINUTES FOR
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

24th March, 2015

ADOPTED:

Don Ramsland
GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE FUNCTION ROOM ON TUESDAY 24 MARCH, 2015 AT 10:00AM

PRESENT

Clr Lane	(Mayor)
Clr Murray	
Clr Walford	
Clr Taylor	
Clr Woodcock	
Clr Cooper	
Clr Greenaway	
Clr Martinez	
Don Ramsland	(General Manager)
Stephen Holland	(Director Corporate Services)
Matthew Goodwin	(Director Planning & Regulatory Services)
Raju Ranjit	(Director Engineering Services)
Prafulla KC	(Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services)
Matthew Clarkson	(Town Planner)
Bronte Kerr	(Minute Secretary)
Rebecca Wilson	(Minute Secretary)

Apologies

2/2015/1 Apologies – March 2015

Resolved:

1. That the apologies received from Clr Keir be accepted and a leave of absence granted.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**

CARRIED

Public Forum Presentations

Mr Gerard O'Brien discussed the following;

- Mr O'Brien reminded Council of his submission at the council meeting in Burren Junction on the 26th November 2013 regarding the option to remove the ramps from Regional Road 426.
- Mr O'Brien informed Council of the prior agreement in which Council could fence off the road (14 kilometres of standard rural fencing on the Burranbaa Road, Lightning Ridge) and he agreed to supply the gates.
- Mr O'Brien expressed his understanding of a reply letter from Mr. Ranjit dated 23 February 2015 that Council had reneged on their original decision to fence off the road.
- Mr O'Brien suggested that Council double the amount per ramp from $4000 to $8000, and he would make up the difference in the cost.
- Mr O'Brien advised that this is a fair compromise which would remove the ramps and bring the road up to a safe and reliable standard.

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Mrs Jenny Brammall (speaking on behalf of Mrs Rebel Black) discussed the following;

- Opportunity to secure funding (to the sum of $30million) from both State and Federal Government for the Australian Opal Centre.
- Barrier to submitting application is having an updated Business Plan (current plan was completed in 2007), Cost Benefit Analysis, Project Management Plan, Project Management Plan, Risk Management Plan, Business Case, Procurement Management Plan and Asset Maintenance or Management Plan.
- Estimated costs to produce these documents is $150-$200,000.
- Australian Opal Centre has obtained a baseline quote to update the Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis of $20,000
- Australian Opal Centre is seeking an advance of $10,000 from Council repayable 12month from receipt, being 50% of costs to update the Business Plan and Cost Benefit Analysis.
- Following the completion of these papers, an application will be prepared and presented to the NSW Government for consideration by Treasury.
- It is intended to seek a $10million commitment, which will be used to match a $10million commitment from the Federal Government through the 'Stronger Regions Fund'.

Mr Col Hundy discussed the following;

- Mr Hundy requested that the 'Lightning Ridge and Opal fields Association' minutes be published in Council business papers.
- Mr Hundy requested that the General Manager provide in writing a detailed report on grant funding in the Shire.
- Mr Hundy suggest that the name 'Walgett Shire Council' be changed
- Mr Hundy advised that the road priorities be investigated and included in the five year road program
- Mr Hundy requested for funds to be distributed to the Aboriginal artefacts
- Mr Hundy suggested that the cleaning times for the bore baths be changed from 12:00am-2:00pm to 10:00am-2:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 10.50am for morning tea
The meeting resumed at 11.15am with all those previously present again present.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Nil

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Confirmation of Minutes

2/2015/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – March 2015

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 10 February 2015, having been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

Mayoral Minutes

2/2015/3 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor

Resolved:

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

Moved: **Clr Lane**
Seconded: **Clr Woodcock**

CARRIED

Motions of Which Notice has been Given

2/2015/4 Motion – Lightning Ridge Trust

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council write to the minister for Western NSW, The Hon Kevin Humphries MP requesting the following:
1 That Crown lands investigate the establishment of a community based trust to manage the Lightning Ridge Crown Reserve.

2 That the committee should have representatives from LRMA, GGSMA, WSC and from the community via ministerial and or local member appointments, with technical advisors from Crown Lands and NSW Trade and Investment, Division of Resources & Energy.

3 That the trust elect internally its own executive and Chair. 4 Seek funding from Minister to prepare a Management Plan for the Reserve and a feasibility study on the acquisition of potential opal bearing lands.

Moved: **Clr Lane**
Seconded: **Clr Woodcock**

CARRIED

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2/2015/5 Motion of which Notice has been given – Rate Reduction

Resolved:

Clr Bill Murray

That Council investigate the possibility of giving a 50% rate reduction to all rate payers within the Shire due to the severe ongoing drought, with the exception of Government Departments and Non-Government Offices, for next financial year provided we can source an equivalent grant from the State or Federal Governments.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

Reports of Committees/Delegates

2/2015/6 Minutes of Workplace Health & Safety Committee meeting – 26 February 2015

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Workplace Health and Safety Committee meeting held 26 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Woodcock**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/7 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 26 February 2015

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 26 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted and adopted as resolutions of Council.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

2/2015/8 Minutes of OROC Meeting held on the 20 February 2015

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the OROC meeting held on the 20 February 2015, having been circulated be received and noted.

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

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Reports from Officers

2/2015/9 Council's Decision Action Report – March 2015

Resolved:

That the Resolution Register for March 2015 be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Martinez**

CARRIED

2/2015/10 Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW

Resolved:

That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 4 – 10 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Cooper**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**

CARRIED

2/2015/11 Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – March 2015

Resolved:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 15-04 to 15-11 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Taylor**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/12 Monthly Calendar – March 2015 to May 2015

Resolved:

That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period March 2015 to May 2015.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

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2/2015/13 2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarship Awards

Resolved:

That council adopt the following recommendations for the awarding of the 2014 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships:

Elizabeth Frien	$1,800 (Bachelor of Parmacy)
Georgie Currey	$1,800 (Bachelor of Business Marketing)
Angus Remond	$1,800(Bachelor of Agri Business)
Phillip Beckwith	$1,800 (Diploma of Children's Services – Early Children Education & care)
Arabella Fleming	$1,800 (Bachelor of Primary Education)
Anna Holcombe	$250 (Bachelor of Agricultural Science)
Brook Holland	$250 (Bachelor of Primary Education)
Sky Holland	$250 (Doctor of Physiotherapy)

Moved: **Clr Martinez**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**

CARRIED

2/2015/14 Australian Opal Centre – Request for support

Resolved:

That Council approve the request from the Australian Opal Centre for an advance of $10,000 repayable within 12 months of the advance being made with the amount advanced being drawn against Council's Economic Development Reserve.

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

CARRIED

2/2015/15 "Fit for the Future Concept" - Consideration of Council's Position and Submission Preparation

Recommendation:

6. That Council endorse the recommendations passed at the Western Division group meeting on 23/24 February, 2015 in relation to Local Government Reform as it affects Western Division Councils.

Moved: **Clr Woodcock**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

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2/2015/16 Grant Funding Income 2013/14 and 2014/15

Recommendation:

That the report on Grant Income – 2013/14 and 2014/15 be received and noted and appropriate publicity be given to the figures in the report.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

2/2015/17 Recognition of Service on Retirement – Mr Garry Molloy, Mr Wayne Holden & Mr Gordon Richards

Recommendation:

That Council endorse arrangements made to make a presentation to three employees at the March 2015 meeting in order that Council gives recognition to these three employees for their years of service including the commitment they have given to their communities whilst being employed by Walgett Shire Council.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Cooper**

CARRIED

2/2015/18 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only

Recommendation:

That the following matters listed for brief mention or information only
Lightning Ridge Arts and Crafts Inc – Loan of Art Works
Walgett Weir Update
Hudson pear Update
Main Street Beautification Project
Revised Budget Timetable
PCYC Progress
be received and noted.

Moved: **Clr Woodcock**
Seconded: **Clr Martinez**

CARRIED

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2/2015/19 Cash On Hand and Investment Report as at 28 February 2015

Recommendation:

That the cash on hand and investment report as at 28 February 2015 be received.

Moved: **Cir Greenaway**
Seconded: **Cir Taylor**

CARRIED

2/2015/20 Council Chambers Honour Boards

Recommendation

1. That Council review the attached list of councillors and senior staff for accuracy and omission and that it be endorsed subject to any further amendments.

Moved: **Cir Walford**
Seconded: **Cir Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/21 Collarenebri Restoration of the Collarenebri Swimming Pool

Recommendation:

1. That the report be received and noted and maintenance work to commence immediately after the pool closes on 1 April 2015.

Moved: **Cir Greenaway**
Seconded: **Cir Walford**

CARRIED

2/2015/22 Walgett Sports Oval No.1 Crown Reserve D520097

Recommendation:

1. That Council consider an allocation of $35,000 offset by grant income of $17,500 for the construction of a long jump pit in the draft 2015/2016 budget but provided only if the grant application is successful.

Moved: **Cir Woodcock**
Seconded: **Cir Walford**

CARRIED

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2/2015/23 Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information Only – From Director Corporate Services

Recommendation:

1. That Council endorse the change of name of the Regional Library Service to 'Big Sky Libraries'
2. That Council note the 'Big Sky Libraries' Logo endorse by the Committee
3. That Council endorse the Draft Regional Library 2015/2016 Budget as submitted.

Moved: **Clr Cooper**
Seconded: **Clr Murray**

CARRIED

Clr Walford left the meeting at 12:25pm
Clr Walford returned to the meeting at 12:33pm

2/2015/24 Amendment to the Spelling of the Shire Road 26

Recommendation:

That Council resolve to:

1. Conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the spelling of the Shire Road 26 in compliance with NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014 and the Roads Regulation Act 2008 to confirm that an amendment is required.
2. If no objections are received during the public consultation period, Council submits a request to the geographical Names Board of New South Wales to have the spelling of SR26 amended to 'Hardy's Lease Road'.
3. Update all Council records and mapping pertaining to SR236 with the amended spelling.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

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2/2015/25 Re-establishment of alcohol free zones

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Note the letter dated 17 February 2015 from the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command requesting that the existing Alcohol Free Zones at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be maintained for a four year period.
2. Undertake consultation regarding establishing alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years, over the same areas as the existing zones. This will include publicising and circulating a proposal document, as well as inviting public submissions, via:
(a) Advertising within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News.
(b) Advertising on the Walgett Shire Council web site.
(c) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the officer in charge of the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri police stations.
(d) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board.
(e) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or ethnic group within the local area
(f) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to all liquor licenses within or adjoining the proposed alcohol free zones.

Moved: **Clr Woodcock**
Seconded: **Clr Martinez**

CARRIED

2/2015/26 Development and complying development certificate applications

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for October 2014 to February 2015.

Moved: **Clr Cooper**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

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2/2015/27 Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy

Resolved:

That Walgett Shire Council resolves to:

1. Allocate $100,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to $:$ in kind contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity).
2. Allocate $40,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to new plantings in the B2 Local Centre zone.
3. Allocate $20,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to festoon lighting in the B2 Local Centre zone
4. Give public notification of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy for a minimum of 28 days, by:
   - Advertising the strategy in the Walgett Spectator.
   - Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site.

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

CARRIED

2/2015/28 Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress report from Director Engineering Services – February 2015

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly work progress report for February 2015.

Moved: **Clr Martinez**
Seconded: **Clr Woodcock**

CARRIED

2/2015/29 Five Year Roads to Recovery Road Work Program for 2014/2015 – 2018/2019

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the five year RTR funding program as detailed in this report.

Moved: **Clr Martinez**
Seconded: **Clr Woodcock**

CARRIED

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2/2015/30 Four Year Capital and Maintenance Work Program for 2015/2016 to 2018/2019

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the four year Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program for the years 2015/2016 to 2018/2019.

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

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2/2015/31 Fixing Country Roads Funding for Gundabloui and Bugilbone Roads

Recommendation:

1. That council accept the Restart NSW funding Offer in the amount of $819,000 for "Gundabloui Road and $1,116,000 for Bugilbone Road Upgrade Project".
2. That Council execute the Restart NSW funding deed signed under the Common Seal of the Council.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/32 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only – Director Engineering Services March 2015

Recommendation:

That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information for be received and noted and Council write to NW WOL Group and advise that as enforcement ceased on 16 February 2015 in Walgett Shire then that is the date Council's contributions will cease.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Cooper**

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2/2015/33 Apex Park Fencing: WH&S Committee's Recommendation to Fence

Recommendation:

1. That Council acknowledge the Work Health and Safety Officer's report Apex Park Fencing.
2. That Council endorse the recommendation to permanently remove the play area fencing and install appropriate signage.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm for lunch.
The meeting resumed at 1:45pm with all those previously present again present.

Questions for the Next Meeting

Clr Martinez

Question 1
How is the performance of Council's Regulatory Officer going? There are still concerns about the amount of dogs roaming on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas in Lightning Ridge.
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised he will reinforce focus on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas.

Question 2
Considering the shortage of staffing at Lightning Ridge, will there be enough staff to cover the cleaning required over the Easter period, particularly for the festival in Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that sufficient staff will be rostered for duty.

Clr Cooper

Question 1
Has Mr Jan Zamlicka's outstanding rates payment and issue been resolved?
Response
The General Manager to investigate and organise a meeting with Mr Jan Zamlicka.

Question 2
What is the status of the damaged Murdi Paaki building, in Fox Street Walgett?
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a notice was issued to reinstate the wall and Council is in discussion with the building owners.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1
Can council appoint a team to fix road and information signs across the shire that are damaged or missing?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Question 2
Can Council arrange for the grading of SR 5 and the Gundabloui Road?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate

Question 3
Can council remove a pipe culvert located 33km out of Walgett on SR16?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate

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Question 1
What is the progress of the IGA in Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that correspondence between Council and IGA solicitors is still taking place.

Question 2
What is happening with the disabled toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Center?
Response
The Director of Corporate Services advised that the budget allocation of $10,000 was insufficient.

Question 3
Is it possible for Council to install showers and toilets in Harlequin Street, Lightning Ridge?
Response
The General Manager advised that there are currently uni-sex toilets

Clr Taylor

Question 1
Can Council investigate installing a shade structure over the play equipment in the Lions Park at Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Question 2
Can Council review the 'No dogs' sign in the Lions Park to ensure visitors are not turned away?
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate.

Question 3
What is the progress of the removal of the old wrecks located behind the PB in Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a letter has been issued to the landowner.

Question 4
Which employee will be responsible for the Lightning Ridge airport following Wayne Holden's retirement?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Anthony Leeder is now the team leader at Lightning Ridge and will be responsible for the airport and gardens.

Question 5
Can Council raise the height of information signs in Lightning Ridge to discourage vandalism?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

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Question 6
What is the update on the street sweeper in Lighting Ridge?
Response
The General Manager advised that Council is considering purchasing own sweeper as part of its plant replacement program.

Question 7
Can Council repair the lights in the toilets behind the BP in Lightning Ridge before the Easter Period?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Clr Murray

Question 1
Has the damaged 'Walgett' (at the Western entrance to Walgett) been repaired yet?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Question 2
Can Council write a letter to Narran Lake Nature Reserve requesting for the reserve to open 3-4 times per year for tourists?
Response
The Director of Corporate Services to investigate

Question 3
Can Council water the dying trees at the very end of Fox street near Woodhams?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Question 4
Can Council look into fencing around the western end of the Walgett cemetery?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

Question 5
Has the issue/s with Howard Wilson's rates been resolved?
Response
The General Manager advised that he will arrange a meeting with Mr. Wilson

Question 6
Can Council investigate installing appropriate 'public toilet' signage for visitors and tourists?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate.

Clr Lane

Question 1
Can Council arrange for the drain at the top of Opal Street in Lighting Ridge to be cleaned?
Response
The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate.

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2/2015/34 Move into Closed Session at 2:15pm

Resolved:

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

(a) that information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)

(b) that the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/35 Shop Awning safety, Collarenebri

Recommendation:

Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Note that historically it has not supported the installation of posts on public streets for awning support in normal circumstances due to public liability and maintenance issues.

2. Endorse the installation of temporary, or permanent, posts to support awnings for the three premises listed below on the basis that:
(a) It is desirable to facilitate the retention of these socially and culturally significant buildings in the streetscape.
(b) The cost of remediation is likely to be relatively high compared to the value of the buildings.
(c) Remediation of older buildings without using posts is likely to add significant costs.

3. Make the endorsement of the installation of posts to support awnings conditional upon: (a) All posts being set back at least 1.5m from the gutter.
(b) NSW Roads and Maritime Services agreeing to the proposal. (c) All posts being maintained in good order.
(d) The affected building owner maintaining a minimum public liability insurance policy of $10,000,000 which includes cover for the posts.

4. If awning safety has not been addressed previously, request that the General Manager issue a 'notice of intention' to issue an order under section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993 requiring the temporary propping of awnings overhanging Wilson St, Collarenebri, to reduce the risk to public safety. Specifically awnings at the following addresses:
(a) 2 Wilson St, Lot 1 Section 14 DP 758262 (Assessment 11635). (b) 9 Wilson St, Lot 9 DP 667728 (Assessment 11619).
(c) 21 Wilson St, Lot 1 DP 103449 (Assessment 11551).

5. Give public notice in accordance with sub-section 356(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 that Walgett Shire Council is proposing to make money available from the Collarenebri main street beautification program budget as a 'grant' to jointly support the owners of the previously listed buildings to engage a structural engineer and builder to remediate the awning and façade of each building. The offer is conditional upon the grant:
(a) Being up to a maximum of $5,000 for each building.
(c) If two or more building owners accept the grant, then Council expects that the same engineer will be used to minimise costs, such as site inspection fees and traveling expenses.
(d) Only being paid upon completion of awning and façade remediation works consistent with a design provided by a structural engineer.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Martinez**

CARRIED

Clr Greenaway and Clr Martinez left the meeting at 2.30pm

2/2015/36 Plant Hire- Opportunity for Further Tender

Recommendation:

1. That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for RFQ 14/031 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW – for the period 15 February 2015 to 30 June 2015.

1. S & L Girard Grader Hire
2. EMS Group Pty Ltd
3. Complete Line Marking Services Pty Ltd
4. Central West civil Pty Ltd
5. Newbold Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd
6. Earth Co Projects Pty Ltd
7. Roberts and Manuel Martinez
8. PG & ME Stewart
9. A1 Tree Service (NSW) Pty LTD
10. Lightning Ridge Miners Association Ltd
11. Wax Grading
12. Ridgerock Earthmoving & Mining Pty Ltd
13. Advanced Sweepers Pty Ltd
14. PW Concrete and Gravel
15. Batterline Earthmoving
16. Wintergreen Investments
17. AE & ME Dewson

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

CARRIED

Clr Greenaway and Clr Martinez returned to the meeting at 2.40pm

2/2015/37 Walgett Water Supply: Proposed Drought Security Emergency Works and Procurement Options

Recommendation:

(a) Receive and note the report
(b) Endorse the action taken by General Manager to execute the emergency water supply works
(c) Issue a householder notice to advise the local community of the action Council is taking
(d)Endorse action to accept the procurement method as an emergency work and resolve not to call open tenders pursuant to Section 55 (3) (i) & (k) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
(e) Call a public meeting when level 3 water restrictions are imposed or less than 40 days water supply remains whichever occurs first.
(f) Make appropriate press release to keep the local community fully aware of the situation and to ally the fears that can be created by the ill-informed social media.

Moved: **Clr Cooper**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

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2/2015/38 Walgett Weir Raising: Water Security Project

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the report
2. That Council endorse the action taken by General Manager to commence the weir raising project
3. Resolve the issue of ownership of the weir and approve to raise the weir height.

Moved: **Clr Greenaway**
Seconded: **Clr Walford**

CARRIED

2/2015/39 Motion – Walgett Community College - Troubling Events

Resolved:

That Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli either in Walgett or in Sydney to discuss the recent very troubling events at the Walgett Community College in an endeavour to resolve ongoing educational issues which are having an extremely detrimental effect on the social fabric of Walgett.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/40 Motion – RAAP Project – Airport Fencing

Resolved:

That Council undertake fencing projects which have been delayed by ongoing drought conditions at both Collarenebri and Walgett as day labour/ contract projects with a view to having both projects completed by late April/ early May.

Moved: **Clr Murray**
Seconded: **Clr Greenaway**

CARRIED

2/2015/41 Return to Open Session at 3:05 pm

Resolved:

1. That Council return to open session.

Moved: **Clr Walford**
Seconded: **Clr Taylor**

CARRIED

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2/2015/42 Adoption of Closed Session Reports
Resolved: That Council adopt the following recommendation of the Closed Committee: 1) Shop Awning safety, Collarenebri 2) Plant Hire, Opportunity for Further Tender 3) Walgett Water Supply - Proposed Drought Security Emergency Works and Procurement options 4) Walgett Weir Raising - Water Security Project 5) Walgett Community College – Meeting with Minister 6) Airport Fencing Projects – Walgett and Collarenebri **Moved:** **Clr Cooper** **Seconded:** **Clr Murray** **CARRIED**

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 3:10pm.

To be confirmed at the meeting of Council to be held on 28 April 2015 in Collarenebri

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Mayor General Manager

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8. Reserve Trust Management Committee Reports - Nil

9. Mayoral Minutes

MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM MAYOR

REPORTING SECTION: Governance

AUTHOR: Clr David Lane - Mayor

Monday 20th March. Mayor

Met with Mark Coulton MP council chambers, discussed drought issues including work scheme and 50% rebate for rates. Hudson pear and how government could use it as a drought relief scheme. Lightning Ridge post office and the fact the parcel system and service are still not adequate.

Wednesday April 1st. Mayor and General Manager

Video conference at Walgett High School with OLG, NSW Premiers and other western division councils giving an update on Government Agencies response to the Far West Initiative discussions.

Met and had dinner with Senator John Williamson in Lightning Ridge with representatives of the Australian Opal Centre.

Monday 20th April. Mayor, General Manager and Clr Murray

Met with Niall Blair MLC, Minister for Land and Water at “Glendale” on Brewon Rd. Discussed issues in Walgett Shire which are affected by the Ministers new portfolios. Topics included drought affected WSC farmers and businesses, Native Vegetation, Crown Lands and Crown Reserve at Lightning Ridge.

Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Mayor
Recommendation: That the matters listed by the Mayor for brief mention or information only be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

10. Motions of which Notice has been given – Nil

11. Presentation of Petitions - Nil

12. Questions from Last Meeting

Clr Martinez

Question 1
How is the performance of Council's Regulatory Officer going? There are still concerns about the amount of dogs roaming on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas in Lightning Ridge.
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised he will reinforce focus on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas.

Question 2
Considering the shortage of staffing at Lightning Ridge, will there be enough staff to cover the cleaning required over the Easter period, particularly for the festival in Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that sufficient staff will be rostered for duty.

Clr Cooper

Question 1
Has Mr. Jan Zamlicka's outstanding rates payment and issue been resolved?
Response
The General Manager to investigate and organise a meeting with Mr. Jan Zamlicka.

Question 2
What is the status of the damaged Murdi Paaki building, in Fox Street Walgett?
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a notice was issued to reinstate the wall and Council is in discussion with the building owners.

Clr Greenaway

Question 1
Can council appoint a team to fix road and information signs across the shire that are damaged or missing?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Question 2
Can Council arrange for the grading of SR 5 and the Gundabloui Road?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action

Question 3
Can council remove a pipe culvert located 33km out of Walgett on SR16?
Response
The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action

Woodcock

Question 1
What is the progress of the IGA in Lightning Ridge?

Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that correspondence between Council and IGA solicitors is still taking place.

Question 2
What is happening with the disabled toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Center?
Response
The Director of Corporate Services advised that the budget allocation of $10,000 was insufficient.

Question 3
Is it possible for Council to install showers and toilets in Harlequin Street, Lightning Ridge?
Response
The General Manager advised that there are currently uni-sex toilets in Lightning Ridge. The provision of unsupervised public showers in public toilets presents an undesirable risk for Council.

Clr Taylor

Question 1
Can Council investigate installing a shade structure over the play equipment in the Lions Park at Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action

Question 2
Can Council review the 'No dogs' sign in the Lions Park to ensure visitors are not turned away?
Response
The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate and take appropriate action

Question 3
What is the progress of the removal of the old wrecks located behind the PB in Lightning Ridge?
Response
The Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a letter has been issued to the landowner.

Question 4
Which employee will be responsible for the Lightning Ridge airport following Wayne Holden's retirement?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Anthony Leeder is now the team leader at Lightning Ridge and will be responsible for the airport and gardens. Other vacant positions at Lightning Ridge have now been filled.

Question 5
Can Council raise the height of information signs in Lightning Ridge to discourage vandalism?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action

Question 6
What is the update on the street sweeper in Lighting Ridge?
Response

The General Manager advised that Council is considering purchasing own sweeper as part of its plant replacement program. A secondhand sweeper is currently being offered for sale by Bourke Shire Council.

Question 7
Can Council repair the lights in the toilets behind the BP in Lightning Ridge before the Easter Period?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Clr Murray

Question 1
Has the damaged 'Walgett' (at the Western entrance to Walgett) been repaired yet?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Question 2
Can Council write a letter to Narran Lake Nature Reserve requesting for the reserve to open 3-4 times per year for tourists?
Response
The General Manager has written to NLNR.

Question 3
Can Council water the dying trees at the very end of Fox street near Woodhams?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Question 4
Can Council look into fencing around the western end of the Walgett cemetery?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

Question 5
Has the issue/s with Howard Wilson's rates been resolved?
Response
The General Manager advised that he will arrange a meeting with Mr. Wilson

Question 6
Can Council investigate installing appropriate 'public toilet' signage for visitors and tourists?
Response
The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate and take appropriate action.

Clr Lane

Question 1
Can Council arrange for the drain at the top of Opal Street in Lighting Ridge to be cleaned?
Response
The Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate and take appropriate action.

13. Reports of Committees/Delegates

13.1 Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting – 19 March 2015

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting- 19th March 2015
Recommendation: That the minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held 19th March 2015 having been circulated be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachment

Minutes of Meeting held 19th of March 2015

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIVE COMMITEE

The following are minutes of the Walgett Shire Council Consultative Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 19 March 2015 in the Walgett Council chambers, meeting commencing at 2:40pm

1. PRESENT

Prafulla KC	Committee Member (LGEA Representative) - Chairperson
Don Ramsland	Management Representative
Raju Ranjit	Management Representative
Matthew Clarkson	Committee Member (DEPA Representative)
Norman Dunn	Committee Member (United Services Union)
Donna Ruttley	Committee Member (United Services Union)
Tony Fuller	Committee Member (United Services Union)
Roy White	Management Representative
Julie McKeown	Acting Human Resources Manager

2. APOLOGIES

Sharon Charlton	United Services Union Organiser

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2013 were confirmed and accepted:-

Moved: Julie McKeown
Seconded: Raju Ranjit

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 9 Day Fortnight Agreement

Acting Human Resources Manager, Julie McKeown, advised the Committee that drafting a 9 Day Fortnight Agreement for Walgett Shire Council is ongoing.

6.1 Stores Trainee

The Committee was advised by Don Ramsland, General Manager that there is no allocated budget for the Position. As per the recommendation from 12 December 2013 meeting the position has been included in the Organisational Structure in line with Council's other Trainee and Apprentice positions.

6.3 Election of new Secretary

Julie McKeown nominated Donna Ruttley for the Secretary's position. Donna declined.
Donna Ruttley nominated Julie McKeown for the Secretary's position. Julie declined.

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It was decided to hold over election to the next Committee Meeting whereby the Human Resources Manager position may have been filled.
Julie McKeown, Acting Human Resources Manager to take minutes for current meeting.

6.5 Team Leader Water & Sewerage (Position Description)

Don Ramsland, General Manager advised that with the pending resignation of Team Leader Les Greene expected in February 2014, it was an opportunity to revise the Position Description for Team Leader Water & Sewerage, Walgett. The current Position Description was deemed adequate and the position filled by Michael Dowell.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Resignation USU members

Julie McKeown, Acting Human Resources Manager advised that resignations had been received from Dallas Williams and Raelene Miller.

RECOMMENDATION:

Don Ramsland, General Manager requested a letter be forwarded to Raelene Miller and Dallas Williams accepting their resignation.

5.2 Welcome new Committee members

Prafulla KC welcomed new Committee Members (USU Representatives) Donna Ruttley and Norman (John) Dunn.

5.3 Aboriginal Liaison and Community Development Officer

Don Ramsland, advised that the Position description had been revised and evaluated through the Mercer salary system and has been determined to be a Grade 4.
The Committee were advised that considerable discussion had taken place in determining the grade.
The Committee were requested to endorse the Aboriginal Liaison & Community Development Officer Position Description with the following amendments.

Programs and Services – Point 6. To read as follows.

"Increase the awareness of the Aboriginal Community regarding careers and employment in Local Government **available, especially to local youth**"

General Accountabilities – Point 6. To include "indigenous"

"Ensure effective communication of corporate decisions, policies and directions to **indigenous** staff.

That the words **"designated as an identified position"** be added in brackets beside the position title.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the Position Description for the Aboriginal Liaison and Community Development Officer be endorsed with the above amendment.**
2. **That the position be endorsed as a Grade four (4)**
3. **That position is designated as identified.**

5.4 Proposed Council Organisational Structure

Don Ramsland, General Manager outlined his proposal to combine Urban Services and Rural Infrastructure Services into one department and transfer the garbage function to a newly titled Environmental Services (Currently known as Planning and Regulatory Services).
Matthew Clarkson asked if this would include Council Assets such as housing? Don advised that he believes that housing should come under Health and Building and not Urban services or Corporate Services as this is currently not working effectively.
Donna Ruttley asked if the same number of staff would still be required if the two engineering departments merged? Don Ramsland advised there would be no reduction in staff.
Don hopes to have the intended updated Organisational structure tabled at the April 2015 Council Meeting. There will also be an update on the structure to all staff going out with the next payslips.

Tony Fuller enquired about the existing Organisational structure and that there appeared to be missing positions for Roller Operators. Raju Ranjit responded that Council has 6 designated permanent Roller positions, which are all filled. There is provision within the Organisational chart for Casual operators as the need arises.

Tony Fuller noted the number of vacant positions on the Organisational chart and enquired as to when these would be filled. Julie McKeown, Acting Human Resources Manager responded that 2 positions had been filled that week with a number others positions currently undertaking the shortlisting process.

6.5 Training & Conferences

The Committee was advised by Julie McKeown, Acting Human Resources Manager that the following training has been provided/completed by staff. Includes but not limited to.

First Aid, NSW Public Libraries Conference, GIS Addressing workshop, Certificate IV Food Surveillance, RMS tickets(Yellow,Blue,Red,Orange), Exponare, Rating Professionals workshop, Gas Chlorine Handling, Community Sharps Awareness, Health & Building Surveyor diploma, Certificate IV Accounting, Records, Safer by design and Reflect.

The Committee were advised some of the training that has been arranged

- Chemical Certificate

- Examiners Ticket – Light vehicle
- Certificate IV Water Operations

7. NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting – Thursday, 30 April 2015 at 2:30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm

Next Meeting of the Consultative Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 30 April 2015, 2:30pm at the Council Chambers.

I advise that in accordance with my delegated authority, the recommendations of the Consultative Committee contained in this report are accepted.

Signed: _____ Mr Don Ramsland, General Manager

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13.3 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 9th April 2015

Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 9th April 2015
Recommendation: That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 9th April 2015 having been circulated be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachment

Minutes of Meeting held 9th of April 2015

WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD AT WALGETT COUNCIL MEETING ROOM ON THURSDAY 9 APRIL 2015 AT 10:15 AM

PRESENT

Stephen Holland	(Acting General Manager Walgett Shire Council)
David Vant	(Road Safety & Traffic, Western Region, RMS NSW)
Snr Con. Lockett	(NSW Police)
Mauel Martinez	(Councillor – Walgett Shire Council)
Raju Ranjit	(Director Engineering Services- Walgett Shire Council)
Cassie Andrews	(Administrative Services Officer- Walgett Shire Council)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies – 9 April 2015 2015

Recommendation:

Apologies received from the following be accepted:

Ian Woodcock	(Local State Member's Representative)
Jane Keir	(Walgett Shire Council Deputy-Mayor)
Don Ramsland	(General Manager – Walgett Shire Council)

Moved: Consensus
Seconded:

2. DECLERATION OF PECUNIARY/NON PECUNIARY INTRESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting – 12 February 2015

Resolved: 96

1. That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee meeting held 12 February 2015, have been circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Consensus
Second:

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 School Bus Stop Sign at 8662 Millie Road (Request from Christine McDonnell)

David Vant, RMS confirmed approval to install signs as proposed.

ACTION:
1. .Road appears straight, low traffic volume and will be discussed with applicant on site.

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Council to arrange on site meeting.

4.2 Petition for Speed humps in Fantasia Street Lightning Ridge

Matter in progress. Counter has been removed after 3 months data collection. Distribution of data to be sent to LATC members before the next meeting in April 2015.

ACTION:
1. Data to be analysed and distributed to committee members for consideration at the April 2015 LATC meeting. 2. Committee to recommend further action as required, then forward to Council for consideration if required. 3. Committee decided to wait until data had been collated prior to making decision.

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Nil

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4.3 Lightning Ridge Black Spot Program

Morilla Street Project (Part 1) – Completed. Inspection has been completed by RMS. RMS to advise Raju of any amendments / changes required before project finalisation.

Opal / Pandora Street Project (Part 2) - Design for Opal / Pandora Street Project has been submitted to LACT committee members and approved by Council. Community Consultation was held 28 January 2015. Project to commence soon.

ACTION:
1. Morilla Street - RMS to advise any small changes to street signs and pedestrian crossing markings required for Raju's action. 2. Opal / Pandora Street project to commence March 2015. 3. David Vant (RMS) advised that pedestrian access must be made in island 4. Raju Ranjit to forward email to David Vant (RMS) certifying pedestrian access has been completed with specified measurements as required.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

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4.4 Walgett Main Street Beautification Project

PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) to be included in the 2015/2016 WSC Budget.

ACTION:
1. Council to ensure RMS are involved in Walgett Main Street Beautification Project 2. Raju Ranjit to explore options and associated costs of hiring a consultant to assist with PAMP preparation 3. David Vant (RMS) noted without PAMP, no funding will be committed to project 4. Raju to seek Council approval to engage PAMP consultant and to include in 2015/2016 Budget.
RECOMMENDATION:
Seek Council approval to engage consultant 2015/2016 financial year to prepare PAMP. Report to be submitted for March 2015 Council meeting.

4.5 Road Trains Access to Monument / Round-a-bout in Fox Street Walgett

Matter on going.
Investigation has been completed and determined that there is no restricted access or rescinded area applicable to Heavy Vehicles with respect to the round-a-bout in Fox Street / Access to the Monument . David Vant advised that an application to RMS is required to do so.
Clr Keir requested that this Heavy Vehicle Access issue be resolved before the 2015 ANZAC Centenary celebration in April 2015.
David Vant to contact relevant RMS representative for further consultation on the matter. Further signage of the "Heavy Vehicle By Pass" is required to ensure suitable visibility, aiming to encourage use of the by-pass to reduce heavy vehicle access of the town centre (monument / round-a-bout). Bate Street to be included in the by-pass and inclusion to be made visible. RMS to assist this process, particularly on the Southern side of town.

ACTION:
1. David Vant (RMS) suggested alternative route for road trains; Wee Waa Street to Bait Street, Bait Street to Highway

RECOMMENDATION:
Matter ongoing. Outcome of application to be advised to council in due course.

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4.6 Cumborah Community Inc. - Request for street sign

David Vant (RMS) approved installation of standard "kids crossing road sign".

Traffic counter has been installed. Data will be collected and reported at the April 2015 LACT meeting.

ACTION:
1. Raju to arrange installation of sign. 2. David Vant (RMS) to obtain sign for installation by WSC

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

4.7 Rowena Village Inn – Request for Tourist Signs (Intersection of Merrywinebone Road (RR329) and Cameron's Lane (SR128) Rowena Lane.

Committee concluded that this request does not qualify for Tourist Information signs, as per RMS Service Sign and Tourist Sign policies.

ACTION:
1. Outcome to be advise in writing to Cindy Bird (owner of Rowena Village Inn).

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

4.8 Signs and Parking, IGA Walgett

Snr Con Lockett and Raju inspected signs in front of IGA. Necessary changes have been made to signs and positioning of signs for effective parking and associated policing. Confirmation was obtained by the planning department that one entry / exit point for the IGA car park was approved in the DA.

Further investigation was given to the traffic flow issue in Fox Street (CBD) primarily due to the practice of U-turns in Fox Street (CBD area) and the use of Neilly Lane. Need to look at most effective way to manage one way access of Neilly Lane. It was suggested that the island barriers in Fox Street be connected to eliminate U-Turns and the direct cross street access of Neilly Lane. Proposed changes to be discussed with Siva (RMS).

ACTION:
1. Raju to discuss proposed changes with Siva (RMS). 2. Raju Ranjit to organise for installation of U-Turn ahead sign

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

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4.9 Rough surface area 40km North of Walgett, Gwydir Highway

Snr Con Lockett raised concern at the previous meeting regarding a rough section of road approximately 40km north of Walgett on the Gwydir Highway towards Collarenebri near Schmarlkuche Road (SR47). He advised that people are driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid rough surface.
David Vant has conducted inspection and advised that work is required. Further discussions are required with Siva (RMS).

ACTION:
1. David Vant to discuss work required with Siva and report plan at next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

4.10 Intersection of Wee Waa & Peel Street Intersection

Issue was reported to Council regarding the large sign at the Wee Waa and & Peel street intersection. The sign is reportedly impairing the vision of Road Train operators heading West towards Brewarrina coming from Montkeila Street.

David Vant advised WSC are to make necessary changes to the positioning of the sign ensuring changes do not adversely impact other factors in any way.

ACTION:
1. Raju Ranjit to arrange changes as per request.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

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5. INCOMMING CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 No Stopping Signs Herbert Street, Collarenebri

Braden Hamilton requested 'no stopping' sign be reviewed on Herbert Street, Collarenebri as pedestrian crossed has not been used since school renovations commenced two years ago.

ACTION:
1. David Vant to follow up with Jenene Pout to determine if school crossing is used and organise appropriate action

RECOMMENDATION:

5.2 Road Closures Requests / TCP's

Lightning Ridge Easter Festival request, Saturday 4 April 2015 - circulated and approved.

Walgett ANZAC Day request, Saturday 25 April 2015 - circulated and approved.

Clr Jane Keir and David Vant (RMS) confirmed (via return email) they had no issues with Road Closure/ TCP requests.

ACTION:
1. WSC to implement TCPs accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

5.3 Posts to support awnings for 3 shops in Collarenebri

Following Council resolution, WSC is seeking support from NSW RMS to enable the erection of temporary, or permanent, posts to support awnings for the shops in Wilson Street, Walgett.

ACTION:
1. Director Planning and Regulatory Matthew Goodwin forward information to Andrew McIntyre (RMS) for consideration and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

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6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Installation of Walgett Walking Track Signs

WSC has received a request to install information signs for the Walgett Walking track on both sides of the Marjorie Phillis Walford Bridge

ACTION:
1. David Vant (RMS) to inspect prosed sign locations and provide feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

6.2 Access off Private Property onto Council Road

WSC has received a request from Mr Warren Ensbey to join a a private road to the Come-By-Chance Road approximately 17kms east of Walgett

ACTION:
1. David Vant (RMS) enquired as to whether this would become Mr Ensbey's main access and noted that if it was the pre-existing access should be closed. 2. Committee asked for further information, such as drainage and maintenance considerations, Raju to obtain more information from Mr Ensbey. 3. Raju Ranit to submit a report to April Council meeting for consideration

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

6.3 Truck Loading Times – Wee Waa Street, Walgett Post Office

WSC has received a request to amend the loading zone times from 10am – 1pm to 9.30am to 1pm.

ACTION:
1. Committee had no issue with time change and agreed to grant permission for loading time to be amended.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

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6.4 Clarification on seatbelt requirements

Raju Ranjit requested clarification on seatbelt requirements for Council employees working within site boundaries.

ACTION:
1. Snr Con Christopher Lockett confirmed that no ticket will be issued to persons not wearing a seatbelt providing; - Speed is less that 25km/hour and/or that employee is directly engaged in work within the site boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

6.5 Celebrating 100 years of Women in Police Event

Snr. Con. Christopher Lockett advised that NSW Police will be participating in baton relay event on Sunday 17 May 2015 as part of celebrations for the Women in Policing Event.

ACTION:
1. Snr Con Christopher Lockett confirmed that the Baton Relay participants would be accompanied by Police escort vehicles, and road closures were no required. NSW Police to take full responsibility for event 2. David Vant (RMS) noted that if event is classified as a class 4 event, no conditions will need to be applied or approved.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

6.6 Damaged Street Sign – intersection of Pandora Street and Sherman Way, Lightning Ridge

Clr Manuel Martinez noted that the sign at the intersection of Pandora Street and Sherman Way Lightning Ridge needs to be repaired.

ACTION:
1. Raju Ranjit to organise for sign to be repaired.

RECOMMENDATION:
Nil.

7. **CLOSE OF MEETING –** 11.20 am

8. **CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday 11 June 2015, 10:00am

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WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE					
Actions carried forward from the previous minutes					
Last Meeting Date: 11 December 2014					
Action No.	**Actions**	**Responsible Person**	**Due Date**	**Completed Date**	**Notes / Comments**
4.1	School Bus Stop Sign – Millie Road. WSC to arrange installation of signs	Raju	30/03/2015		
4.2	Petition for Speed Bumps Fantasia St Lightning Ridge - Counter data to be analysed and distributed to committee members	Raju	30/03/2015		Data has been received and will be tabled in June LATC meeting.
4.3	Lightning Ridge Black Spot Projects - RMS to advise changes required. WSC to implement changes. Opal / Pandora street job to commence Pedestrian access to be installed	Raju	30/02/2015		Work in progress.
4.4	Walgett Main Street Beautification Raju Ranjit to seek Council approval to engage PAMP consultant and include in 2015/16 Budget	Raju	1/7/2015		Report on PAMP study will be included in April Council meeting.
4.5	Application to rescind Road Train Access to Fox Street (CBD Walgett). David Vant to consult further with RMS. Submit application to have Heavy Vehicle Access rescinded in Fox Street, Walgett.	David Vant, Raju	30/02/2015		Will be in April Council Meeting. Aim to have application outcome by ANZAC Centenary Celebrations – 25 April 2015.

4.6	Cumborah Community Inc sign - Raju to arrange sign installation David Vant to obtain sign for installation by WSC	Raju	30/03/2015		
4.7	Rowena Village Inn – Tourist Sign Request. Send letter to Cindy Bird (Rowena Village Inn)advising request does not qualify	Raju / Cassie	30/03/2015		Suggest private arrange with local land holder
4.8	Fox Street Island barriers - Raju to discuss proposed changes with Siva (RMS) Installation of 'U-Turn Ahead' sign.	Raju	30/03/2015		Work in progress
4.9	Problem Area Gwydir Highway - David Vant to discuss work required with Siva (RMS)	David Vant / Raju	30/03/2015		Work in progress
4.10	Sign causing vision impairment Wee Waa and Peel St Intersection - Raju to arrange changes to positioning of sign as required	Raju	30/02/2015	6/4/2015	
5.1	Request to review No Stopping signs, Herbert Street, Collarenebri. David Vant to follow up with Jenene Pout (RMS)	Raju			
5.2	Road Closure Requests / TCP, Lighting Ridge Easter Festival and Walgett ANZAC Day - WSC to implement TCP's accordingly	Raju / David Vant	25/4/2015		TCP and other documents for Walgett have been forwarded to LATC members for comment.
5.3	Posts to support awnings for 3 shops in Collarenebri. Information has been sent by Matthew Goodwin to Andrew	Raju / David Vant			RMS and WSC Planning and Regulatory Department are investigating this matter.

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WALGETT LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

	McIntyre (RMS) for consideration.				
6.1	Installation of Walgett Walking Track Signs. David Vant to review position suggestion and provide feedback.	David Vant	1/7/2015	13.4.15	
6.2	Permission to obtain access off private property onto Council Road requested by Mr Warren Ensbey. Raju to obtain more information.	Raju Ranjit	1/7/2015		Waiting for more detailed documents
6.3	Truck Loading Times – Walgett Post Office. Permission was granted by the Committee for times to be amended.	Raju Ranjit	1/7/2015		
6.4	Clarification on seatbelt requirements. Snr Con C Lockett advised of conditions. Raju Ranjit to communicate to WSC employees	Raju Ranjit	1/7/2015		Sign has been ordered
6.5	Policing Event – 17/5/2015. Committee agreed no road closures or normal conditions were necessary as NSW Police were taking full responsibility of event	Nil	17/5/2015		
6.6	Damaged Street Sign – to be repaired by WSC	Raju Ranjit	1/7/2015		Work in progress

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14.1 GENERAL MANAGER

COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland

FILE NUMBER: 10/154

Summary:

This schedule summarises the action taken in respect of matters considered at the previous meeting of Council this year.

Background:

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

Current Position:

Details of Action taken/being taken are flagged for each motion.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Resolution Register April 2015

Governance issues:

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

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Council and Manex Team

Financial Implications:

Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

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

Council's Decision Action Report – April 2015
Recommendation: That the Resolution Register for April 2015 be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachment:

Resolution Register – April 2015

14.1 GENERAL MANAGER

RESOLUTION ACTION LIST

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 11th February 2014

11th February 2014	2/2014/4	That Council considers making provision for $41,250 in the 2014/15 budget being 50% of the total quoted funds to refurbish/upgrade of the existing male jockey's facilities and the addition of female jockey change and washrooms. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Woodcock	Director Corporate Services	11.03.14 Capital feasibility document provided to Finance Manager. 15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget. 20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination. 14.07.14 $57,000 provision made in budget. 12.08.14 Grant approved. Additional budget required at September QBRS. 18.09.14 Meeting to be convened with showground users to firm up design and commence works. Meeting held 26.09.14. Awaiting plans from the Jockey Club. 18.11.14 Still awaiting plans from Dick James, regular follow up taking place.. 01.12.14 Still awaiting plans. 03.02.15 Plans received. Matching funds in December QBRS. Director Regulatory Services reviewing approval requirements. 24.03.15 Meeting held with Showground/Racecourse representatives to finalise plans. Work to be completed prior to June Race Meeting. 28.04.15 Draughtsman engaged to draw up plans	Director Corporate Services	
	2/2014/19	1.That Council endorse the proposed replacement or refurbishment the Gray Park toilet block. 2.That Council consider making provision in the 2014/2015 budget of an amount of $75,000 for the replacement or refurbishment of the existing amenities block in Gray Park	Director Corporate Services	11.03.14 Capital feasibility document provided to Finance Manager. Assets Officer requested to prepare a condition	Director Corporate Services	

		3.That Council also investigate the Walgett caravan park toilets. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Woodock		assessment for Alex Trevallion Park Toilets (Walgett Caravan Park toilets). 15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget. 20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination. Trevallion Park Toilets review not yet commenced. 16.06.14 Gray Park Toilet project not included in budget. New Property Officer undertaking inspection and report. 14.07.14 Application for 50% funding submitted under the Community Building Partnerships Program. 12.08.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application. 10.10.14 No further update. 18.11.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application. 01.12.14 Advice on grant application due December. 03.02.15 Grant application unsuccessful. Provision made in Dec QBRS for $75,000 including funding. 24.03.15 Specification inviting quotations advertised. 28.04.15 project specs revised		
	2/2014/20	That consideration for provision to be made in the 2013/2014 budget for an amount of $20,000 to conduct an investigation and development of options for the design and upgrade of the administration building air conditioning system. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Lane	Director Corporate Services	11.03.14 Specifications being developed. 15.04.14 Submissions close 30.04.14. 20.05.14 Tenders received to be considered at June meeting. 16.06.14 Project working group formed to assess tenders. 14.07.14 Project team meeting on 15 July to review tender spec. 12.08.14 Tenders due 18 August. 10.10.14 Project under review by GM. 18.11.14 Project under	Director Corporate Services	

				review. 03.02.15 Project under review. 24.03.15 Project under review 28.04.15 Project to be considered in 2015/2016 budget.		
11th February 2014	2/2014/39	1. That the content of the report be noted. 2.That the actions of the Acting General Manager to engage Lawyer Piper Alderman under the funding agreement with Bentham IMF Ltd be endorsed. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Taylor	Director Corporate Services	11.03.14 Matter ongoing. 15.04.14 Matter ongoing. Awaiting proof of debt from lawyers. 20.05.14 Proof of claim lodged with liquidators by lawyers. 14.07.14 Proof of claim admitted by liquidators. 12.08.14 Awaiting further update. 01.12.14 Ongoing. 03.02.15 Matter ongoing. Change of lawyer to Squire Patton Boggs. 24.03.15 Matter ongoing no further update. 28.04.15 Matter ongoing – no further update		

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 25th March 2014

25th March 2014	5/2014/35	That Council consider a provision in the Draft 2014/15 Budget of $150,000 for a new Unified Communications telephone system and associated data infrastructure upgrade. Subject to funding it is further recommended that Council proceed to stage 2 being the preparation of tender documentation and the calling of tenders. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Cooper	Director Corporate Services	15.04.14 Included in draft 14/15 budget. 20.05.14 Awaiting budget determination. 16.06.14 No funds provided in 2014/15 budget. 14.07.14 Provision made in final adopted budget. Consultant finalising tender spec. 12.08.14 Tender advertised. Tenders closed 09.09.14. Report to October meeting 18.11.14 Project progressing on schedule. 01.12.14 Project on scheduled. Cabling project to be finalised. 03.02.15 Cabling project completed. Unified communications system	Director Corporate Services	

				planning well advanced prior to site installation. 24.3.15 Data plan and pricing finalised with Telstra. 28.04.15 project progressing with install date of June 2015		

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 29th April 2014 held 8 May 2014

8 May 2014	7/2014/13	That Council undertake negotiations with Transponder Technologies to develop a scope of works and quotation for the supply, installation and commissioning of a Point of Sale system at both the Harlequin St and Onyx St standpipes in Lightning Ridge. Moved: Clr Keir Seconded: Clr Lane	Director Corporate Services	20.05.14 Awaiting further information. 16.06.14 Request for detailed proposal made again on 16 June. 14.07.14 Detailed proposal to be provided by 16 July 2014 with report to August meeting. 12.08.14 Company has had further discussions with DCS and DUS. 18.09.14 Further clarification on some aspects being sought. 10.10.14 Further discussions held with supplier. Pricing, modelling and further cost benefit analysis required. 18.11.14 No further progress. 01.12.14 No further progress. 03.02.15 Project not progressed. 24.03.15 Project not progressed. 28.04.15 Project not progressed	Director Corporate Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 27th May 2014

27 May 2014	8/2014/10	1. That Council obtain detailed report on cost of running all sporting services in Walgett Shire. 2. That naming rights for the Lightning Ridge Pool are investigated. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Walford	General Manager	02.06.14 Report being prepared for August 2014 meeting 18.09.14 Deferred to October meeting. 22.10.14 Deferred to April meeting.	General Manager	
27 May 2014	8/2014/12	That Council approve the disposal of identified e-waste and the Reserve e-waste be engaged to remove and dispose of the e-waste at no cost to Council Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Lane	Director Corporate Services	16.06.14 Project proceedings with next stage to stack and wrap on pallets. 14.07.14 Project progressing. 12.08.14 Project progressing. 18.09.14 Project on hold due to other priorities. 10.10.14 Project on hold. Interest in participating to be sought from Brewarrina and Bourke Councils. 18.11.14 Project yet to be progressed. 01.12.14 Project on hold due to other priorities. 03.02.15 Service provider now requires e-waste to be shipped to Sydney. Alternative options being investigated. 24.03.15 Alternative options still being pursued. 28.04.15 alternative options still being pursued	Director Corporate Services	
27 May 2014	8/2014/21	That the General Manager and Mayor be authorised to negotiate 2-3 year options on suitable land for commercial development in the Walgett CBD and also negotiate in relation to the possible commercial redevelopment of the carpark off Neilly Street, Walgett. Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Taylor	General Manager	15.09.14 Negotiations continuing. 22.10.14 Awaiting draft MOU.	General Manager	
27 May 2014	Qs next meeting	Clr Taylor Can Council investigate the possibility of implementing a user pays system at the Burren Junction Bore Baths? Response The General Manager advised that investigations will take place as part of Council's review of Shire wide services.	General Manager	27.05.14 The General Manager advised that investigations will take place as part of Council's review of Shire wide services. 15.09.14 Being prepared for October 2014 Meeting. 22.10.14 Preparation of report delayed until	General Manager	

				November meeting.		
27 May 2014	Qs next meeting	Clr Lane There are currently no precinct committees in operation in Lightning Ridge, Walgett and Grawin. Should we encourage residents to get these committees up and running again?	General Manager	27.05.14 General Manager to investigate. The General Manager also advised that the Collarenebri Precinct Committee is in the process of being re-established as the Town Improvement Committee.	General Manager	
27 May 2014	Qs next meeting	Clr Martinez Can 3 grids north of Lightning Ridge on the O'Brien's property be addressed?	Director Engineering Services	Has been scheduled for inspection(19/06/2014) 14.07.14 Received three written quotations for fencing works. As per Grid policy, $4000 per grid can be contributed towards the removing the grid. 12.08.14 Discussion took place with Mr O'Brien and waiting on his response. 24.03.15 Received a letter re: the fencing work. Council advised him in writing about the Grid Policy and can pay only $4,000 per grid.	Director Engineering Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 24th June 2014

24 June 2014	9/2014/14	That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: 1.Note the report on the activities of Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison, during 2013-2014. 2. Endorse and adopt the following documents, as prepared by Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor, Ray Christison: (a) Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Annual Report 2013-2014. (b) Walgett Shire Council Heritage Strategic Plan 2014-2017. 3.Endorse submission of the documents to the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning & Environment. 4.Note that Ray Christison of High Ground Consulting has advised Walgett Shire Council that he will cease providing heritage advisory services as soon as Council can find a replacement advisor. 5.Write to Ray Christison and thank him for his work as Walgett Shire Council's heritage advisor from 2008 until 2014. 6.Seek expressions of interest for a new Heritage Advisor: (a) Consistent with the document titles "How to Establish a Heritage Advisor Service", published by Heritage Branch, NSW Office of Environment & Heritage, July 2011. (b) Where feasible, in consultation with the Bourke and Brewarrina Shire Councils as part of a resource sharing initiative of the Outback	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Director Planning & Regulatory Services is currently consultation with the Bourke and Brewarrina Shire Councils as part of a resource sharing initiative of the Outback Shires Alliance. Meeting held 10/9/2014 at Brewarrina to meet with Brewarrina heritage advisor and discuss resource sharing. 31.10.14 Council wrote to Office Environment & Heritage regarding facilitating sharing of Heritage Advisor	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

		Shires Alliance. Moved: Clr Cooper Seconded: Clr Greenaway				
24 June 2014	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the fencing and ramps to be installed on Gerard O'Brien's property? Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	24.06.14 The Director Engineering Services advised that Expressions of Interest close on Friday 4 July 2014. 11.09.2014 – Waiting for response.	Director Engineering Services	
24 June 2014	Qs next meeting	Does Council currently have a Carpenter on staff? Clr Greenaway	General Manager	24.06.14 The General Manager advised that Council do not currently have a Carpenter, however are interested in hiring one. Council's current Building Maintenance Officer does undertake small tasks in the main administration building.	General Manager	
24 June 2014	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the Coonabarabran to Mungindi Road Improvement Programme? Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	24.06.14 The General Manager advised that Council have undertaken a feasibility study and are now waiting for response from Kevin Humphries MP who is coordinating the programme. Director of Engineering is to contact Mr Humphries to investigate where matter is up to. 14.07.14 Discussed with Mayor of Narrabri Shire Council on 7/7/2014 regarding the project. He will contact with Kevin Humphries for further updates.	Director Engineering Services	
24 June 2014	9/2014/21	1. That the General Manager be authorised to take the necessary steps to resolve outstanding Title issues. 2. That Council draft a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development and exchange of the Neilly Street Carpark. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir	General Manager	15.09.14 All owners contacted and in process of arranging transfers. 21.10.14 Solicitors advise matter nearing resolution.	General Manager	

24 June 2014	9/2014/22	1. That a detailed review of Council's staff housing stock be carried out in the 2014/15 financial year with a view to preparing not only not only a routine maintenance programme but also a capital upgrade and replacement programme as well. 2. Further that Council reaffirm the approach of transferring the income from any property sales to a cash backed reserve to provide for future property development. 3. Council obtain quotes for upgrade of work to the 6 Vaughn Place property and undertake work as necessary. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager/Director Corporate Services	14.07.14 Matter referred to Property Officer to obtain work schedule and cost. 12.08.14 Awaiting report from builder. 18.09.14 Review ongoing, tenders advertised for refurbishment of 6 Vaughn Place. 10.10.14 Quotations being obtained. 01.12.14 Analysis of property reports for overall works programs ongoing. Contract for 6 Vaughn Place awarded to GBC Builders. 8.2.15 Work commenced on 6 Vaughan Place 28.04.15 6 Vaughn place completed – property inspections in progress	General Manager/Director Corporate Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 22nd July 2014

22 July 2014	10/2014/16	1. That repairs to the existing lights on the western towers be undertaken at an estimated cost of $10,000 subject to unspent funds being brought forward from the 2013/2014 Parks and Reserves Capital Maintenance Vote. 2. That an application be submitted under the Sport and Recreation Facility Development Program for 50% funding of a total upgrade of the Spider Brown Oval lights and if successful, that matching funding be provided from Parks and Reserves Capital Maintenance Vote in the 2015 / 2016 Budget. Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Lane	Director Corporate Services	12.08.14 LRE to undertake lightning repairs. 18.09.14 Work completed, funding program not yet open. 10.10.14 Application being developed. Program open and closes on 31 October 2014. 01.12.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application. 03.02.15 Advice received that application was unsuccessful. 24.03.15 Project remains on programme for future grant opportunities. 28.04.15 Grant approved – matching funding required in 2015/16 budget	Director Corporate Services	
22 July 2014	Questions next meeting	There are parts of fencing, doors and windows missing from a house on the corner of Morilla and Gem Streets which looks untidy. Can Council issue an order for the property to be tidied up? Response The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate Clr Lane	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	The residence is boarded up, ongoing investigation, monitoring by P&R staff is occurring currently. 8/9/2014. . Owner has advised that unsecured buildings will be made	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

				secure. Inspection undertaken 28.1.15. Notice of intention to issue an order issued 24.3.15 re rubbish & unsecure buildings		
22 July 2014	Questions next meeting	What is the progress of works to be undertaken at the Lightning Ridge IGA? Response The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that propping has been put in place and an engineer has approved this propping. Council recently wrote to the IGA owner requesting information regarding permanent propping with no response. The Director Planning & Regulatory Services will follow up response. Clr Cooper	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Ongoing correspondence between Council and IGA owner relating to permeant propping, currently no indication as to when design shall be completed by Engineers. . In e-mail dated 19-1-2015 building owner's legal representative expects work to commence late March 2015 to implement permanent remediation measures.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 26th August 2014

26 August 2014	11/2014/4	That the General Manager investigate the most appropriate or opportune timing for withdrawal from the Weight of Loads Committee, and that Council advise the Weights of Loads Committee that Council will be withdrawing membership of the organisation at that time. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	15.09.14 Constitution to be reviewed to determine process required. 24.3.15 repot to March Meeting	General Manager	Completed 24.3.15
26 August 2014	11/2014/11	1. That Council receive and note the General Manager's Report in respect of fund balances held at 30 June 2014 this report, confirm the amount of $4213641.52 shown as internally restricted reserves and endorse the carried forward expenditure of $828,052.00 (General Fund), $274,110.00 (Water Funds),$350,000.00 (Sewerage Funds) and $69,607 (Waste Funds). 2. Further, that a report be prepared outlining what courses of action are available to Council to utilise Minor Fund surpluses to address Council's infrastructure backlog and improve its future sustainability. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Lane	General Manager	1. No further action required. 2. Currently being investigated.	General Manager	

26 August 2014	11/2014/12	That Council convene a meeting of all the stakeholders involved with the Lightning Ridge Racecourse and Spider Brown Oval Complex to agree on a list of projects to be undertaken and then setting a reasonable time frame in which to prepare at strategic plan for the complex in order to both attract funding and carry out the works involved. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	15.09.14 Meetings held report to September meeting. 28.2.15 Strategic Plan being prepared 10.4.15 PRMF Grant Applied Submitted	General Manager	
26 August 2014	11/2014/13	That That Council consider the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding and determine whether or not it is keen on proceeding with the concept and, if so, how to best further the development of the 'whole of community" in partnership with key local organisations. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Keir	General Manager	15.09.14 MOU discussions arranged. 22.10.14 Discussions ongoing with WAMS	General Manager	
26 August 2014	11/2014/21	That Council advise the Burren Junction community that if a partnership arrangement can be established between the Burren Junction community and the Department of Education with regards to the Burren Junction School of Arts Hall, Council will; 1. Consider re-opening the main hall for restricted use after completing repairs estimated to cost $67,000 including the replacement of guttering. 2. Hold a further community meeting at Burren Junction on Thursday 17 September 2014 at 5:30pm at the Burren Junction RSL. 3. Apply for heritage funding grants to carry out necessary renovations to the hall. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Lane	Director Corporate Services	Meeting at Burren Junction held 17.09.14 10.10.14 Further community meeting held 17.09.14. Scope of works to be developed by working group before meeting at Burren Junction. 18.11.14 Project progressing on schedule. 01.12.14 Project on schedule. 03.02.15 Hall re-opened for restricted use. Longer term plan for complete restoration to be developed. 24.03.15 Repairs to guttering & downpipes approved by Heritage advisor. To be funded from Heritage grant 28.03.15 repairs to guttering and down pipes completed	Director Corporate Services	
26 August 2014	11/2014/35	1. That the Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to accept offers for Lot 157 DP 882747, and Lot 156 DP 882747 in Council's Industrial Subdivision, and that any necessary documentation be executed under the Common Seal of Council. 2. That the proceeds of sale be transferred to Council's Property Development Reserve. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Cooper	General Manager	15.09.14 Negotiations continuing.	General Manager	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 23rd September 2014

23 September 2014	12/2014/18	1. That Council adopt a budget of $35,100 to carry out the works identified above within the current year and that appropriate amendments be made to the 2014/15 Operating Plan and Budget in conjunction with the September, 2014 QBRS. And further that Council's Asset Management staff work with key stakeholders to prepare a strategic plan for the complex which includes detailed cost estimates and identifies funding sources for the proposed capital works programme Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Cooper	Director Corporate Services	18.11.14 To be included in September QBRS. 01.12.14 Purchase Order issued for construction. 03.02.15 Strategic plan yet to commence. 10.02.15 Builder engaged to undertake work on Jockey Amenities. Project to be completed before Easter Races. 28.04.15 jockey amenities project completed prior to Easter festival	Director Corporate Services	
23 September 2014	12/2014/22	That Council consider inviting local residents to register their interest in participating drought relief employment projects as a means to being able to justify the funding for such projects. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Walford	General Manager	22.10.14 Advertisements forms and press releases being drafted. 24.03.15 Ongoing	General Manager	
23 September 2014	Qs next meeting	Opal FM have been unsuccessful in obtaining ongoing funding. Can Council look into giving financial assistance to Opal FM? Clr Taylor	General Manager	23.09.14 GM requested further info from Opal FM 24.3.15 Awaiting letter	General Manager	
23 September 2014	Qs next meeting	The Carinda to Walgett Road is in poor condition where geotextile has been applied. Can this be investigated? Clr Cooper	Director Engineering Services	11.11.2014 – Work has commenced. 24.03.15 Work in progress.	Director Engineering Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 28 October 2014

28 October 2014	13/2014/15	1.Note the response letter dated 25 September 2014 from NSW Crown Lands indicating that it has no objection to the establishment of an off-leash area for dogs at Lightning Ridge, within Crown Reserve R84117 for public recreation and a racecourse. 2.Proceed with the establishment of an off-leash area for dogs at Lightning Ridge, within Crown Reserve R84117 for public recreation and a racecourse, over the area shown in Attachment A. 3.Request the General Manager to make arrangements for the erection of appropriate signage for the off leash area. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	7.11.14 Email sent asking Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to action resolution. Signs installed March 2015.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Matter Complete

28 October 2014	Qs next meeting	Can a roundabout be put in place in Fox Street near the BP? Clr Murray	Director Engineering Services	28.10.14 Council is to forward the request to the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting for consideration. 03.02.15 Matter referred to LATC. Due to cost this will not go ahead. 24.3.15 Has been discussed at RMCC meeting and advised to apply with revised data and case study	Director Engineering Services	
28 October 2014	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the Lightning Ridge IGA matter? Clr Woodcock	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Letter sent 16 October 2014 requesting confirmation of who has been appointed as the engineer and expected time frame for completion of permanent remediation works. In e-mail dated 19-1-2015 building owner's legal representative expects work to commence late March 2015 to implement permanent remediation measures.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 25 November 2014

25 November 2014	15/2014/9	That the action being taken by the General Manager in preparing and submitting an application for National Stronger Regions Fund – "Main Street Makeovers" be endorsed. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Cooper	General Manager	28.11.14 Application lodged. 28.2.15 Announcement of grants to be made in May 2015.	General Manager	
25 November 2014	15/2014/15	1. That the WSC AFM Quotation and Tender Thresholds and WSC Purchasing Policy and Procedures be rescinded. 2. That the Procurement and Tendering Policy and Policy Procedure be adopted. Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Murray	Director Corporate Services	01.12.14 Policy and procedure to be implemented. 03.02.15 Awaiting meeting of contractors. 24.4.15 Awaiting meeting of contractors 28.04.15 Awaiting meeting of contractors	Director Corporate Services	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	Can a report be brought to Council regarding changing the name of the Gundabloui Road to the Mungindi Road as it was previously named? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	11.12.14 A report is to be prepared for the February Council Meeting. 6.3.15 Planning Department is working on it.	Director Engineering Services	

25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the Grawin Bore project? Response The General Manager advised that a community consultation session is to be held at Grawin in the near future. Residents are to be advised that they will need to contribute towards the cost of the bore. Clr Martinez	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	01.12.14 A meeting is to be held with the Grawin community shortly. 03.02.15 Community consultation to be held this month. 24.03.15 Community consultation yet to be held	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Mayor and Gm attended the Community meeting held in Grawin
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	The 2015 ANZAC Day celebrations will be held in Gray Park, Walgett. Will the Walgett ANZAC Committee have to cover the cost of temporary toilet facilities for the day? Response The Director Corporate Services to investigate. Clr Keir	Director Corporate Services	01.12.14 Awaiting outcome of grant application in December, but temporary facilities will be made available for the event. 03.02.15 Grant application unsuccessful. $75,000 in December QBRS. Further consideration to be given to temporary toilets closer to event. 10.2.15 This aspect should be on the agenda for planning by event organisers. 28.04.15 Council advised that rear access to club will be open and additional toilets not required	Director Corporate Services	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	Can Council write to Kevin Humphries MP requesting that mental health services within the Shire are better coordinated and have a more regular presence? Response The General Manager to investigate Clr Murray	General Manager	04.12.14 Letter being drafted.	General Manager	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	Walgett fishermen have noted that they have recently not been able to access the Weir. Why are they not able to access the weir now? Response The General Manager to investigate Clr Taylor	General Manager	04.12.14 Private property access issues being researched.	General Manager	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	Can Council install water meters to properties outside of Lightning Ridge near the tip? Response The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that Council cannot install water meters outside of the town area. He further advised that a report on illegal use of the town water supply was brought to Council recently. Council resolved to seek legal advice, and he will be submitting that advice to Council in conjunction with an updated report. Clr Taylor	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	02.12.14 Response provided at meeting by Director Planning and Regulatory Services Updated report currently being drafted for submission to Council.	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the Lightning Ridge Post Office issue? Response The Mayor advised that he has been informed by Mr Mark Coulton MP that Australia Post are planning to take over the Post Office from the current Post Master. Clr Taylor	Director Corporate Services	11.12.14 Waiting for advice from Australia Post. 24.03.15 No further update. 28.04.15 No further update on this matter	Director Corporate Services	

25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	People who leave their car windows open to cool their car down while they are parked in Lightning Ridge during hot weather are receiving $104.00 fines from the Highway Patrol Officer. Can Council discuss this issue with the Police? Response The General Manager advised that the Highway Patrol does not operate as part of the Castlereagh Local Area Command. The General Manager further advised that he will be attending an REMC meeting next week and he will raise the issue with the Assistant Police Commissioner who will be in attendance as well. Clr Taylor	General Manager	04.12.14 Not raised at the meeting. Being checked with Highway Patrol. 24.03.15 N.F.A	General Manager	
25 November 2014	Qs next meeting	Can flags be installed in Morilla and Opal Streets in Lightning Ridge as part of the Main Street Beautification Project? Response The General Manager to investigate. Clr Walford	General Manager	04.12.14 To be listed for discussion at next consultation session.in 2015	General Manager	
25 November 2014	15/2014/24	1. That Council resolve to sell the properties as listed in appendix 1 of this report in accordance by public auction in accordance with the Sec 713 of the Local Government Act 1993. 2. That the only payment arrangement acceptable to the Council be payment in full. 3. That Council resolve that Saturday 28th March 2015 at 10:30am be the date and time of the auction for sale of land for unpaid rates. Moved: Clr Cooper Seconded: Clr Greenaway	Director Corporate Services	1. Letter send 01.12.14 2. Progressing 01.12.14 Arrangements being put in place. 03.02.15 Matter progressing. 24.03.15 Matter progressing 28.04.15 Sale conducted – refer separate report	Director Corporate Services	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 17 December 2014

17 December 2014	16/2014/5	1. That an invitation be extended to the Minister for Emergency Services and NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons to meet with Council representatives to discuss the following issues; a)The issue of the use of cheaper, more effective tanker trailer units in the North West Zone rather than more expensive fire trucks. b)The issue of fire protection clothing suitable for North West Zone conditions. 2. That a copy of the invitation letter is provided to Greg Sim and Kevin Humphries MP. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	17.12.14 letters sent awaiting responses 1.3.15 Meeting held with DFS Regional	General Manager	
17 December 2014	16/2014/6	That an invitation be extended to the NSW Minister for Education Mr Adrian Piccoli MP to review the effectiveness of the Connected Communities concept at the Walgett Community College as it does not appear to be meeting whole of community expectations. 2.That a copy of the invitation letter is provided to Kevin Humphries MP. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Walford	General Manager	17.12.14 Letter sent awaiting response 28.3.15 letter sent	General Manager	

17 December 2014	16/2014/11	That a meeting with the Local Federal Member Mark Coulton MP be arranged as a matter of urgency to follow up Council's various Drought Submissions/initiatives. Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Murray	General Manager	17.12.14 to advise when available	General Manager	
17 December 2014	16/2014/14	1. That Council note the content of the report and that the list be reviewed by councillors and staff for accuracy and omissions. 2.That Councillors Keir, Greenaway and Woodcock meet with Council staff after the February 2015 meeting to review the report. Moved: Clr Keir Seconded: Clr Greenaway	Director Corporate Services	03.02.15 Review meeting scheduled for after the February Council Meeting 24.03.15 Further draft to be provided to Councillors following review meeting. 28.04.15 Project proceeding	Director Corporate Services	
17 December 2014	16/2014/19	That this item is deferred until a response is received from the NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons regarding the issues raised by Clr Murray in his Motion of Notice. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Engineering Services	23.01.15 Work in progress.	Director Engineering Services	
17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	Can Council investigate re-installing the Walgett Town sign on the Kamilaroi Highway once it is repaired? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to take appropriate action for repairs and re-installation. Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services	6.3.15 Matter progressing	Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services	
17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	The unsealed road near the Walgett tip is untidy and there is rubbish in the area. Can this be tidied up? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that the area was cleared last week and he will investigate further and take appropriate action. Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services	03.02.15 Completed, next step may be to engage R&R Services regarding illegal dumping. 24.3.15 Planning and Regulatory Department issuing written notices for illegal dumping.	Acting Director Urban and Infrastructure Services	
17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	The undercover area between the small and large swimming pools in Walgett that was previously grassed is now dirt. Can Council investigate? Response The Director Corporate Services advised that a number of options for recovering are currently being investigated and appropriate action will be taken without any further delay. Clr Cooper	Director Corporate Services	03.02.15 Work to be undertaken when pool closes in April. 24.03.15 Works scheduled after pool closes 28.04.15 Contractor to undertake work late April/May	Director Corporate Services	
17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	Brian Hannigan has written to Council regarding the misspelling of the Hardy's Lease Road. Can his letter be acknowledged and a response sent? Response The Director of Engineering Services advised that the letter has been received, will be acknowledged by letter and appropriate action initiated without delay to correct the spelling error. Clr Keir	Director Engineering Services	24.3.15 Planning and Regulatory Department is working on it.	Director Engineering Services	

17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	What is the progress of the fencing issue at the Walgett Weir? Response The General Manager advised that the laneway to the weir will be fenced shortly and arrangement for access made as necessary. Clr Keir	General Manager	28.2.15 Fresh Tenders for materials called. 1.4.15 Tenders progressed	General Manager	Complete d1.4.15
17 December 2014	Questions Next Meeting	Can the letter received from Michael Hughes Transport be acknowledged? Response The General Manager advised that the letter received will be acknowledged and further negotiation for the sale of the land involved initiated. Clr Keir	General Manager	17.2.14 reply sent awaiting costing details	General Manager	Completed 1.4.15
17 December 2014	16/2014/24	1.That the summary of the performance monitoring undertaken by LG NSW Management Solutions on behalf of Council be received and noted. Moved: Clr Keir Seconded: Clr Murray	General Manager	17.12.14 N.F.A	General Manager	17.12.14 Completed
17 December 2014	16/2014/25	That Council endorse the proposed reorganisation of Council's functional activities into a three divisional structure and that an appropriate consultation process be commenced early in January, 2015 with a view to a definite proposal being put before Council for consideration in February, 2015. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Walford	General Manager	28.2.14 Report delayed until April 2015	General Manager	

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 10 February 2015

10 February 2015	1/2015/4	That Council write to the Chief Executive Officer of the Bureau of Meteorology Dr Rob Vertessy requesting that a representative from the Bureau visits the Walgett Shire to explain why weather forecasts for the Walgett Shire for the past two and a half years have been incorrect. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	13.3.14 Letter sent 31.3.14 BOM representatives visited Walgett	General Manager	
10 February 2015	1/2015/11	That Council: 1.Continue to evaluate the concept of a Far West Initiative with fellow Western Division Councils and play an active role in the further development of the concept. 2.Maintain its involvement with the Outback Shires Alliance and press for an expanded role for the Alliance in the Local Government Reform process. 3.Evaluate the concept of a "rural council" and its suitability or otherwise for the future operation of Walgett Shire Council. 4.Prepare a draft "Fit For the Future" proposal for further review and consideration 5.Continue to liaise with both Bourke and Brewarrina Shire in respect of action they are taking with regards local government reform. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir	General Manager	28.2.14 To be considered in conjunction with Western Division Resolutions	General Manager	

10 February 2015	1/2015/12	1.That Council supply a suitable number of portable toilets for the Lightning Ridge Easter Carnival. 2.That Council do not provide sponsorship for the Piglet Races event. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir	General Manager	28.2.14 Referred to Corporate Services for action	General Manager	Completed 6.4.15
10 February 2015	1/2015/13	That Council submit the following motions at the Annual Conference of the Western Division Group of Shires; 1.The use of fire trailers by the RFS in more isolated areas of the state to provide a more effective level of fire protection. 2.The combining the RFS, SES, VRA and Fire and Rescue NSW in the Western Division to reduce operating costs and in particular levies being placed on local government. 3.That the level of funds each western division council can identify through cost shifting by higher tiers of government be taken into account during the "Fit For the Future" process in determining a council's future sustainability. 4.That Council support the establishment of a Western Freeway. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Murray	General Manager	23.2.15 Motions submitted and carried	General Manager	Completed 23.2.15
10 February 2015	1/2015/20	That Council request the General Manager to undertake a comprehensive cost benefit analysis on the provision of primitive camping facilities and the role that they play in the overall tourism strategy for the Shire and also investigate the cost of the electricity supply to the facility. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir	Director Corporate Services		Director Corporate Services	General Manager to progress project
10 February 2015	1/2015/25	That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: 1.Allocate $8,467 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2014-2015 to maintenance works on the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall. 2.Request that the General Manager arrange discussions between Council's Heritage Advisor and any tradespeople involved to ensure that work is done to relevant standards. 3If any other Local Heritage Fund project fails, then the remaining amount shall be allocated to the Burren Junction School of the Arts hall. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Keir	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Asset officer notified of Council resolution 13.2.15 & has obtained quotes to replace down pipes and direct stormwater away from the building. Appointment of contractor immienent.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
10 February 2015	1/2015/26	That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: 1. Defer this item to allow for Council staff to prepare a report regarding possible funding of 50% of the cost of updating security of premises to a pre-determined limit with the upgrade to occur within a specific time period. 2.Council staff also investigate the possibility of requesting business owners to repaint premises in heritage colours, with the support of a paint company. Moved: Clr Taylor Seconded: Clr Keir	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Wendy Azevedo notified of resolution via letter dated 26.2.15. Town Planner drafting request report for March 2015 Council meeting.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
10 February 2015	1/2015/27	1.Note Council's GIS Coordinators report regarding the renaming of RR457 Gundabloui Road. 2.Maintain the name Gundabloui Road for RR457. Moved: Clr Greenaway	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	No action required.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Completed.

		Seconded: Clr Murray				
10 February 2015	1/2015/31	That Council receive and approves the draft budget as listed for the Rural Fire Services fund 2015/2016, however provide for a 3% drop each year in respect of VASS charges, based on last year's figures with other charges to remain as is. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Keir	Director Engineering Services	24.03.15 RFS have been informed verbally after Feb Council Meeting 31.03.15 Submitted a letter stating re: the VASS charges	Director Engineering Services	Completed on 31.03.15
10 February 2015	1/2015/33	1.That Council endorse the General Manager's actions in accepting the grant funding of $2,485,714.00 offered by the Office of Environment and Heritage. 2.Council shall contribute $414,286 on a basis of a 6:1 ratio for the Walgett Levee Refurbishment Program in FY2014-15. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Martinez	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	24.03.15 Awaiting funding agreement to be signed by both parties	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Still awaiting funding agreement from funding agency
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council encourage the removal of car bodies from the area behind the BP service station at Lightning Ridge? Response The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Letter sent to landowner on 11.2.15 requesting the removal of 3 car bodies within 1 month.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	There is a section of Old Nobby Road in Lightning Ridge that has washed away. Can this be investigated? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Engineering Services	24.03.15 This road belongs to Mining Association 30.03.15 Cleaned the table drain and made a safe access by grading the table drain	Director Engineering Services	30.03.15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Sections of the intersection of Silica and Harlequin Streets in Lightning Ridge have worn away. Can this be investigated? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Engineering Services	24.03.15 Inspections has been completed and works scheduled.	Director Engineering Services	Completed 30.03.15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	When will the Main Street Beautification project start work in Lightning Ridge? Response The General Manager to provide an update. Clr Taylor	General Manager	24.03.15 Reported to March 2015 Meeting	General Manager	Completed 24.3.15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council receive an update on the progress of Hudson Pear funding? Response The General Manager to provide an update. Clr Taylor	General Manager	24.03.15 Reported to march 2015 Meeting.	General Manager	Completed 24.3.15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council reassess the re-routing of heavy vehicles through Lightning Ridge? Can a by-pass be put in place? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Engineering Services	24.03.15 Lorne Road has been discussed in previous meetings as an option for the by-pass. Investigating funding for this project.	Director Engineering Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can the bus parking area out the front of the Lightning Ridge School be resealed? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Engineering Services	24.3.15 Has been scheduled 30.03.15 investigated and estimation is in progress	Director Engineering Services	

10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can signage be erected in Walgett advising of the location of public toilets? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	24.3.15 Matter progressing	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Completed 08/04/15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can the Environmental Health and Building Surveyor undertake an inspection of Walgett Gourmet Foods? Response The Director Planning & Regulatory Services to investigate. Clr Murray	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Inspection undertaken by Snr Environmental Health and Building Surveyor on 17.2.15. Improvement notice issued 17.2.15	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can the drainage issue at Opal Street, Lightning Ridge be investigated? Response The Director Engineering Services advised that the drainage issue was resolved last week. Clr Martinez	Director Engineering Services	24.3.15 Inspection is in progress 30.03.15 investigation had been carried out and discussion with GM is in process	Director Engineering Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	There are kangaroos getting into the Lightning Ridge Aerodrome through the fence. Can this be investigated? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that pilots should be contacting Council's staff contact before landing at the aerodrome to allow a "roo run" to take place. Clr Martinez	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	24.3.15 Kangaroos are a big problem at LR and Collarenebri Airport. A budget vote is allocated for LR airport fencing. Repairs to the fence on the western side completed.	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council investigate damaged road signs across the Shire? Response The Director Engineering Services to investigate. Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	Engineering department has commences inspections by using TABLETS and preparation of maintenance program is in progress	Director Engineering Services	
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	How are water usage bills calculated when Council staff cannot access water metres? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that if staff have difficulty accessing metres they will contact the property owner to gain access. Clr Cooper	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Any inaccessible water metes are charged on an estimated consumption. Council send letters to property owners asking the to provide access for meter reading.
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the weir access issue? Response The General Manager to provide an update. Clr Keir	General Manager	24.3.15 Reported to March 2015 meeting.	General Manager	Completed 24.3.15
10 February 2015	Qs next meeting	Keith Hackett from Fire and Rescue Lightning Ridge has been advised that there is funding available to update addressing for the opal fields. Is this correct? Response The Director Planning & Regulatory Services advised that there is no funding currently available. Council's GIS Co-ordinator will provide a report to Council on the matter. Clr Lane	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Report regarding addressing on the opal fields currently being drafted.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

10 February 2015	1/2015/36	1. That Council accept the quotation submitted by DCL Locksmiths and Security for the installation and supply of Councils CCTV system in the sum of $6,056.89. 2.That the Council proceed with an additional two cameras and DVR upgrade at an additional cost of $3,703.56. Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Taylor	Director Corporate Services		Director Corporate Services	Contractor engaged to undertake project 28.04.15 Project Completed
10 February 2015	1/2015/38	That the following debtor accounts as detailed be written off. (please see minutes for details) Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Keir	Director Corporate Services		Director Corporate Services	Financial Manager to process write offs

Resolution Actions for Ordinary Meeting 24 March 2015

24 March 2015	2/2015/4	That Walgett Shire Council write to the minister for Western NSW, The Hon Kevin Humphries MP requesting the following: 1. That Crown lands investigate the establishment of a community based trust to manage the Lightning Ridge Crown Reserve. 2. That the committee should have representatives from LRMA, GGSMA, WSC and from the community via ministerial and or local member appointments, with technical advisors from Crown Lands and NSW Trade and Investment, Division of Resources & Energy. 3. That the trust elect internally its own executive and Chair. 4 Seek funding from Minister to prepare a Management Plan for the Reserve and a feasibility study on the acquisition of potential opal bearing lands. Moved: Clr Lane Seconded: Clr Woodcock	General Manager	20.4.15 Referring to New Minister	General Manager	
24 March 2015	2/2015/5	That Council investigate the possibility of giving a 50% rate reduction to all rate payers within the Shire due to the severe ongoing drought, with the exception of Government Departments and Non-Government Offices, for next financial year provided we can source an equivalent grant from the State or Federal Governments. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	20.4.15 Letter to State and Federal members	General Manager	
24 March 2015	2/2015/13	That council adopt the following recommendations for the awarding of the 2015 Dick Colless Memorial Scholarships: Elizabeth Friend $1,800 (Bachelor of Parmacy) Georgie Currey $1,800 (Bachelor of Business Marketing) Angus Remond $1,800(Bachelor of Agri Business) Phillipa Beckwith $1,800 (Diploma of Children's Services – Early Children Education & care) Arabella Fleming $1,800 (Bachelor of Primary Education) Anna Holcombe $250 (Bachelor of Agricultural Science) Brook Holland $250 (Bachelor of Primary Education)	General Manager	20.4.15 Presentations being arranged for June Meeting	General Manager	

		Sky Holland $250 (Doctor of Physiotherapy) Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Murray				
24 March 2015	2/2015/14	That Council approve the request from the Australian Opal Centre for an advance of $10,000 repayable within 12 months of the advance being made with the amount advanced being drawn against Council's Economic Development Reserve. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Walford	General Manager	20.4.15 Approved and Payment Made	General Manager	
24 March 2015	2/2015/16	That the report on Grant Income – 2013/14 and 2014/15 be received and noted and appropriate publicity be given to the figures in the report. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Taylor	General Manger	20.4.15 Press Release to be drafted	General Manger	
24 March 2015	2/2015/20	That Council review the attached list of councillors and senior staff for accuracy and omission and that it be endorsed subject to any further amendments. Moved: Clr Walford Seconded: Clr Greenaway	Director Corporate Services	28.04.15 project proceeding	Director Corporate Services	.
24 March 2015	2/2015/21	That the report be received and noted and maintenance work to commence immediately after the pool closes on 1 April 2015. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Corporate Services	28.04.15 A/D urban services seeking quotations for condition/ assessment	Director Corporate Services	
24 March 2015	2/2015/22	That Council consider an allocation of $35,000 offset by grant income of $17,500 for the construction of a long jump pit in the draft 2015/2016 budget but provided only if the grant application is successful. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Corporate Services	28.04.15 to be considered in draft budget 2015/16	Director Corporate Services	
24 March 2015	2/2015/24	That Council resolve to: 1.Conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the spelling of the Shire Road 26 in compliance with NSW Addressing User Manual – October 2014 and the Roads Regulation Act 2008 to confirm that an amendment is required. 2. If no objections are received during the public consultation period, Council submits a request to the geographical Names Board of New South Wales to have the spelling of SR26 amended to 'Hardy's Lease Road'. 3. Update all Council records and mapping pertaining to SR236 with the amended spelling. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Taylor	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	7-4-15 Letters sent to affected landholders regarding proposed name change.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	

24 March 2015	2/2015/25	That Walgett Shire Council resolves to: 1. Note the letter dated 17 February 2015 from the Superintendent of Castlereagh Local Area Command requesting that the existing Alcohol Free Zones at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri be maintained for a four year period. 2. Undertake consultation regarding establishing alcohol free zones in Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge for four years, over the same areas as the existing zones. This will include publicising and circulating a proposal document, as well as inviting public submissions, via: (a) Advertising within the Walgett Spectator and Lightning Ridge News. (b) Advertising on the Walgett Shire Council web site. (c) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the officer in charge of the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri police stations. (d) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to the NSW Anti-Discrimination Board. (e) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to any known organisation representing an identifiable Aboriginal or ethnic group within the local area (f) Circulation of the proposal document via mail to all liquor licenses within or adjoining the proposed alcohol free zones. Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Martinez	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Newspaper advertising commenced in Walgett Spectator 1-4-15 & The Ridge News 2-4-2015. Proposal document published on Council web site 7-4-2015. Circulation of proposal document to Police, liquor licencees, etc via letter dated 30-3-2015.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
24 March 2015	2/2015/27	That Walgett Shire Council resolves to: 1. Allocate $100,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to $:$ in kind contributions in the B2 Local Centre zone for fascia upgrades, including security measures, subject to Council approval (works must demonstrate improved visual amenity). 2. Allocate $40,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to new plantings in the B2 Local Centre zone. 3. Allocate $20,000 of the Walgett CBD upgrade budget to festoon lighting in the B2 Local Centre zone 4. Give public notification of the Walgett CBD Upgrade Strategy for a minimum of 28 days, by: - Advertising the strategy in the Walgett Spectator. - Making the strategy available as a pdf file via Council's web site. Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Newspaper advertising commenced in Walgett Spectator 1-4-15 & The Ridge News 2-4-2015. Proposal document published on Council web site ??-4-2015.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	
24 March 2015	1/2015/31	1. That council accept the Restart NSW funding Offer in the amount of $819,000 for "Gundabloui Road and $1,116,000 for Bugilbone Road Upgrade Project". 2. That Council execute the Restart NSW funding deed signed under the Common Seal of the Council. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	25.03.15 Draft deed agreement has been submitted to infrastructure NSW	Director Engineering Services	

24 March 2015	2/2015/33	1.That Council acknowledge the Work Health and Safety Officer's report Apex Park Fencing. 2. That Council endorse the recommendation to permanently remove the play area fencing and install appropriate signage. Moved: Clr Martinez Seconded: Clr Walford	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Proposed sign will be tabled on next WHS Committee meeting for endorsement then the fence will be removed with signage installed.
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	How is the performance of Council's Regulatory Officer going? There are still concerns about the amount of dogs roaming on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas in Lightning Ridge. Response The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised he will reinforce focus on Lappkalle and Fantasia Street areas. Clr Martinez	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Regulatory Officer has been requested to continue to make this area a priority, including working in conjunction with NSW Police where required.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Matter Complete
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Considering the shortage of staffing at Lightning Ridge, will there be enough staff to cover the cleaning required over the Easter period, particularly for the festival in Lightning Ridge? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that sufficient staff will be rostered for duty. Clr Martinez	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Completed 26 March 2015
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Has Mr Jan Zamlicka's outstanding rates payment and issue been resolved? Response The General Manager to investigate and organise a meeting with Mr Jan Zamlicka. Clr Cooper	General Manager	20.4.15 waiting return from leave	General Manager	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	What is the status of the damaged Murdi Paaki building, in Fox Street Walgett? Response The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a notice was issued to reinstate the wall and Council is in discussion with the building owners.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Update provided.	Director Planning & Regulatory Services	Matter Complete
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can council appoint a team to fix road and information signs across the shire that are damaged or missing? Response The Director of Engineering Services to investigate and take appropriate action. Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	Work in progress	Director Engineering Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council arrange for the grading of SR 5 and the Gundabloui Road? Response The Director of Engineering Services to investigate Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services		Director Engineering Services	Completed 30.03.15
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can council remove a pipe culvert located 33km out of Walgett on SR16? Response. The Director of Engineering Services to investigate Clr Greenaway	Director Engineering Services	30.03.15 Damaged area has been rectified. "removing the pipes has been scheduled"	Director Engineering Services	Completed 30.03.15
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the IGA in Lightning Ridge? Response The Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that correspondence between Council and IGA solicitors is still taking place. Clr Woodcock	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	Update provided.	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	Matter Complete

24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	What is happening with the disabled toilet at the Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Center? Response The Director of Corporate Services advised that the budget allocation of $10,000 was insufficient Clr Woodcock	Director of Corporate Services	28.04.15 project needs to be re-allocated to 15/16 draft budget	Director of Corporate Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Is it possible for Council to install showers and toilets in Harlequin Street, Lightning Ridge? Response The General Manager advised that there are currently uni-sex toilets Clr Woodcock	General Manager	20.4.15 No further action required	General Manager	Completed 20.4.15
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council investigate installing a shade structure over the play equipment in the Lions Park at Lightning Ridge? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Seeking price for shade cloth
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council review the 'No dogs' sign in the Lions Park to ensure visitors are not turned away? Response The Director Planning and Regulatory Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Director Planning and Regulatory Services		Director Planning and Regulatory Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	What is the progress of the removal of the old wrecks located behind the PB in Lightning Ridge? Response The Acting Director Planning and Regulatory Services advised that a letter has been issued to the landowner. Clr Taylor	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	Letter sent to landowner on 11.2.15 requesting the removal of 3 car bodies within 1 month.	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Which employee will be responsible for the Lightning Ridge airport following Wayne Holden's retirement? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services advised that Anthony Leeder is now the team leader at Lightning Ridge and will be responsible for the airport and gardens. Clr Taylor	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Team leader Anthony Leeder
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council raise the height of information signs in Lightning Ridge to discourage vandalism? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Completed
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	What is the update on the street sweeper in Lighting Ridge? Response The General Manager advised that Council is considering purchasing own sweeper as part of its plant replacement program. Clr Taylor	General Manager	20.4.15 Referred to plant Committee	General Manager	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council repair the lights in the toilets behind the BP in Lightning Ridge before the Easter Period? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Taylor	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	

24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Has the damaged 'Walgett' (at the Western entrance to Walgett) been repaired yet? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Completed 07/04/2015
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council write a letter to Narran Lake Nature Reserve requesting for the reserve to open 3-4 times per year for tourists? Response The Director of Corporate Services to investigate Clr Murray	General Manager	20.4.15 letter to NLNR	General Manager	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council water the dying trees at the very end of Fox street near Woodhams? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Watering of the trees continues during allowed hours.
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council look into fencing around the western end of the Walgett cemetery? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Has the issue/s with Howard Wilson's rates been resolved? Response The General Manager advised that he will arrange a meeting with Mr. Wilson Clr Murray	General Manager	20.4.15 Meeting being arranged	General Manager	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council investigate installing appropriate 'public toilet' signage for visitors and tourists? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure to investigate. Clr Murray	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	
24 March 2015	Qs next meeting	Can Council arrange for the drain at the top of Opal Street in Lighting Ridge to be cleaned? Response The Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services to investigate. Clr Lane	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	
24 March 2015	2/2015/35	Shop Awning safety, Collarenebri Please see minutes for more details Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Martinez	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	Advertising of building remediation grants commenced in Walgett Spec 1-4-15 & The Ridge News 2-4-2015. Grant proposal document published on Council web site 27-3-2015. 27-3-2015 owners of 3 buildings were sent: -Notice of intention to issue order to make awning/ facade safe on temporary or permanent basis. -Copy of grant proposal doc.	Director Planning and Regulatory Services	

24 March 2015	2/2015/36	That Council accepts tenders from the following businesses for RFQ 14/031 Request for Standing Offers: Casual Plant Hire Walgett Shire NSW – for the period 15 February 2015 to 30 June 2015. Please see minutes for more details Moved: Clr Woodcock Seconded: Clr Walford	Director Engineering Services	31.03.2015 –sent out letter to all participated parties	Director Engineering Services	Completed on 31.03.15
24 March 2015	2/2015/37	(a) Receive and note the report (b) Endorse the action taken by General Manager to execute the emergency water supply works (c) Issue a householder notice to advise the local community of the action Council is taking (d)Endorse action to accept the procurement method as an emergency work and resolve not to call open tenders pursuant to Section 55 (3) (i) & (k) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (e) Call a public meeting when level 3 water restrictions are imposed or less than 40 days water supply remains whichever occurs first. (f) Make appropriate press release to keep the local community fully aware of the situation and to ally the fears that can be created by the ill-informed social media. Moved: Clr Cooper Seconded: Clr Taylor	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Completed on 02/04/15 Design and documentation competed for pipe work on 13/04/15
24 March 2015	2/2015/38	1.That Council receive and note the report 2. That Council endorse the action taken by General Manager to commence the weir raising project 3. Resolve the issue of ownership of the weir and approve to raise the weir height. Moved: Clr Greenaway Seconded: Clr Walford	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	Seeking quote from consultant
24 March 2015	2/2015/39	That Council request an urgent meeting with the Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli either in Walgett or in Sydney to discuss the recent very troubling events at the Walgett Community College in an endeavour to resolve ongoing educational issues which are having an extremely detrimental effect on the social fabric of Walgett. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	General Manager	29.3.15 letter sent	General Manager	
24 March 2015	2/2015/40	That Council undertake fencing projects which have been delayed by ongoing drought conditions at both Collarenebri and Walgett as day labour/ contract projects with a view to having both projects completed by late April/ early May. Moved: Clr Murray Seconded: Clr Greenaway	Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services		Acting Director Urban Infrastructure Services	

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEKLY RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW – APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 10/615

Summary:

Copies of weekly circulars numbers 11-15 received from Local Government NSW since the March Council meeting have been distributed to Councillors.

Background:

The following items in each circular have been flagged by the General Manager as requiring particular attention of Councillors:

<u>Issue 11</u>

Item 6: Economic Development Strategy for Regional NSW
Item 8*:* Local Government and Bushfire conference

<u>Issue 12</u>

Item 8: Remuneration Packaging – Motor Vehicle Costs
Item 18: 2015 LGNSW Water Management Conference – Call for Papers

<u>Issue 13</u>

Item 5: Regional Collaboration and Shared Services: What Works?
Item 11: Accessible Toilet Map and App

<u>Issue 14</u>

Item 4: Record number of responses for the 2014-2015 LGNSW Remuneration Survey
Item 6: Recreation sector phase-in for the Working with Children Check
Item 10: ALGA Financial Assistance Grants Campaign- The impact on your Council
Item11: White Paper on Taxation Reform – discussion paper released
Item 12: In-house Training- Financial Management
Issue 13: Becoming More Assertive – New Program
Item 14: Making Consultative Committees More Effective
Item 15: Model Code of Conduct for Councillors and Senior Staff

<u>Issue 15</u>

Item 4: Office of Local Government answers *Fit for the Future* questions
Item 5: Garage Sale Trail
Item 6: RH Dougherty Awards 2015- Enter now
Item 8: New South Wales Public Sector Young Leaders Conference 2015
Item 10: Local Government and Community Care Forum
Item 11: Volunteering: A community conversation in NSW
Item 12: Draft Waste and Recycling Education Strategy 2015-2017
Item 13: Naturally Occurring Asbestos Forums

Item 15: Waste Aid Strategy for NSW Aboriginal Communities
Item 16: 2015 Local Government Employment Law Seminar
Item 17: Mayors; Weekend Seminar – Sydney
Item 20: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Development Assessment Toolkit

Current Position:

Senior Management Staff and Councillors need to peruse these circulars and raise any matters of interest with the General Manager prior to the Meeting. Staff also have the task of following up and lodging application for grant funding where funding for Council projects may be available.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:
Nil

Governance issues:

Senior Management Staff and Councillors are requested to review weekly Circulars and keep abreast of Local Government issues occurring at Industry level.

Environmental issues:
Nil

Stakeholders:
Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:
Nil

Legal Issues:
Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Not Applicable

Conclusion:

Both Senior Management Staff and Councillors need to consider the contents of the various circulars and determine what action, if any, needs to be taken.

Circulars Received from the Local Government NSW
Recommendation: That the information contained in the weekly circulars numbers 11 – 15 from the Local Government NSW be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:
Nil

CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM THE NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 10/616

Summary:

Copies of circular received Circular No 15-12 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information.

Background:

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

Circular 15-12: *Draft Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2014-15*

Relevant Reference Documents:

Nil

Governance Issues:

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

Copies of the briefing papers/discussion papers have been forwarded to all Councillors under separate cover. Councillors need to consider what the long term impacts may be on Local Government generally and Walgett Shire in particular.

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:

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

Legal Issues:

Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

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

Circulars Received from the NSW Office of Local Government – April 2015
Recommendation: That the information contained in the following Departmental circulars 15-12 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Circulars 15-12

Strengthening local government

Office of Local Government

Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 15-12/ Date 07 April 2015/ A416475
Previous Circular	
Who should read this	General Managers / All relevant council staff
Contact	Innovation Team / 44284178 / code@olg.nsw.gov.au
Action required	Response to OLG at code@olg.nsw.gov.au

DRAFT CODE OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICE AND FINANICAL REPORTING FOR 2014/15 (UPDATE 23)

What's new or changing

- The draft 2014-15 Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting has been released for sector comment.

What this will mean for your council

- Councils are asked to provide **feedback on the draft Code Update 23 by Friday, 24 April 2015** to: code@olg.nsw.gov.au.
- There is an opportunity to learn more about the changes and provide feedback via a **webinar on Thursday 16 April (9:30am to 11:00am)**. Details on how to participate are shown in attachment A.
- The OLG will endeavour to provide the final version of Code Update 23 by the end of May 2015 following sector feedback.

Key points

- The Office has prepared draft Accounting Code Update 23 in response to sector feedback, policy changes and changes to the Australian Accounting Standards. Key changes include:
  - Note 19 – a revamp of this note to incorporate additional disclosures in relation to councils interests in other entities based on changes in Australian Accounting Standards
  - Special Schedule 7 Report on Infrastructure Assets - information regarding staged auditing process
  - Special Schedule 8 Financial Projections - this Schedule has been removed. Relevant data will be collected via the Financial Data Return
  - Note 15 Receivables - analysis of overdue Rates and Annual charges has been amended based on sector feedback.
- Where possible, councils are encouraged to review the draft Code and provide feedback prior to the Webinar being held on Thursday, 16 April. This will enable the Office of Local Government to clarify and/or address any issues as part of the Webinar process.

Where to go for further information

- A copy of the draft Code Update 23 is available on the Office website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au > For Councils>Accounting Practice.

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Attachment A – Webinar Process

The Webinar will be held from 9:30am to 11:00am on Thursday 16 April 2015.

- The purpose of the webinar is to provide an opportunity for the sector to have an active role in the development of Code Update 23 and to also allow council staff to ask questions or provide feedback.
- Participants must register their intention to participate in the webinar using this link https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2370435284479434754 **Registrations close on Wednesday 15 April.**
- Details on how webinar sessions work are available at: www.gotomeeting.com/fec/webinar.
- For those unable to attend the webinar, the session will be recorded and made available free-of-charge.
- Questions regarding the webinar or the consultation process should be directed to: code@olg.nsw.gov.au.

MONTHLY CALENDAR – APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 10/22

Summary:

Monthly calendar of Council activities.

Discussion (including issues and background):

It was resolved at the 28 September 2010 Ordinary meeting of Council to produce a monthly in-house calendar as a central focus point to allow Councillors and senior management staff to plan their activities and spread their work load having regard to upcoming commitments.

It also avoids situations where some Councillors missed meetings or are not aware of when they have been scheduled. In addition, outside organisations have been requested to send meeting notice and minutes direct to Council's various representatives. Where notification is received meeting dates will be listed on the strategic tasks, events and meetings calendar and the representative(s) names flagged.

Current Position:

The calendar for the months of April 2015 to June 2015 is attached. Councillors are requested to raise any queries prior to the meeting.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Nil

Governance issues:

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

Environmental issues:

Not applicable

Stakeholders:

Councillors
Walgett Shire Council staff

Financial Implications:

Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not applicable

Conclusion:

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

Monthly Calendar –April 2015 –June 2015
Recommendation: That Council receive and note the regular monthly calendar for the period April 2015-June 2015. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachment:

Calendar for April 2015-June 2015

April 2015

Date of Meeting	Time	What	Who
Weds 1 April			
Thurs 2 April			
Fri 3 April		**Good Friday Public Holiday**	
Sat 4 April			
Sun 5 April		**Easter Sunday**	
Mon 6 April		**Easter Monday Public Holiday**	
Tues 7 April			
Weds 8 April			
Thurs 9 April			
Fri 10 April			
Sat 11 April			
Sun 12 April			
Mon 13 April			
Tues 14 April			
Weds 15 April			
Thurs 16 April			
Fri 17 April	**9:00am**	**GMAC Meeting – Dubbo**	**General Manager**
Sat 18 April			
Sun 19 April			
Mon 20 April	**10.00am**	**CMCC Meeting – Gilgandra**	**General Manager, Clrs Greenaway & Woodcock**
Tues 21 April			
Weds 22 April			
Thurs 23 April			
Fri 24 April			
Sat 25 April	**Various**	**Anzac Day**	**Councillors and GM**
Sun 26 April			
Mon 27 April			
Tues 28 April	**10:00am**	**Council Meeting – Collarenebri**	**All Directors and Councillors**
Weds 29 April			
Thurs 30 April			

May 2015

Date of Meeting	Time	What	Who
Fri 1 May			
Sat 2 May			
Sun 3 May			
Mon 4 May			
Tues 5 May			
Wed 6 May			
Thurs 7 May			
Fri 8 May			
Sat 9 My			
Sun 10 May			
Mon 11 May			
Tues 12 May	**10.00AM**	**MVWAC Coolah**	**Clr Woodcock, Greenaway, General Manager**
Wed 13 May	**11.00AM**	**Walgett LEMC**	**General Manager**
Thurs 14 May			
Fri 15 May			
Sat 16 May			
Sun 17 May			
Mon 18 May			
Tues 19 May	**8.00AM**	**Special Budget Meeting**	**Councillors and General Manager**
Wed 20 May			
Thurs 21 May			
Fri 22 May			
Sat 23 May			
Sun 24 May			
Mon 25 May			
Tues 26 May	**10.00am**	**Council Meeting – Walgett**	**All Directors and Councillors**
Wed 27 May			
Thurs 28 May			
Fri 29 May			
Sat 30 May			
Mon 31 May			

June 2015

Date of Meeting	Time	What	Who
Mon 1 June		**Western Division Meeting – Cobar**	**Clr Lane, Clr Keir & General Manager**
Tues 2 June			
Wed 3 June			
Thurs 4 June			
Fri 5 June			
Sat 6 June			
Sun 7 June			
Mon 8 June		**Queen's Birthday Holiday**	
Tues 9 June			
Wed 10 June			
Thurs 11 June			
Fri 12 June			
Sat 13 June			
Sun 14 June			
Mon 15 June	**10.00AM**	**CMCC Meeting – Warren**	**Clr Woodcock, Greenaway & General Manager**
Tues 16 June			
Wed 17 June			
Thurs 18 June			
Fri 19 May			
Sat 20 June			
Sun 21 June			
Mon 22 June			
Tues 23 June	**10.00am**	**Council Meeting – Walgett**	**All Directors and Councillors**
Wed 24 June			
Thurs 25 June			
Fri 26 June			
Sat 27 June			
Sun 28 June			
Mon 29 June			
Tues 30 June	**5.00PM**	**Fit for the future Submissions – Close**	**General Manager & Staff**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/000/000

Summary:
To inform Council of the current position with regards local government reform.

Background:
The local government reform process has been ongoing since August, 2010 and it is expected that the recently returned State Coalition Government will be pushing on with the reforms it has identified early in its new term.

The attached media release from the Minister for Local Government Hon Paul Toole sends a clear message that it is the government's intention to have reforms in place before the next Local Government Election in September, 2016.

In the release the third paragraph states – ***"Every council in NSW is being asked to submit a proposal by 30 June, 2015 outlining their plans to become "Fit for the Future."***

Previously the western division councils had been specifically excluded from this process and clarification is now being sought as to whether or not this situation has been altered.

Current Position:
The western division general managers are now having regular video conferences with the next scheduled for next Monday afternoon and an update will be provided at Tuesday's meeting.

LGNSW is also organizing a one day workshop in Sydney on Thursday 4 June, 2015 and are currently requesting councils to identify the top three or four issues that they would like to see listed for discussion at the workshop.

From this Council's point of view the issues it is intended to advise LGNSW of are local government reform, roads funding, economic development, FAGs funding and water security.

Relevant Reference Documents:
ILGRP discussion paper "Final Report of the NSW Independent Local Government Review Panel"

ILGRP discussion paper "Strengthening Far West Communities – A Pathway for Change"
Supporting ILGRP Volumes 1-3.

DCP "Far West Initiative" presentation – February, 2015

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire community, Councillors and staff
Western Division Group of Shires
State Agencies

Governance issues:
Various governance issues are discussed broadly in the body of the reports. However, as raised previously, much reliance is placed on anticipated population declines over the next twenty five years. No consideration has been given at this stage to likely falls in property valuations and their resultant impact on Council's financial viability or the wider business community

Environmental issues:
The reports focus on the future of local government in NSW and what the position is likely to be in twenty five years time based on current trends. Little comment, if any, is made on the impact the changes being identified would have on the environmental sustainability of the broader community if they went ahead.

Financial Implications:
Yet to be determined but will be impacted by any decision taken.

Legal Issues:
Discussed in the ILGR Panel's discussion documents – some proposals would need legislative change.

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Do nothing
Support the ILGRP recommendations
Work with the far western division councils to devise alternate model(s) as per the resolutions passed at the recent Western Division Group meeting.

Conclusion:
That Council consider whether or not it should be preparing a "Fit for the Future" submission and what issues it should be flagging for discussion at the LGNSW workshop on 4 June, 2015.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE
Recommendation: That Council consider whether or not it should be preparing a "Fit for the Future" submission and what issues it should be flagging for discussion at the LGNSW workshop on 4 June, 2015. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Ministerial Media Release

NSW GOVERNMENT

Ministerial Circular

Circular No. 15-03
Date 20 April 2015
Doc ID. A419067

DELIVERING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

In September last year, Premier Mike Baird and I announced a record $1billion investment to support councils to become Fit for the Future and to strengthen communities across NSW.

The Fit for the Future reform package responds to the final recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce and reflects the priorities identified by the sector during the past three years of consultation.

Closing date for submissions
Every council in NSW is being asked to submit a proposal by 30 June 2015, outlining their plans to become Fit for the Future. The proposals will be assessed by an independent expert panel. Councils will need to demonstrate how they meet the threshold criteria of scale and capacity, with a proposal broadly consistent with the recommendation of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, and how they will become and remain sustainable and provide effective and efficient services.

It's clear that our system of local government - with boundaries dating back to the 19th century - will not be able to meet the needs of growing and changing communities. Positive change is needed to ensure that councils will be fit for the future.

We need to build on the strengths of local government and learn from the best councils to develop ways of working smarter together. We want communities to be stronger and able to grow and prosper. The NSW Government has been working collaboratively with the State's 152 councils to design a more sustainable system of local government—one that provides quality services and infrastructure and will help us to deliver the housing, jobs and transport that people need.

Councils are encouraged to continue to prepare their Fit for the Future Proposal and consult the community on proposals for change. Councils have until that date to make important decisions about their council's future and take advantage of the support and benefits on offer. This will allow the new council arrangements to be in place by the September 2016 local government elections.

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Fit for the future assessment
The Fit for the Future expert assessment panel will shortly be appointed, with the Terms of reference being developed through the Ministerial Advisory Group (comprising Local Government NSW, Local Government Professionals Australia (NSW) and the United Services Union and chaired by Peter Achterstraat).

I have been encouraged by the number of councils actively exploring the option of voluntary mergers and leading informed and objective conversations with their community. I would strongly urge those councils who are considering a merger to take advantage of the support that is available during this program. This is your opportunity to invest in the long-term future of your community and to ensure your council plays a role in guiding and shaping that future. Expert facilitation and subsidised business case studies are still available under the program, through the Office of Local Government's One Stop Shop.

I look forward to continuing to work with councils over the coming term, as we roll out these significant reforms and ensure local government in NSW is Fit for the Future.

Benefits and support
The NSW Government has committed a funding and support package to assist councils to make the changes needed to become Fit for the Future. These include:

- $258 million to assist councils who decide to merge and make the changes needed to provide better services to our communities;
- $13 million to support Councillors that lead the transition to a new council;
- $5.3 million for new regional Joint Organisations;
- $4 million innovation fund to assist small rural councils develop innovative ways of working;
- access to experts to develop a plan and implement change;
- the development of a new streamlined Local Government Act that aims to reduce red tape and regulation and places Integrated Planning and Reporting at the heart of council operations; and
- reviews of the regulatory burden on local government and the rating system.

Councils that become Fit for the Future will have access to a range of further initiatives supporting them to provide improved services and infrastructure to their communities, including:

- access to a State borrowing facility to fund local infrastructure, with potential savings to NSW councils of up to $600 million in interest payments;
- more flexibility with procurement and simplified reporting; and
- access to a streamlined IPART process for setting rates.

Paul Toole

The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Local Government

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/000/000

Summary:
To consider supporting a campaign to have FAGs indexation restored immediately, and for the Commonwealth Government to consider both their adequacy and indexation methodology going forward.

Background:

The decision of the Commonwealth Government to freeze the indexation of its Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) in 2014/15 threatens to seriously compromise Council's ability to provide adequate levels of infrastructure and services to our community and the same situation applies to local government throughout Australia.

Current Position:

The Australian Local Government Association, supported by LG NSW is currently mounting a campaign to have FAGs indexation restored immediately, and for the Commonwealth Government to consider both their adequacy and indexation methodology going forward. Full details are set out in the attached letter dated 20 April, 2015.

Walgett Shire's support is being sought by:

- Passing a resolution acknowledging the importance of Financial Assistance Grants
- Acknowledging receipt of Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth in media releases and council publications including the annual report
- Illustrate the importance and impact of the Grants by identifying an individual project of a size similar to Council's annual or quarterly FAGs payment
- Highlight this to the media and our Federal MP and Senator in a positive story on the grants funds

Relevant Reference Documents:
2014/15 FAGs advice

Stakeholders:
Local Government Australia wide
Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire residents and ratepayers

Governance Issues:
Reduction in FAGs levels impacts on Council's ability to perform a range of day to day functions.

Environmental Issues:
The reduction in FAGs levels restricts Council's ability to address environmental issues where competing needs can be identified.

Financial Implications:
In 2014/15 the indexation of Council's FAGs resulted in a loss of in the order of $169,000 in income. Over a three year period this would represent a loss opportunity cost of approximately $507,000 and this will be compounded annually by an amount of approximately $169,000 going forward. This equates to just under 4% of Council's current general rate income.

Legal Issues:
There is a need for the basis of distribution of FAGs to be reviewed and changed to address the future financial sustainability of smaller local government authorities such as Walgett Shire.

Alternatives/Options:
To do nothing is not an option in the current reform environment facing local councils.

Conclusion:
That Walgett Shire support the campaign to have FAGs indexation restored immediately, and for the Commonwealth Government to consider both their adequacy and indexation methodology going forward.

Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to Local Government

Recommendation:

That Walgett Shire Council:

1. Acknowledge the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants programme for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure.
2. Acknowledge that Council will receive $5,623,000 in 2014/15 and
3. Will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programmes, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including the annual report.

Moved:
Seconded:

Attachments:

Letter dated 20 April, 2015 from Australian Local Government Association/LGNSW.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Our ref: R90/00835-11 Out - 23571

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20 April 2015

Cr Gustavus (Bill) Murray
Mayor
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Cr Murray

Re: Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

As you would be aware, the Commonwealth's decision to freeze indexation of its Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) threatens to seriously compromise Local Government's ability to provide adequate levels of infrastructure and services in communities right across Australia. These untied Grants are currently valued at $2.3 billion, but the Federal Government has frozen them at 2014/15 levels, leading to a permanent 13% reduction in the FAGs base.

We need your help if Councils such as yours are to maintain adequate funding for local roads, parks, swimming pools, and libraries. ALGA has mounted a campaign to have FAGs indexation restored immediately, and for the Commonwealth Government to consider both their adequacy and indexation methodology going forwards.

How Councils can help:

With the third quarterly FAGs payment now received, ALGA is calling on Councils across Australia to:

- pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of Financial Assistance Grants (see attached)
- acknowledge receipt of Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth in media releases and council publications, including your annual report.
- illustrate the importance and impact of the Grants by identifying an individual project of a similar size to your annual or quarterly FAGs payment
- highlight this to the media and your local Federal MP and Senator in a positive story on the grant funds.

Full details on FAGs payments for the current financial year are available on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website at http://www.regional.gov.au/local/assistance/

Thank you for your commitment to the Local Government sector and your assistance in our campaign to restore the indexation of Federal Assistance Grants.

Yours sincerely

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
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Council Resolution

That the Council:

1. *Acknowledges the importance of federal funding through the Financial Assistance Grants program for the continued delivery of council services and infrastructure;*
2. *Acknowledges that the council will receive $X.Y million in 2014 - 15*; and
3. *Will ensure that this federal funding, and other funding provided by the Federal Government under relevant grant programs, is appropriately identified as Commonwealth grant funding in council publications, including annual reports.*

Rationale

FAGs are a vital part of the revenue base of all councils, and this year councils will receive $2.3 billion from the Australian Government under this important program.

The Government's decision in the 2014 Federal Budget to freeze the indexation of FAGs for three years beginning in 2014-15 will unfortunately cost councils across Australia an estimated $925 million by 2017-18.

ALGA and the state local government associations are seeking the support of Council for advocacy to have the Federal Government reverse the decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs.

While the FAGs are paid through each state's Local Government Grants Commission, the funding originates with the Commonwealth and it is important it is recognised as such. Council, and every other council in Australia, have been asked to pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of the Commonwealth's Financial Assistance Grants in assisting Council to provide important community infrastructure.

Council is also being asked to acknowledge the receipt of Financial Assistance Grants from the Commonwealth in media releases and council publications, including our annual report, and to highlight to the media a council project costing a similar size to the FAGs received by Council so that the importance and impact of the grants can be more broadly appreciated.

DROUGHT RELIEF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/000/000

Summary:
To inform Council with regards the present position of drought relief employment schemes.

Background:
Speculation is increasing that the Federal Government may provide a special economic stimulus package aimed at driving employment, growth and population stability in the drought ravaged communities in Western NSW and far western Queensland. I enclose copies of recent newspaper reports that support this speculation.

This lines up with the repeated submissions council has been making over the last twelve months or so.

Council believes that temporary employment schemes should cover a range of infrastructure projects including main street upgrades, new and replacement of footpaths and kerb and gutter, stormwater/drainage construction and community facilities to name but a few.

Current Position:
As an example, Council has attracted grant funds in the order of $350,000 to erect feral animal proof fencing around the Collarenebri Airstrip and has matching loans funds available to undertake a project estimated to cost $700,000. This project would normally be undertaken by contract, possibly by contractors from outside the Shire area.

An alternative approach that could be taken during the current drought would be form a local labour pool from workers displaced from the local rural sector and then draw from this pool to staff the various projects identified.

Just prior to Easter, Council was requested to provide details and preliminary cost estimates for various projects that Council could undertake as part of such a stimulus package together with details of possible commencement times. Details of the projects that were nominated are as follows:

1. Proposed main street upgrades in the towns of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri involving laying of pavers, irrigation and landscaping – estimated cost - $360,000.
2. A rural roads betterment concept aimed at upgrading black soil roads so that they are less likely to closure following periods of rain – estimated cost - $280,000
3. Fencing of the Walgett Landfill site – estimated cost - $250,000
4. Construction of access to Walgett Weir in advance of a project to raise the coping on the weir by one metre – estimated cost -$75,000
5. Replacement of kerb and gutter and footpaths in the three main towns of Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge – estimated cost - $75,000 per town
6. Fencing of the Walgett town levee – estimated cost - $250,000
7. Construction of pipeline from the Barwon River to lower town water intake to drought proof the town – estimate cost - $100,000

There are obviously other areas that could also be included such as the renovation of community halls or the replacement/repair of grids on country roads.

Relevant Reference Documents:
Walgett Shire Drought Issues – Place Based Solutions 2014

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire residents and ratepayers
Local landholders and commercial operators
Federal and State Governments

Governance issues:
Projects undertaken need to be over and above projects already planned in the current operational budget using existing day labour resources

Environmental issues:
Quite a few environmental issues could be addressed through strategically selected projects.

Financial Implications:
Whilst undertaking a major drought employment scheme would be financially taxing on Council if not fully funded by the higher tiers of government.

Legal Issues:
Ideally, recruitment should be through Council's own recruitment processes in order to be able to target those in most need.

There would be a need to be able to vary Council's Organisational Structure for the duration of such scheme in order to provide the flexibility to achieve appropriate levels of productivity and effectiveness.

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Not to pursue such schemes could have a lasting impact of the future sustainability of the local community

Conclusion:
That Council receive & note the General Manager's report & endorse the action being taken.

DROUGHT RELIEF EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES
Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager's report, endorse the action being taken, and delegate authority to vary Council's Organisational Structure should the need arise to engage additional staff. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:
- Newspaper Article – "New jobs deal to tackle big dry" & "Once the farmer stop…Joyce hails jobs deal to tackle big dry".
- ABC News article online – "Drought-affect Queensland and NSW towns to receive funding injection to boost lagging economies

New jobs deal to tackle big dry

EXCLUSIVE

JOE KELLY

The government will provide a special economic stimulus package aimed at driving employment, growth and population stability in drought-ravaged communities in Queensland and NSW.

Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce is finalising the package with Tony Abbott, who is driving the plan, to deliver funding for "shovel-ready projects" to ensure people who are out of work in drought-affected communities have a reason to stay on the land. The move recognises that rural assistance goes beyond the farm gate.

The funding is yet to be finalised, but it is likely to be between $20 million and $40m — some Nationals MPs are pushing for up to $70m — with Mr Joyce confirming the money would go towards projects such as fencing, road works or even ditch digging to lay fibre-optic cable.

Sources familiar with the process have confirmed the Prime Minister is looking at how to fund the stimulus injection, one option being to bring forward money for projects identified by councils under the Financial Assistance Grants program.

While the exact criteria is yet to be set, priority will be given to local government areas going into a third year of drought as

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Once the farmers stop ... Joyce hails jobs deal to tackle big dry

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well as other areas experiencing economic hardship because of the harsh conditions.

Discussions have been held with a number of communities, including the Walgett Shire Council in NSW and Longreach Regional Council in Queensland, with a number of projects identified including local club upgrades to roadworks.

"I've been in discussions with the Prime Minister about working out a more direct package for those certain local government areas that are moving into the third year of drought," Mr Joyce told *The Australian*.

"What this means is providing the capacity to bring forward projects that are of use to provide liquidity for those local businesses.

"Once the farmers stop, the builders stop. Once the farmers stop, the mechanics stop. Once the farmer stops, the casual work done by the folk in town stops."

The government has been facing pressure to provide broader assistance, given programs like the Farm Householder Allowance and the Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme are narrowly targeted.

MPs have also argued that because the drought is not classed as a natural disaster it doesn't trigger emergency federal relief that flows for disasters such as floods, bushfires and cyclones.

> 'Undoubtedly, there probably has been a few leave town'
>
> JOE OWENS
> LONGREACH MAYOR

Of the 77 local government areas in Queensland, 44 have been drought declared, covering about 75 per cent of the state. Another 79 "individual droughted property" declarations have been made in a further nine local government areas.

The Nationals have been pushing for greater relief to help support rural communities, with Queensland Senator Barry O'Sullivan warning assistance has typically "stopped at the farm gate" with communities still doing it tough.

"There are knock-on impacts within other businesses: cafes, hotels, motels, trading down 40 to 50 per cent ... The people in the city are not thinking about it," he told *The Australian*.

Senator O'Sullivan said the drought meant that, in rural communities, while stocking rates had plummeted school numbers were also falling, business had cut trading hours, staff were being let go and even kangaroos were now "cannibalising the dead carcasses of other kangaroos".

"In our indolence in not attending upon this ... we will unintentionally destroy an entire geographic sector if we're not careful," he said.

"The money that is injected must be spent with local labour, local material and local subcontractors. There will need to be guidelines."

Joe Owens, the mayor of Longreach Regional Council in central Queensland, going into its third year of drought, warned that the nearby township of Ilfracombe only had about five months of water supply left.

He warned that some graziers in the greater council region had only 25 per cent of stock left while others had none. "Certainly, without rain and without an injection of cash into the economy, whether it be from governments or an absolutely cracker of a tourist season, we need the foreign dollars, as I call them, coming into the areas out here to stimulate the cash flow or keep things going," Mr Owens said.

"Undoubtedly, there probably has been a few leave town.

"There are a few people who were employed on properties who are no longer employed that have moved on ... The smaller the town, the sooner they are affected by the drought; then, as time goes on, the businesses start not having the cash flow."

Drought-affected Queensland and NSW towns to receive funding injection to boost lagging economies

The World Today
By Jessica Kidd

Updated 15 Apr 2015, 7:32am

Photo: Local councils in drought-affected areas have welcomed the plan (ABC News: Chrissy Arthur, file photo)

Map: QLD

Drought-affected towns in Queensland and New South Wales are set to receive an injection of funds that will aim to boost their lagging economies.

The Federal Government's special drought assistance package will target rural communities entering their third year of drought, and will fund shovel-ready projects to ensure people can stay in the community.

Local councils in drought-affected areas have welcomed the plan. But they say their communities must be in control of the funding if the Government is to avoid stimulus disasters like the pink batts scheme.

It has been three years since many farmers in central western Queensland and northern New South Wales have had decent rainfall.

Walgett Shire Mayor David Lane said that during that time, farmers have had to cut their stock numbers and put off workers, and the flow-on effect in their local communities has been astounding.

"It's sort of a domino effect. The whole shire is really suffering at the moment," he said.

"It's not just labourers, it's the contractors ... we're talking fencing contractors, spray rig operators, farming contractors - all sorts. All the contractors that service the agricultural industry, they've been getting no work.

"The business houses in the towns, whether it be farm machinery, mechanics, all those sorts of people ... they're not getting the work because there's no agriculture happening so they've had to lay their workers off."

Over the border in Queensland, Paroo Shire Mayor Lindsay Godfrey said that with agricultural production down, his community had lost its major source of income.

"It's an absolute disaster situation in many of these shires where it hasn't rained," he said.

"Council being the main employer in our shire, our grants are frozen and we're unable to increase rates, we've got everyone struggling to pay their rates because of the economic situation."

MAYOR SAYS DROUGHT NEEDS TO BE DECLARED A NATIONAL DISASTER

Now Federal Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce has released details of a special drought assistance package that aims to inject stimulus into these local communities.

"What we're trying to do is make sure that we create a stimulus package that doesn't just help people on the land, but creates the liquidity in those areas," Mr Joyce said.

"So that the local shopkeeper, boilermaker, fitter and turner, they also get the chance to access some of that money."

The package will target communities entering their third year of drought and Mr Joyce said he had already asked a number of local councils to detail "shovel-ready" projects which could be rolled out under the plan.

"Projects such as improving the dog fence, projects such as cleaning up ramps, projects such as repaving streets," he said.

We need a national policy on drought; we need to have a national look at what's going on and really this exceptional type drought needs to be a national disaster.

Paroo Shire Mayor Lindsay Godfrey

"These are the sorts of projects that mean the money's not wasted, it actually leaves the area in a better form than what it was before."

Regional councils have welcomed the plan. But they say decisions about how the money is spent must remain in the hands of the communities themselves, if the Federal Government is to avoid the mistakes of the previous stimulus plans such as the building the education revolution fund and the pink batts scheme.

Walgett Shire Mayor David Lane said the Government must consult with the local councils.

"A lot of the stimulus package that was done through the Gillard and Rudd years was not put through the local community, it was all decided in Sydney or Brisbane or wherever, and the local community had no say in it," he said.

"The best way that the current Federal Government could alleviate or prevent that from happening is target it through the local community, let the local community manage it.

"Don't try and manage it from Sydney because that's when you end up with things that the community don't really need."

Paroo Shire Mayor Lindsay Godfrey has welcomed the stimulus plan but believes the decision to cease exceptional circumstances drought subsidies in 2009 has left farmers and their communities in a situation they will struggle to recover from.

"The situation's got so bad now that it's very, very difficult to reclaim the ground that we had," he said.

"We need a national policy on drought, we need to have a national look at what's going on and really this exceptional type drought needs to be a national disaster."

There is no timeline on when the Federal Government's latest drought assistance package will be available to local communities

Mr Joyce has yet to reveal how much the total package could be worth, although media reports suggest it could be between $20 and $40 million.

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CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A DROUGHT RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN FOR WALGETT SHIRE

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/000/000

Summary:
To consider establishing a Drought Recovery and Resilience Plan for Walgett Shire

Background:
Drought is not considered to be a natural disaster and yet it is one of three natural phenomenon – fire flood and drought – that have damaging and devastating consequences for the areas where they occur.

A key lesson learnt from past experience right across Australia in dealing and recovering from natural disasters is the need to focus not just on short term restoration but to have effective recovery plans which balance short-term needs with long-term opportunities to enhance economic and social resilience for all sections of the community – commerce, government, community or industry.

Resilient communities are those that are able to maintain their quality of life and prosperity in the face of external pressures and shock. They are characterized by high levels of prosperity, strong forward and strategic planning, an innovative and engaged community with effective integration at all levels.

Current Position:
Opportunities are beginning to emerge that could allow Walgett Shire to leverage the current drought and its impacts to revitalize key economic and community assets within the Shire.

Revitalization of the CBDs in our three main towns, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge and Walgett, would not only have important long-term benefits for the towns business and residential communities but provide an effective stimulus for the whole Shire

With any natural disaster there are three main phases of recovery. First repair and cleanup and this is followed by renewal and revitalization and the final phase concentrates on improvement and resilience.

As resources are limited there is a need to target those area, sectors and locations where the greatest benefit can gained for the lowest cost – infrastructure, agriculture, environment, structural support and growth.

In putting a Drought Recovery and Resilience Plan together it will be necessary to draw on the skills and experience of a large cross-section of the community but in as simple and straight forward a way as possible. To this end it is suggested that Council hold a think tank type work shop similar to that held some years ago with development the current community strategic plan.

Relevant Reference Documents:
Possible Draft Drought Recovery and Resilience Plan

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire

Walgett Shire Communities

Governance issues:
A whole of community perspective needs to be taken, one which encompasses government, commerce and community.

Environmental issues:
Various environmental issues will arise as the plan is developed and refined.

Financial Implications:
A case should be made for grant funds to cover costs associated with various workshops and public consultation sessions.

Legal Issues:
This proposal would break new ground and any issues that arise would need to be addressed progressively when they became apparent.

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Do nothing

Conclusion:
It is believed the time is right to commence planning for addressing the issues arising from the continuing drought as well as commencing planning for post drought activities.

Consideration - establishing a Drought Recovery and Resilience Plan for Walgett Shire
Recommendation: For Council's consideration. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:
Nil

MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM GENERAL MANAGER – APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/000/000

WALGETT WEIR UPDATE

Council is aware that a grant has been secured under the Water Security for the Regions Programme to place a coping of one metre on the wall of the existing Weir 11A.
The programme deed of agreement has now been signed and Council staff are negotiating with the relevant State agencies with regards access to the weir site, licencing and preliminary design works.

1. **AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

A grant application in the sum of $786,000 has been lodged in respect of the State Government has recently announced a $50M package aimed at expanding regional tourism by upgrading country airports. Some 30 airports are eligible to apply.
Council staff have prepared an application which provides for the extension of the runway by 230 metres, upgrading of navigational equipment and perimeter fencing.

2. **RE-INTRODUCTION OF RPT SERVICES IN WESTERN NSW – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The State Government has extended the period for lodging expressions of interest for re-instating RPT services to western towns until late April, 2015. It is understood that at least three operators are expressing interest.

3. **REVIEW OF LEMC APPROACH TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

New local emergency management planning guidelines, released in September 2014, are now being implemented. This will require the preparation of a new Walgett Shire Local Emergency Management Plan. Arrangements are in hand for the Walgett Local Emergency Management Committee to commence working on the new plan at its next meeting on 12 May, 2015.

4. **WALGETT PCYC**

Work on the demountable building to house the sworn officers to be attached to the new Walgett PCYC has now been completed. Advice as to when the PCYC function will become fully operational is expected shortly.

5. **WALGETT LEVEE UPGRADE**

Advice is to hand that Council has been successful in attracting funding of $2,485,714 for stage 3 of the Walgett Levee Upgrade Project. An initial payment of $1.3M will be made prior to 30 June, 2015 once a work plan has been submitted and approved.

6. **FIRE AND RESCUE NSW**

Fire and Rescue NSW have advised that a Regional Fire Safety Coordinator has now been appointed. See attached letter dated 11 March, 2015.

7. BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY

A letter dated 23 March, 2015 from the BOM following a recent approach by Council in respect of the accuracy of weather forecasts is attached for information. Bureau officers visited Walgett on 18 March, 2015 and met with key members of the local farming community to discuss relevant issues.

8. LGNSW – LOCAL WATER UTILITIES (LWUS)

LGNSW by letter dated 20 March, 2015 supporting the need for the finances and assets from LWUs to be included in calculations for "Fit for the Future" calculations as they enhance a council's scale and capacity and also have an impact from strategic planning and staffing points of view.

9. FUTURE OF NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK AT WALGETT

A letter dated17 April, 2015 from the National Australia Bank advising of the intention to close the Walgett Branch from Friday 2 October, 2015 because of the structural condition of the bank premises and the unlikely commitment by the landlord to undertake an upgrade to the premises. Efforts to find suitable alternate premises have apparently been unsuccessful. The bank intends to transfer existing customers across to the Coonamble branch and has commenced advising those customers of this decision.

Council's staff has made some preliminary enquiries and believe that there are at least two alternative sites available. There is also the possibility that the landlords will upgrade the bank premises to meet NAB building standards. Council needs to finalise its investigations with regards the issues outlined in the NAB letter and then be in a position to put a strong case for the bank branch's retention.

Arrangements are in place to have Representatives of the NAB to meet with Council at 9.30a.m on meeting day.

10. PROPOSED REDUCTION OF RATES DUE TO THE PROLONGED DROUGHT

A letter dated 14 April, 2015 from Mark Coulton MP advised that Council's correspondence has been forwarded onto the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and the Minister for Regional Development and Transport, the Hon Warren Truss for their assistance on this matter.

Conclusion:
It there are no other queries that the above matters should be received and noted.

Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only
Recommendation: That the following maters listed for brief mention or information only Walgett Weir Update Airport Improvement Grants Re-introduction of RPT Services in Western NSW – Expressions of Interest Review of LEMC Approach to Emergency management Walgett PCYC Walgett Levee Upgrade Fire and Rescue NSW Bureau of Meteorology LGNSW – Local Water Utilities (LWUS) Future of National Australia Bank at Walgett Proposed Reduction of Rates due to the Prolonged Drought be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments

Letter dated 11 March 2015 from Fire & Rescue NSW

Letter dated 20 March 2015 from Office of the Director of Meteorology and CEO

Letter dated 20 March 2015 from LGNSM - Keith Rhoades AFSM

Letter dated 17 April 2015 from National Australia Bank

Letter dated 14 April 2015 from Mark Coulton MP – Federal Member for Parkes

Fire & Rescue NSW

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11 March 2015

Walgett Shire Council
Mr Donald Ramsland
PO BOX 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mr Ramsland,

Regional Fire Safety Coordinator

As part of Fire & Rescue NSW's (FRNSW) restructure of its fire safety business units, the role of Regional Fire Safety Coordinator has been established on a trial basis to improve the range and level of service delivery to Regional NSW.

One key feature of the role will be enhanced engagement with Councils throughout Regional NSW. The role will fulfill the function of a liaison point between local Fire Commands and the specialist fire safety business units. This will help ensure consistent prioritised service delivery across the State.

The single point of contact will be able to:

- provide assistance in coordinating and conducting inspections in high risk premises such as places of shared accommodation,
- conduct Clause 152 inspections under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000*, and
- provide integrated training to local fire crews and relevant Local Council staff on building fire safety and installed fire safety systems.

To submit a service request for the assistance of the Regional Fire Safety Coordinator and Fire Safety Branch services, please visit our website at www.fire.nsw.gov.au and select the For Business > Building Fire Safety option.

For all other requests or enquiries, please email bfs@fire.nsw.gov.au

I trust this new service is of use to you in the execution of your roles within the community.

Yours faithfully

Supt Warwick Isemonger
Regional Fire Safety Coordinator
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In reply please quote

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23 March 2015

Mr Don Ramsland
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Don

Re: accuracy of weather forecasts

Thank you for your letter regarding the accuracy of the Bureau's weather forecasting and rainfall reporting in the Walgett Shire in the last couple of years. Our thoughts are with those farmers whose businesses have been badly affected by the drought your Shire has experienced.

In relation to your request that a Bureau representative visit the Shire, I can advise that 2 Bureau staff attended a meeting at Walgett Shire Council on 18 March. Members of the Council and prominent members of the local farming community met with representatives from the Bureau, the Federal Department of Agriculture and the NSW Rural Assistance Authority. The topics raised in your letter were discussed at the meeting, including the accuracy of rainfall analyses, the rainfall station network in the Shire and the prospects for improved seasonal forecasting in the future.

The Bureau gained a deeper appreciation of the concerns of farmers and the seriousness of the drought situation that is affecting the region. I understand that it was a productive meeting and that the outcomes of the meeting will be advised in the weeks ahead.

If there is any further information I can provide then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

DR ROB VERTESSY
Director of Meteorology and CEO
24 March 2015

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Our ref: R12/0041 Out-23504

20 March 2015

Cr Gustavus (Bill) Murray
Mayor
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Cr Murray

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) considers it illogical for the finances and assets of Local Water Utilities (LWUs) to be excluded from calculations in the *Fit for the Future* assessment process.

LGNSW is continuing to make representations to the Minister, and the Office of Local Government (OLG) and TCorp advocating that the assessment process needs consider the overall position and performance of a council.

Water supply and sewerage services provided by councils in regional NSW are an integral part of councils' operations.

Water supply and sewerage services enhance councils' scale and capacity, particularly the robustness of councils' revenue base, their ability to undertake major projects, to employ a wider range of skilled staff, and to undertake strategic planning and foster knowledge, creativity and innovation, as well as the ability to achieve effective regional collaboration and be a capable partner for agencies of the NSW Government and the Australian Government. Councils' water supply and sewerage function contributes to the overall financial sustainability of councils.

LGNSW presented a paper to the February meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) calling for agreement to the inclusion of LWU financial and asset data in the in calculating the assessment criteria ratios.

This recommendation was supported by all Local Government sector representatives who are members of the MAG.

The OLG accepts that councils can include LWUs in making their case for scale and capacity, but does not accept that the finances and assets should be included in the determination of the other assessment criteria.

LGNSW does not consider this to be an acceptable position and is continuing to advocate inclusion with the Minister directly and with the agency. We are advised that a response will not be forthcoming in the short term.

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Accordingly, LGNSW advises all councils with LWUs to consider including two sets of assessment criteria ratios in their *Fit for the Future* proposals - one that conforms with the directions and excludes the LWU, and another set that consolidates the LWU into the ratios.

If you wish to discuss this issue further please do not hesitate to contact Shaun McBride, Senior Strategy Manager or Sascha Moege, Senior Policy Officer on 02 9242 4000.

Yours sincerely

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
President

National Australia Bank

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AUSTRALIA

Friday 17 April 2015

Mr Don Ramsland
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
77 Fox Street
Walgett NSW, 2832

Dear Mr Ramsland,

Re: NAB Branch in Walgett

I write to update you on the status of NAB's branch in Walgett (located at 60 Fox Street) and inform you of our future plans for customers.

NAB recently completed a review of our premise and we regret to inform you that the property no longer meets the required NAB building standards. For this reason the branch will close on Friday 2 October 2015.

This has been a difficult decision and has not been made lightly but the ongoing safety of our staff and customers is paramount. The building has suffered structural damage from the drought and from our discussions with the landlord we understand an upgrade to the premise is unlikely.

The decision also follows an extensive search by NAB's property services provider for another tenancy in Walgett however no suitable premises could be found. We will consider alternative servicing options in Walgett though if a suitable option becomes available and welcome feedback from you and the local community on possible alternatives.

Two staff members who currently work at the Walgett branch will be affected by this decision. We will work with them to explore opportunities at other NAB locations, where possible.

Customers are being notified of the closure in writing over the next week. Their banking details will be automatically transferred to the Coonamble NAB branch (68 Castlereagh Street) and we will work with customers to ensure they are set up to do their banking in Walgett through Australia Post and Internet banking.

If you require any further information about the decision or would like to meet to discuss it then please contact Chris Venus, Consultant – Government Affairs & Public Policy at chris.venus@nab.com.au or (03) 9208 5571.

Yours sincerely,

Melissa Reynolds

Executive General Manager – Retail

National Australia Bank

Mark Coulton MP – Federal Member for Parkes

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Federal Member for Parkes

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THE NATIONALS for Regional Australia

14th April 2015

Mr Don Ramsland
General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Mr Ramsland, Don,

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed reduction of rates owing due to the prolonged severe drought.

I have forwarded your correspondence on to the Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and also the Minister for Regional Development and Transport, the Hon Warren Truss for their assistance with this matter.

I will contact you again when I receive a response.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Coulton MP
Federal Member for Parkes

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS – GENERAL MANAGER

REPORTING SECTION: General Manager

AUTHOR: Don Ramsland – General Manager

FILE NUMBER: 000/00/000

Supplementary reports are being prepared in respect of the following and will be circulated prior to the meeting:

1. 2015/16 Capital Works Programme
2. Organisational Restructure
3. CMCC Draft Budget for 2015/16

14.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

1. CASH ON HAND & INVESTMENT REPORT

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Shane Roberts – Senior Finance Officer

FILE NUMBER: 09/1460-03

Summary:

This report summarises the cash on hand and investments held by Walgett Shire Council as at 31 March 2015.

Background:

Walgett Shire Council operates one primary transaction account with the Commonwealth Bank and invests surplus funds 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.

Current Position:

As at 31 March 2015 the operational bank account's balance was $358,954.37. The reconciliation of this balance is:

Operational Account Bank Reconciliation
As at 31 March 2015

	$
Opening Ledger Account Balance as at 1 March 2015	**704,438.28**
Add: Receipts	3,571,917.09
Add: Recalled Investments	
Less: New Investments	
Less: Payments	(3,918,281.36)
Closing Ledger Balance as at 31 March 2015	**358,074.01**
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2015	**358,954.37**
Add: Receipts not banked	5,906.20
Less: Payments not presented	(6,786.56)
Closing Balance of Bank Account	**358,074.01**

Interest Rate of 1.65%

2 Term Deposits were recalled to the value of $1,000,000.00.
2 new Term Deposits were made to the value of $1,500,000.00.
1 transfer was made from the BOS account to the value of $500,000.00.
1 transfer was made to the BOS account to the value of $300,000.00.
As at 31 March 2015 Walgett Shire Council's investment register's balance was $16,250,000.00. The balance as per the attached investment report comprised:

Term Deposits	$16,250,000.00
Floating Rate Collaterised Debt Obligation (CDO)	$ 0.00

The values for the Floating Rate Collaterised Debt Obligation (CDO) are market values at 28 February 2015 and were supplied by the ANZ Group. The CDO's are at a N/A value. Legal proceedings against Lehman Brothers are in progress to reclaim a portion of the value invested.

Business Online Saver Account Balance (Interest Rate – 1.85%) $ 3,169,444.12

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

09/1772-02/31	March 2015 bank reconciliation ledger 11.5010
09/1460-03/0015	Investments Report To Council 2014/2015

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Nil

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Residents of Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

As per report

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Nil

Conclusion:

As at 31 March 2015 Walgett Shire Council's total available cash and invested funds were $19,777,518.13 represented by:

Reconciled Operational Account Balance	$ 358,074.01
Investments	$16,250,000.00
BOS Account	$ 3,169,444.12

CASH ON HAND AND INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2015
Recommendation: That the cash on hand and investment report as at 31 March 2015 be received. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Term Deposits

Investment Institution	Type of Investm	Term	Rate %	Ref	Reset Date	Maturity Date	
Term Deposits							
Westpac	Term Deposit	272	3.60	931/15		06-May-15	$500,000.00
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	196	3.60	939/15		01-Apr-15	$500,000.00
Westpac	Term Deposit	182	3.40	942/15		08-Apr-15	$500,000.00
Bankwest	Term Deposit	84	3.50	957/15		01-Apr-15	$500,000.00
Bankwest	Term Deposit	91	3.50	958/15		08-Apr-15	$500,000.00
ING	Term Deposit	189	3.55	959/15		14-Jan-15	$750,000.00
Westpac	Term Deposit	181	3.75	960/15		14-Jan-15	$500,000.00
Suncorp	Term Deposit	91	3.40	961/15		22-Apr-15	$500,000.00
IMB	Term Deposit	98	3.42	962/15		29-Apr-15	$500,000.00
IMB	Term Deposit	84	3.40	963/15		14-Apr-15	$500,000.00
Suncorp	Term Deposit	105	3.30	964/15		13-May-15	$1,000,000.00
Bankwest	Term Deposit	91	3.45	965/15		29-Apr-15	$1,000,000.00
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	98	3.12	966/15		13-May-15	$500,000.00
IMB	Term Deposit	105	3.05	967/15		20-May-15	$500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	91	3.20	968/15		06-May-15	$500,000.00
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	98	3.15	969/15		20-May-15	$500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	105	3.13	970/15		27-May-15	$500,000.00
IMB	Term Deposit	98	3.05	971/15		27-May-15	$500,000.00
Bank of Queensland	ELE - Term Dep	91	3.00	972/15		20-May-15	$500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	105	3.10	973/15		10-Jun-15	$500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	98	3.10	974/15		03-Jun-15	$500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	92	3.35	975/15		03-Jun-15	$500,000.00
National Australia Bank	Term Deposit	112	3.07	976/15		24-Jun-15	$500,000.00
Bankwest	Term Deposit	97	3.10	977/15		10-Jun-15	$1,000,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	91	3.00	978/15		10-Jun-15	$500,000.00
Bank of Queensland	Term Deposit	77	2.90	979/15		27-May-15	$500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	91	3.00	980/15		17-Jun-15	$500,000.00
Newcastle Permanent Building Society	Term Deposit	97	3.00	981/15		27-Jun-15	$500,000.00
Suncorp	Term Deposit	91	2.95	982/15		25-Jun-15	$500,000.00
							$16,250,000.00
Floating Rates Collaterized Debt Obligations (CDO)							
Morgan Stanley Aces SP	Floating Rate CDO		0.00			20-Jun-15	$0.00
							$0.00
						Term Deposit Ledger Balance	$16,250,000.00
						24 hour Online Bank Account	$3,169,444.12
							$19,419,444.12

Note that this is a seperate interest bearing account linked with the Main Bank Account

Investment Report as at 31 March 2015

I hereby certify that the investments shown herein have been invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, associated regulations and in accordance with Council's Policies and Procedures.

Signed

S.R.M.

Shane Roberts
Senior Finance Officer

Prepared and Reconciled by Niki Ryan
Finance Officer

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QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RATES REPORT – MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Jeremy Way – Rates Officer

FILE NUMBER: 12/183

Summary:

With successive Section 713 sale of land for unpaid rates undertaken and another sale recently completed on 28 March 2015, along with an increased focus in developing debt recovery, the percentage of outstanding rates and charges has continued to improve. This can be demonstrated in the comparative of March 2014 figure being 14.32% when compared to March 2015 being 12.98%.

Council aimed to achieve a benchmark of 10% or lower and this was achieved at 30 June 2014 and this report indicates that gains continue to be made.

Background:

A key performance indicator as part of TCorp independent Local Government Review is Council ability to collect Rates & Charges, measured by measuring the arrears in relation to the total rates levied (%).

A benchmark for Walgett Shire Council, part of the Group 10 Council's, on average has been 10% or better.

Current Position:

Council has undertaken 713 rating sales on an annual basis and held another rating sale on 28 March 2015. These sales along with an increased focus on debt recovery has improved the percentage of outstanding rates and charges, demonstrated in the attached March 2015 quarterly report.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Quarterly Report - Outstanding Rates as at 31 March 2015

Governance issues:

Council must act in the community's best interest, to ensure adequate service provision is upheld through measures of improving long term financial sustainability. A key area is to show improvement in rates recovery by reducing the outstanding rates percentage to an acceptable benchmarked value.

Environmental issues:

There are no current or future environmental issues known associated with this matter.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council community
Walgett Shire Council

Financial Implications:

The recovery of rates and charges is a key performance indicator that is analysed by external bodies such as Treasury Corp in conjunction with the Local Government Review Panel. Efforts to improve and lower the levels of outstanding rates and charges will strengthen Walgett Shire Council long term financial position, a view to aim for the benchmark of 10%.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

There are no alternative solutions or options.

Conclusion:

The report recommends that Council note the improved outstanding rates percentage and ongoing commitment to improve this key performance indicator.

QUARTERLY OUTSTANDING RATES REPORT – MARCH 2015
Recommendation: Council note the improved outstanding rates percentage and ongoing commitment to improve this key performance indicator. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Quarterly Report - Outstanding Rates as at 31 March 2015

Quarterly Report - Outstanding Rates as at 31 March 2015

Report on Rates and Charges - 31 March 2015

	Mar-15	Mar-14
Arrears from previous year	836,128.94	1,339,387.14
Sub Total	836,128.94	1,339,387.14
Current Year Activity		
Legal fees (Including write off's)	27,594.42	1,235.38
Adjusted Levy	8,469,126.60	8,273,653.51
Interest (Including write off's)	43,848.51	3,412.58
Adjustments (Including Write Off's)	(8,992.84)	(73,357.90)
Sub Total	8,531,576.69	8,204,943.57
Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy	9,367,705.63	9,544,330.71
Payments	(6,780,503.23)	(7,005,649.19)
Pensioner Consessions - Govt	(94,445.52)	(90,767.65)
Pensioner Consessions - Council	(77,277.97)	(74,268.91)
Discount	(91,401.03)	(87,144.10)
Special Rebate Council	(16,003.30)	0.00
Sub Total	(7,059,631.05)	(7,257,829.85)
Total Remaining Levy	**$2,308,074.58**	**$2,286,500.86**

	Mar-15	Mar-14
Current	1,855,124.33	1,723,401.74
Arrears	299,480.70	327,405.72
Interest b/f from previous years	22,180.96	60,800.70
Current year interest	31,981.36	48,190.85
Legals	99,307.23	126,701.85
Total Remaining Levy	**$2,308,074.58**	**$2,286,500.86**
Variance	$0.00	$0.00

Total YTD Collected

	Mar-15	Mar-14
Collected YTD % of Levy, Arrears, Interest & Legal Fees	75.36%	76.04%
Collected YTD % of Levy	79.48%	85.38%
Arrears Outstanding % of Total Remaining Levy	12.98%	14.32%

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT - MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Finance Department

AUTHOR: Brad Pascoe – Finance Manager

FILE NUMBER:

Summary:

This report is to advise Council of the March 2015 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, outlining Council financial status following the original budget adoption for 2014/15 fiscal year.

Background:

The Quarterly Budget Review document is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005, Part 9, Division 3, Section 203 and is an essential aspect of Council's financial management. A budget review is to be prepared and submitted to Council not later than two months after the end of each quarter.

Current Position:

The current position is detailed in the attached Quarter 3 (period ending 30th March 2015) Quarterly Budget Review Statement report;

Key points relating to the budget review affecting Council's forecast end of year result are as follows:

The budget movement amongst the Water Fund is related to movement with operational voted expenditure, a need for increase in operational expenditure, along with some adjustments for income due to a new break-up of the control accounts that capture revenue related to consumption, lastly an increase in expense for telemetry items. The values indicated in Sewer Fund are similar, adjusting income or expenditure marginally to suit actual operational needs. Overall these values individually are not large amounts however do reflect a more detailed review of operational budgets.

The budget movement within the general fund can best be illustrated by the following departmental breakdown:-

Exec/Govern – There has been an increase of interest on investments and workers comp refunds received. Additionally there have been increases of expenditure related to the on-cost recovery area (wages related) for long service leave/bereavement leave/FBT/gratuity or redundancy payments).

Corporate & Community – There has been an increase of income received from Risk management incentives/legal income. Various increases of income relating to reserve trusts. Also various community services/library and tourism are income increases. There has been an increase in public liability claims expenses. Various increases in Rates and Water Billing related expenditure items. The Healthy Living Communities expense has been recorded, where grant monies had been finalised and returned to the funding body. Increases in community services and libraries expenses are related to this increase of grant funds.

Planning & Regulatory – There are various income and expenditure movements, reflecting a decrease in income and an increase in operational expenditure needs, the larger expenses increased due to WOLG and animal control fines, also increases of animal registrations.

Urban – There has been additional expenditure required for Weir feasibility consultant. An increase in expenditure for operational needs/requirements in running the pools and bore baths, there have been pump failures, pool repairs required and consultants needed to assess pools. There has been an increase in operational expenditure for the aerodrome grounds, due to the drought conditions and need to clear the runway of kangaroos etc (emergency based, needs basis). Another area of review has identified an increase in the cost associated with Parks & Reserves along with Other Sporting Fields, when compared to the original budget. There has also been new capital grants accepted, these are 50/50 matched grants. An increase of recreation and culture capital maintenance, this is needs based reactive work that needed to be completed (Burren Hall, Collarenebri pool roller door and pumps).

Rural – There has been the need to increase Walgett Depot and Stores operations expenses, for property maintenance (weed spraying, cleaning of facilities and other associated items). A marginal increase in RFS/SES reimbursable income, also an increase in the SES sundry expense area, this is due to increased use of the plan items relating to SES (internal plant hire charges). There has been an increase in plant fund related expenses, a number of plant requiring increase in repairs (this is funded through the plant fund internal plant hire and use of plant reserve). There has been residual income received for flood damage income, final claim basis. There has been an increase in the RMCC area, specifically related to the Ordered Works requested by RMS. There has been additional private works income received. There has been an adjustment for inspection and reporting items on roads. The final item for Rural area is related to certain Roads grants received over the course of 2013/14 and 2014/15, where an error in the budget had occurred due to a miscommunication and receipting error, additional funds recognised against ledger 11.00221.0315 of $416,364.00 was included as operational income incorrectly, it was also duplicated as capital income on ledger 11.00221.0380. What has happened is there was income of $458,000.00 received in 2014/15, it should have been a sundry debtor at end of June 2014, it was also complicated by confusion with grant funds and a GST error in the financial system indicating a value of $416,364 instead of the $458,000, however has been resolved and adjusted in the March QBRS.

These key items are individually reflected in the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement with the overall impact being a reduction in Council net operating result (surplus) and an increase in the deficit of net operating result before capital contributions.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework
Quarterly Budget Review Statement March 2015

Governance issues:

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement is a key document for Council in monitoring the progress of the Annual Budget and more broadly its achievement of the objectives within the Community Strategic Plan.

Financial Implications:

The Quarterly Budget Review details Councils current financial projections for the 2014/15 fiscal year as at the quarter ending 30th March 2015.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

N/A

Conclusion:

The QBRS as at 30th March 2015 provides council with information relating to status of the budget after six (6) months of operations and will form the basis for consideration of operational requirements in the 2015 / 2016 Draft Budget.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT 2014/15

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 30th March 2015 and adopt the adjustments/changes indicated within each report respectively.

Moved:
Seconded:

Attachments:

March 2015 Quarterly Budget Review Statement
Document will be tabled at the Meeting

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNCIL: JANUARY – MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: George McCormick – Manager Community Development

FILE NUMBER: 09/1763

Summary:
During the period January – March 2015 Community Services managed projects related to community engagement, cultural development and recognition, group capacity building, Aboriginal affairs, Seniors event, facilitating and supporting collaborative events targeting youth & early childhood initiatives. This report summarises project progress and outcomes of our Community and Youth Development teams, Libraries and Aboriginal Affairs during the period January – March 2015.

Background:
Last quarterly report submitted for the period October- December 2014

Current Position:
During the reporting period Councils community services team have initiated and supported projects and are partnering in programs, working with service providers and community alike as outlined below.

International Women's Day 2015
The women of Walgett Shire were out in force recognising International Women's Day Events: ***Make it Happen - 2015*** with three separate events in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri were planned and successfully delivered to over (200) two-hundred women actively engaged in events.

In Walgett (70) seventy women were entertained and engaged in what was a great event for those participating. The women were treated to a breakfast cooked and served compliments of the Walgett Community College hospitality class supported by their teacher. Games and brainteasers also ensured all women participating enjoyed the morning socialising, receiving service provider information, speeches, a power point presentation on inspirational quotes for women from TAFE and entertainment provided.

In Lightning Ridge the local women converged on the Lions Park with near (100) one hundred women engaged and recognising the event.

A large number of service providers, agencies and organisations working together produced a fabulous morning and opportunity to build relationships, gain information strengthening community values of the vital role women play in society.

Collarenebri's IWD event was staged at the town hall on the with pampering sessions, fun activities and a high tea, reports and feedback from those involved indicate the (30) thirty plus women thoroughly enjoyed the experience and thanked services involved.

Community partnerships in delivery through a collaborative represented by Thiyama-li, Mission Australia, WAMS, Yawarra Meamei, TAFE, NSW Health, Walgett Community College, PCYC and Council's community development team ensured very successful events in all communities.

Harmony Day 2015

Harmony Day is focused on saying no to racism, promoting our community's success as a multicultural society, recommitting us to respect and demonstrating and practicing goodwill and understanding between all Australians of all backgrounds.

Community members, school children and service providers came together in Walgett on the front lawns of Council on Monday 23rd to celebrate Harmony Day 2015, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Band performance by the Walgett Community College and catering from the cooking class was well received and special guests cut the cake to celebrate the occasion which was then followed by a BBQ at the high School.

In Lightning Ridge The Ridge Community Resource Centre Inc. together with Walgett Shire Council's Community Development Team organised the event with attendance of around (150) one hundred and fifty community members enjoying a day out at the Lions Park embracing our multiculturalism and community engagement.

Council was represented by Manager of Community Development at the Collarenebri Harmony Day, participating in the Collarenebri Central School day of activities.

Events across three communities demonstrated a continued collaborative approach to delivery by local services. Thiyama-li, TAFE Walgett, Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council, Walgett Community College, NSW Police, The Lightning Ridge Mens Shed, Lightning Ridge Health Service and Mission Australia, together with Walgett Shire Council's Community Development Team. The organising committee's for the events are happy with the response, participation and engagement of our community members.

Youth Affairs

Youth services are progressing in line with the Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 – 2014. The Youth Development team has recorded sustained outcomes relating to implementation of Vacation Care attendance numbers across the community.

Our team has continued successful partnerships with service providers and organizations in delivery of programs targeting development, leadership, early intervention and health and wellbeing initiatives.

National Youth Week 2015:

National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. Thousands of young people aged 12-25 from across Australia are involved in NYW each year. In 2015, NYW will be held from 7th-19 April.

The Walgett Shire Youth and Community Development team have been planning all year, working in partnership with significant input from the Youth Council and service providers.

The two week program will be rolled out throughout our communities with a variety of high quality programs and initiatives offered to the youth and young people of Walgett Shire.

As the current State title holders for youth week *"Best Small Council NSW 2014"* and State wide award winners consistently for the past (8) eight years the Walgett Shire Youth Council, youth and community development teams are committed to again offering our youth and young people two weeks of entertainment, opportunities and excitement to be remembered. The theme for 2014 National Youth Week is *"It starts with us"!*

Events to be staged include, Blue Light dance parties, youth mental health and wellbeing workshops, sporting events, competitions, environment clean ups, cultural workshops arts comps, traditional Korean dance and martial arts performances. Walgett Shire has Youth Talent Quest, BMX and freestyle demonstrations and workshops by top ranked professionals, live music concert, excursions to neighbouring Shire's events and the pinnacle event *"It starts with us - Youth and Community Festival"* and much more.

After School Activities/ Youth Centre's:

All Youth Centre's across the Shire are fully operational. After school care continues to be offered from 3.30pm – 6.30pm at Walgett and 3.00pm – 6.00pm at Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. Programs for this period have included activities aligning and meeting the National Quality Framework and Standards.

Christmas Parties staged at all centers again proved popular for whole of communities with large numbers in attendance.

These include sports orientated games, arts and crafts, healthy cooking options workshops, Wii games, pool and table tennis competitions, waste to art projects, painting, recycling, environmental initiatives including worm farms and vegetable gardens. Youth and Community Development Teams continue to support and partner with local services and organisations to deliver quality engaging programs for the youth and young people of the Shire. All programming is in consultation with the Walgett Shire's Youth Council.

Vacation Care Services:

For the January holiday period 1075 youth and young people across the Shire engaged in meaningful activities and programs at our youth centres throughout the Shire.
Activities for this period included health visits from services, life skills, creative crafts, recycling and sporting events .All programming for youth and young people is in consultation with the youth of the Shire aligning with and meeting requirements of the National Quality Framework.

YEEPI - Youth Engage, Encourage and Participate Initiative Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge:

The YEEPI program for the last reporting period recorded increased numbers with young people encouraged to participate in activities of their choosing allowing opportunities for youth and young people to plan and deliver their own pursuits aligning with funding agreement guidelines.
Input and consultation has remained strong with new creative activities requested.

Opportunities for the period included: mosaics, waste to art, arts and crafts, health and wellbeing, life skills, sporting events and community activities. This externally funded initiative

will wrap up end of June 2015 and has to date been a standout program under the State Government's Youth Opportunities Grant Program.

Seniors Week 2015:

NSW Seniors Week provides a platform to harness opportunities for seniors to be active, social and healthy with hundreds of events across our great state. It aims to inspire seniors to be part of their community and enjoy the benefits from participation.

Council's community development team supported events in the three larger communities. In Lightning Ridge the Family and Community Services departments partnered with Council and staged a very well attended movie and luncheon day at the HAC Centre. Collarenebri also staged a morning tea, lunch and movie session. Walgett offered its seniors several opportunities to engage in lunches and events throughout Seniors Week 2015.

Community Welcome Events:

Community Welcome events were held during late February early March in the three larger communities of Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.

Council facilitated the Community Welcomes to offer new comers to our Shire, local services and businesses an opportunity to connect in an informal manner. These events recorded 88 participants and aligned with: CSP - C1.1: Develop a connected, informed and resilient community". Community feedback from the initiative has been very positive.

Shire Libraries:

Walgett

Patrons and usage

Walgett Library continues to attract new families coming into the area utilising the library for reading and activities. New membership's record 28 with 15 re- registered giving a total of 377 members.

Displays:

Library staff work closely with the community and youth development teams and value add where possible to programs and initiatives. Displays in libraries create awareness to a particular event, or special day and for the reporting period display have focused on Summer Reading Club, Anzac, Aboriginal Book Display during NADOC Week and Freedom Ride Week, 100 year Celebration of Anzac/War.

Preschool literacy:

Goonimoo Pre School has visited twice during school holidays engaged in running reading and acting out picture books which included staff and parents acting. This proved to be extremely popular and heaps of fun for the thirty-two participants in this program. Bulk borrowing to all preschools takes place each quarter. Delivery of picture books to preschools also assists with early improvement of literacy and learning

Library Programs:

In partnership with Youth Centre Staff Walgett Library participated in an afternoon of activities for Youth with Wednesday and Friday afternoons set for adult programs with local artists helping to assist in workshops.

Library Lovers Day mystery romance books were handed out to patrons visiting. Print and drawing workshop for adults attended by 10 people

After School and Holiday Groups:
School holiday activities offered following Vacation Care prove popular with our youth and young people with 1184 young people recorded in attendance at the Walgett Library during this reporting period.

Lightning Ridge
Preschool literacy:
Targeting 0-5 age group and parents / caregivers, Books and Babies continue on Friday mornings with 97 in attendance Sessions include readings, singing nursery rhymes and small age appropriate craft activities.

After school programs:
Children have been involved in Anzac display constructing a soldier out of cardboard boxes. In partnership with Lightning Ridge Youth Centre Staff, Walgett Shire Council libraries have implemented and applied a children's afternoon program in Lightning Ridge Library to encourage children to use the facilities available including board games, craft activities, computer workshops with light afternoon refreshments supplied.

Over 34 attended the initial program start event demonstrating a need for young people to be engaged in their Library.

This program will be run fortnightly excluding school holidays.
Supporting the program Zita's Videos generously donated vouchers towards free ice-cream and movie hire for prizes which were given out to children who participated in art/craft activities

Book Club:
Due to an increase in numbers and popularity book club changed to fortnightly meets. Selected genres and authors are discussed and sourced.

Home Bound:
A new program implemented to encourage and assist community members to be part of the library services. Staff engage in fortnightly home and age care facility visits to deliver and pick up resources from the library. This program is available to patrons no longer able to visit the library.

The Lightning Ridge Library has recently taken a new shape with furnishings added and creating more space for visitors. An overall improvement to resources, book collections and usable library space has given an 11% increase in numbers compared with last quarter.

Moree Headquarters visits to conduct Library user and non-user community surveys across the Shire will prove vital in improving and identifying services to community.

Libraries were involved with International Women's Day promoting the library services to community members with hand outs and books.

Library statistics for reporting period

Walgett	#	Lightning Ridge	#
Current Members	377	Current Members	495
Number of New Patrons	28	Number of New Patrons	25
Members re-registered	15	Members re-registered	24
Items Borrowed	1709	Items Borrowed	1340
Number of Visits	4274	Number of Visits	669
Information requests	8	Information requests	24
Internet Usage	798	Internet Usage	116
Babies and Books	19	Babies & Books	36
After School Programs	496	After School Programs	327
WiFi	462	WiFi	19
Inter Library Loans (IIL)	0	Inter Library Loans(IIL)	23
Reservations) (from other branches)	38	Reservations(from other branches)	73

Planning and Implementation of NAIDOC Week 2015

The theme for NAIDOC 2015 is - *We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn Respect and Celebrate.* Funding grant submissions are yet to be lodged however committees in each community will be formed to work towards offering community a memorable, significant week of recognition and celebrations.

Aboriginal Freedom Rides Walgett

Sydney University in conjunction with Walgett's Aboriginal Land Council supported by Councils community and youth teams and Police staged a very successful community event for the anniversary of the Freedom Riders Event on Thursday 19 February 2015.

The event saw a street march from Apex Park, Walgett down Fox Street ceasing at the Walgett RSL, prior to the main event taking place at the Walgett No. 1 Sporting Oval.

Sydney University supplied and funding and a community BBQ, with live entertainment by Paul Kelly and Troy Cassa Daley. Logistical meetings with the Walgett Police, Local Aboriginal Lands Council and Walgett Shire Council Representative were vital to ensure a successful community event.
Feedback offered from the organiser's rate the Walgett Event as the highlight of the tour.

Community support and programs:

Community consultation, meetings and planning sessions regarding programing and requirements have been implemented in relation to the following events and programs.

- Sector strengthening workshop
- CDAT- Establishment of Lightning Ridge and further support of Walgett.
- PCYC - program support and partnerships
- School reference groups

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies
Walgett Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2012 – 2022, Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan 2007 – 2010, Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 – 2014, Australian National Quality Framework.

Governance issues:
Nil

Environmental issues:
Nil

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire community members, organisations and agencies with an interest in the social outcomes of people residing, working in, and visiting, the Walgett Shire.

Financial Implications:
Nil

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Not applicable

Conclusion:
The Community Development team have progressed projects and programs this quarter in accordance with the Walgett Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2012 – 2022 ,Walgett Shire Council Aboriginal Community Development and Reconciliation Plan 2007 – 2010, Walgett Shire Youth Development Youth Strategy 2009 - 2014

MANAGER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT January – March 2015

Recommendation:

That the report for Community Development for January – March 2015 be received and noted.

Moved:
Seconded:

REMOVAL OF FOUR ATHOL PINE TREES IN GRAY PARK

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Jay Ryan - Information Services Coordinator

FILE NUMBER: 14/205

Summary:
This report informs Council of the issues associated with trees restricting radio reception between the main administration building and the depot .The report recommends that Council accept the quote from the preferred contractor and proceed with the removal of the identified trees.

Background:
In February 2015 a new radio link between the main administration building and works depot was installed in preparation for the new phone system. During the installation it was identified that there were a number of Athol Pine trees in Gray Park (RR86330) affecting the line of sight between the receiver at the depot and the transmitter at the main administration building. As a result, the new device currently only functions between 50-60% of its potential resulting in slow speeds being available to users. This impacts on the work effectiveness of staff and will also impact the new depot phone running on the same link.

Current Position:
Four trees have been identified as requiring removal.
The removal of these trees will allow for uninterrupted radio traffic between the devices resulting in a significant increase in internet traffic flow to the depot site from the administration building. This will minimise drop outs and internet slowness allowing for a more stable connection and improved work effectiveness.

Two trees are approx. 10-12 metres tall, third is marginally shorter and the fourth is approx. 8 metres tall. The trunks are approx. 600mm in diameter although one already has splits about ½ meter above ground.

Council sought advice from an arborist (Don Mackenzie) regarding the Athol Pines in 2014 with information stating that Athol Pine is a class 5 declared noxious weed throughout NSW and there are no listed control measures. Athol Pines once mature, can become very fragile and is not uncommon for these trees to split in half and fall to the ground.

Council has received a quote from A1 Tree Services to remove the trees. The option suggested by the arborist is to stump grind the trees. The total cost of removing the four trees is $ 5,280 including GST. It is proposed that suitable tree species be planted to replace the removed trees.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:
Local Government Act
Council Purchasing Policy

Governance issues:
Council as the Trustee for the Reserve (R86330) is authorised to approve the removal of the trees as a reserve management measure.

Environmental issues:
There are no identified environmental issues in relation to this matter as the trees being removed have been identified as noxious plants.

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Community
Preferred Contractor

Financial Implications:
The provided quote of $ 5,280 would need to be sourced from B/L: 11.3052.3976 (Works Order 755 .326). Additional funding is recommended in the March QBRS for this budget.

Alternative Solutions/Options:
There are believed to be no alternative options if council is to provide an effective communications link to the works depot.

Conclusion:
It is recommend that Council accept the quote from A1 Tree Service in the sum of $5,280 for the removal of the four Athol Pine trees in Gray Park to provide an improved communications link between the administration building and the works depot.

Removal of Four Athol Pine Trees in Gray Park
Recommendation: 1. That the Council approval the remove of the four identified Athol Pine Trees in Gray Park. 2. That Council accept the quotation from A1 Tree Service in the sum of $5,280 for the removal of the four Athol Pine Trees in Gray Park. (B/L 11.3052.3976). 3. That other suitable tree species be planted to replace the removed trees **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Quote from A1 Tree Service
Photographs of Athol Trees

PO Box 4388 Dubbo NSW 2830 E-MAIL: office@altree.com.au ABN: 32 098 526 786

A1 Tree Service
(NSW) Pty Ltd

Phone 02 6882 2052 Mobile 0418 669 630 Fax 02 6882 2054

7 April 2015

Walgett Shire Council Att: Roy
White PO Box 31

WALGETT NSW 2832

Subject: Requested Quotation
Location: Walgett & Lightning Ridge

Roy

As per our discussion on the trees at 26 Pandora Street, Lightning Ridge price for the removal of 1 tree and cleaning up other limbs overhanging residence and power wire is $1,078 including GST.

As per your request to meet with Jay, we looked at 4 Athol Pine trees in Gray Park, Walgett apparently these trees are obstructing a signal from aerial to aerial. Price for the removal of these 4 trees including grinding of stumps is $5,280 including GST.

All tree work is performed by a qualified Arborist and carried out to Australian Standards for Pruning Amenity Trees AS4373-2007, Workcover Code of Practice Amenity Tree Industry 034, and OH&S. As a member of the Arboriculture Australia we abide by the association code of ethics.

Thank you for this opportunity to quote and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Chris Reynolds
Qualified Arborist

Member of the Arboriculture Australia

WATER BILLING PRICING STRUCTURE – DRAFT PROPOSAL

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

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Summary:

This report provides details for the proposed 2015/16 Water Billing pricing structure for consideration as part of the formulation of the 2015 / 2016 Draft Budget. The report recommends that Council adopt a structure with 76% income from Annual Availability charges and 24% income from unit of consumption for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

Background:

In 2012 / 2013, Council introduced water pricing structures comprising an availability charge and a usage charge.

Best practice guidelines state that Council should aim for 50% of its required income to be derived from the Annual Availability Charge and 50% from the tariff based on units of consumption. The tariffs were structured on classifying the reticulated systems as either 'river' systems or 'bore' systems with revenue estimated to be generated 70% from the availability charge and 30% from actual consumption.

Current Position:

When the initial tariff modelling was done there was minimal consumption history to predict future consumption on which to develop the tariff structure. Subsequently the actual consumption patterns have resulted in the actual income breakup being 80% availability charge and 20% from consumption.

In the previous years the Water Fund has operated at an overall deficit principally due to the cost of operating the Collarenebri system and the small consumer base from which revenue can be generated. It is essential that the Water Fund operate at least on a balanced budget scenario in order to avoid the need to be subsidised by the General Fund. The draft budget for 2015/16 illustrates the overall income required for the Water Fund to operate on balanced basis (excluding capital works).

This balanced budget situation then needs to be reflected in the Water Billing pricing structure, based on two components, an annual availability charge under section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993 where Council levy the charge if "land that is situated within 225 metres of a water pipe of the council whether the land has a frontage or not to the public road (if any) in which the water pipe is laid, and although the land is not actually supplied with water from any water pipe of the council" the second component is a user pays tariff which is based on units of kilolitres (KL) consumed.
Councils draft budget for the Water Fund has been developed to achieve a balanced operational budget (excluding capital items), which reflects a total of income $1,725,657.00, to be generated from the respective river and bore systems.

The proposed pricing structure models are based on the current number of metered connections and a 3 year average of water consumption (KL). These are detailed in the attachment to this report, which reflect relevant Annual Availability Charges and weighted increase along with allocated KL staged consumption tariff based pricing and relevant increase. A summary of the income derived on a weighted percentage basis is provided below:

Water Billing Pricing Structure - Proposed

	value	% of income
Annual Availability Income	1,380,525.60	80%
Consumption Tariff Income	345,131.40	20%
Required Income Yield	1,725,657.00	100%
Annual Availability Income	1,311,499.32	76%
Consumption Tariff Income	414,157.68	24%
Required Income Yield	1,725,657.00	100%
Annual Availability Income	1,207,959.90	70%
Consumption Tariff Income	517,697.10	30%
Required Income Yield	1,725,657.00	100%

It is believed that council should continue to aim for a 70% availability charge and 30% consumption revenue with a recommended 76%, 24% breakup as the first stage of attaining the desired level.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Council draft Operational Plan - Statement of Revenue Policy/Fees and Charges
NSW Best Practice Management of Water Supply and Sewerage

Governance issues:

Council has a responsibility to provide a sustainable water supply to its communities which recovers the cost of operating the system and makes provision for the renewal of infrastructure as required. Whilst Council seeks to progressively work towards NSW Best Practice Standards of 50% revenue from the availability charge and 50% revenue from consumption, the particular environmental conditions applying to Western N.S.W mean that an eventual 70%/30% revenue is a realistic target at this stage.

Environmental issues:

The intended purpose of the user pays initiatives or best practice models are to minimise or reduce water consumption levels, as water is recognised as a scarce resource. The inclusion of a consumption component is intended to reduce consumption through the consumer having to pay more as they use additional water.

Financial Implications:

The financial implications are that in order for the Water Fund to maintain its financial sustainability and performance, the Water Fund needs to function at a balanced operational level and trend towards an operational surplus in order to sustain capital maintenance/renewals into the future over and above current operational needs.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

That Council elect to have the Water Fund function at a balanced operational budgeted level, following the Water Billing Pricing Structure options in attachment to this report.

That Council elect to have the Water Fund function at a deficit operational budgeted level.

That Council elect to have the Water Fund function at a surplus operational budgeted level.

Conclusion:

It is the recommendation that Council incrementally move toward a Water Billing Pricing Structure that gains 70% income from Annual Availability charges and 30% income from unit of consumption. To reduce the impact of the change in the first year, it is recommended that Council adopt a structure with 76% income from Annual Availability charges and 24% income from unit of consumption for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS (FAG)
Recommendation: That Council adopt a structure with 76% income from Annual Availability charges and 24% income from unit of consumption for the 2015/16 fiscal year. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Summaries of each Water Fund Pricing Structure and Water Consumption Charge Comparison.

WATER CHARGE SUMMARY

80% availability, 20% consumption

ACCESS

An assessment must be within 225m of a water mains pipe, and a connection must be possible to qualify for an access charge

Access charges are charged per connection or possible connection. For example where a property has the potential to connect to both raw and filtered water mains, two access charges apply even though the land may not actually be supplied with water from any water pipe of the council

All annual water charges are exempt from GST

RIVER WATER - Collarenebri and Walgett

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	661.26	698.07	5%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,083.56	1137.74	5%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,693.32	1787.58	5%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	2,646.07	2793.36	5%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	5,953.40	6284.79	5%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	10,583.25	11172.36	5%
Unmetered	Residential	423.33	446.91	5%
Unmetered	Non Residential	423.33	446.91	5%

USAGE - Collarenebri and Walgett

Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <500kl	0.3573	0.7894	55%
Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >500kl	0.5002	0.6787	26%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.1179	0.2606	55%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1651	0.2175	24%

BORE WATER - Carinda, Lightning Ridge & Rowena

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
20mm Connection	Non Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
25mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
25mm Connection	Non Residential	435.69	459.94	5%
32mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
32mm Connection	Non Residential	714.82	754.61	5%
40mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,116.52	1178.67	5%
50mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,744.82	1841.95	5%
75mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
75mm Connection	Non Residential	3,925.33	4121.60	5%
100mm Connection	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
100mm Connection	Non Residential	6,975.16	7323.92	5%
Unmetered	Residential	279.13	294.69	5%
Unmetered	Non Residential	279.13	294.69	5%

USAGE - Carinda, Lightning Ridge and Rowena

Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.0979	0.2162	55%
Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1370	0.6589	79%

WATER CHARGE SUMMARY

76% availability (no increase), 24% consumption

ACCESS

An assessment must be within 225m of a water mains pipe, and a connection must be possible to qualify for an access charge

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RIVER WATER - Collarenebri and Walgett

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	661.26	661.26	0%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,083.56	1,083.56	0%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,693.32	1,693.32	0%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	2,646.07	2,646.07	0%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	5,953.40	5,953.40	0%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	10,583.25	10,583.25	0%
Unmetered	Residential	423.33	423.33	0%
Unmetered	Non Residential	423.33	423.33	0%

USAGE - Collarenebri and Walgett

Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <500kl	0.3573	0.9559	63%
Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >500kl	0.5002	0.8219	39%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.1179	0.3155	63%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1651	0.2634	37%

BORE WATER - Carinda, Lightning Ridge & Rowena

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
20mm Connection	Non Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
25mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
25mm Connection	Non Residential	435.69	435.69	0%
32mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
32mm Connection	Non Residential	714.82	714.82	0%
40mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,116.52	1,116.52	0%
50mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,744.82	1,744.82	0%
75mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
75mm Connection	Non Residential	3,925.33	3,925.33	0%
100mm Connection	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
100mm Connection	Non Residential	6,975.16	6,975.16	0%
Unmetered	Residential	279.13	279.13	0%
Unmetered	Non Residential	279.13	279.13	0%

USAGE - Carinda, Lightning Ridge and Rowena

Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.0979	0.2618	63%
Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1370	0.7979	83%

WATER CHARGE SUMMARY

70% availability, 30% consumption

ACCESS

An assessment must be within 225m of a water mains pipe, and a connection must be possible to qualify for an access charge

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RIVER WATER - Collarenebri and Walgett

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
20mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
25mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	661.26	610.81	-8%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
32mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,083.56	1137.74	5%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
40mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	1,693.32	1564.13	-8%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
50mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	2,646.07	2444.19	-8%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
75mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	5,953.40	6251.07	5%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
100mm Connection - Raw and Filtered	Non Residential	10,583.25	9,775.82	-8%
Unmetered	Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%
Unmetered	Non Residential	423.33	391.05	-8%

USAGE - Collarenebri and Walgett

Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <500kl	0.3573	1.1841	70%
Filtered Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >500kl	0.5002	1.0181	51%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.1179	0.3908	70%
Raw Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1651	0.3263	49%

BORE WATER - Carinda, Lightning Ridge & Rowena

Description	Use	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	% Increase
20mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
20mm Connection	Non Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
25mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
25mm Connection	Non Residential	435.69	402.45	-8%
32mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
32mm Connection	Non Residential	714.82	660.28	-8%
40mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,116.52	1031.34	-8%
50mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
50mm Connection	Non Residential	1,744.82	1611.70	-8%
75mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
75mm Connection	Non Residential	3,925.33	19626.65	5%
100mm Connection	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
100mm Connection	Non Residential	6,975.16	7323.92	5%
Unmetered	Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%
Unmetered	Non Residential	279.13	257.85	-8%

USAGE - Carinda, Lightning Ridge and Rowena

Consumption Charge	per kilolitre <600kl	0.0979	0.3243	70%
Consumption Charge	per kilolitre >600kl	0.1370	0.9884	86%

WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE COMPARISON

RIVER WATER - Collarenebri & Walgett

Tariff Desc	No Charges	Total Consumption	Average Consumption per Assessment	Current 14-15 Charge per Kilolitre	Average 14-15 Charge	Proposed Tier 1 80-20 Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 80-20 Consumption Charge	Increase in $	Proposed Tier 1 76-24 with Unchanged Access Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 70-30 with Unchanged Access Consumption Charge	Increase in $	Proposed Tier 1 70-30 Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 70-30 Charge	Increase in $
Coll'bri 20mm Filt 5 Dial Bus	25	8907	356	0.3573	$ 127.29	0.7894	$ 281.23	$ 153.94	0.9559	$ 340.55	$ 213.26	1.1841	$ 421.85	$ 294.56
Coll'bri 20mm Filt 5 Dial Res	185	23109	125	0.3573	$ 44.63	0.7894	$ 98.61	$ 53.98	0.9559	$ 119.41	$ 74.77	1.1841	$ 147.91	$ 103.28
Coll'bri 20mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	1	0	0	0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 25mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	4	9741	2435	0.3573	$ 870.14	0.7894	$ 1,922.45	$ 1,052.31	0.9559	$ 2,327.94	$ 1,457.79	1.1841	$ 2,883.68	$ 2,013.53
Coll'bri 40mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	1	2582	2582	0.3573	$ 922.49	0.7894	$ 2,038.10	$ 1,115.61	0.9559	$ 2,467.97	$ 1,545.49	1.1841	$ 3,057.15	$ 2,134.66
Coll'bri 40mm Filt 6 Dial Res	1	0	0	0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 40mm Filt 6 Dial Farm	0	0		0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 50mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	0	0		0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 75mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	0	0		0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 100mm Filt 6 Dial Res	1	3585	3585	0.3573	$ 1,280.86	0.7894	$ 2,829.87	$ 1,549.01	0.9559	$ 3,426.74	$ 2,145.88	1.1841	$ 4,244.80	$ 2,963.94
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Coll'bri 20mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	16	7513	470	0.1179	$ 55.36	0.2606	$ 122.36	$ 67.00	0.3155	$ 148.14	$ 92.78	0.3908	$ 183.50	$ 128.14
Coll'bri 20mm Raw 5 Dial Res	182	75011	412	0.1179	$ 48.59	0.2606	$ 107.41	$ 58.81	0.3155	$ 130.03	$ 81.44	0.3908	$ 161.07	$ 112.47
Coll'bri 25mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	4	39	10	0.1179	$ 1.16	0.2606	$ 2.56	$ 1.40	0.3155	$ 3.10	$ 1.94	0.3908	$ 3.84	$ 2.68
Coll'bri 40mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	2	1976	988	0.1179	$ 116.47	0.2606	$ 257.43	$ 140.96	0.3155	$ 311.66	$ 195.20	0.3908	$ 386.05	$ 269.58
Coll'bri 40mm Raw 6 Dial Res	0	0		0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 50mm Raw 6 Dial Res	1	0	0	0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Coll'bri 50mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	3	4459	1486	0.1179	$ 175.24	0.2606	$ 387.34	$ 212.10	0.3155	$ 468.94	$ 293.70	0.3908	$ 580.86	$ 405.62
Coll'bri 75mm Raw 6 Dial Res	1	0	0	0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Walgett 20mm Filt 5 Dial Bus	84	18861	225	0.3573	$ 80.22	0.7894	$ 177.24	$ 97.02	0.9559	$ 214.63	$ 134.40	1.1841	$ 265.87	$ 185.64
Walgett 20mm Filt 5 Dial Res	594	119601	201	0.3573	$ 71.94	0.7894	$ 158.94	$ 87.00	0.9559	$ 192.47	$ 120.53	1.1841	$ 238.42	$ 166.48
Walgett 25mm Filt 5 Dial Bus	0	0		0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Walgett 25mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	10	4023	402	0.3573	$ 143.75	0.7894	$ 317.59	$ 173.84	0.9559	$ 384.57	$ 240.83	1.1841	$ 476.38	$ 332.64
Walgett 25mm Filt 6 Dial Res	9	6067	674	0.3573	$ 240.87	0.7894	$ 532.16	$ 291.29	0.9559	$ 644.40	$ 403.53	1.1841	$ 798.24	$ 557.37
Walgett 32mm Filt 6 Dial Farm	1	1438	1438	0.3573	$ 513.74	0.7894	$ 1,135.03	$ 621.29	0.9559	$ 1,374.42	$ 860.69	1.1841	$ 1,702.54	$ 1,188.80
Walgett 40mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	3	1262	421	0.3573	$ 150.30	0.7894	$ 332.07	$ 181.77	0.9559	$ 402.12	$ 251.81	1.1841	$ 498.11	$ 347.81
Walgett 40mm Filt 6 Dial Res	1	0	0	0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Walgett 50mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	6	20212	3369	0.3573	$ 1,203.64	0.7894	$ 2,659.27	$ 1,455.62	0.9559	$ 3,220.16	$ 2,016.52	1.1841	$ 3,988.90	$ 2,785.26
Walgett 50mm Filt 6 Dial Res	1	1298	1298	0.3573	$ 463.60	0.7894	$ 1,024.25	$ 560.65	0.9559	$ 1,240.28	$ 776.68	1.1841	$ 1,536.37	$ 1,072.77
Walgett 100mm Filt 6 Dial Bus	1	6350	6350	0.3573	$ 2,268.97	0.7894	$ 5,012.95	$ 2,743.98	0.9559	$ 6,070.28	$ 3,801.31	1.1841	$ 7,519.43	$ 5,250.46
Walgett 100mm Filt 6 Dial Res	0	0		0.3573	$ -	0.7894	$ -	$ -	0.9559	$ -	$ -	1.1841	$ -	$ -
Walgett 20mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	43	20879	486	0.1179	$ 57.25	0.2606	$ 126.54	$ 69.29	0.3155	$ 153.20	$ 95.95	0.3908	$ 189.76	$ 132.51
Walgett 20mm Raw 5 Dial Res	586	211378	361	0.1179	$ 42.53	0.2606	$ 94.00	$ 51.47	0.3155	$ 113.80	$ 71.28	0.3908	$ 140.97	$ 98.44
Walgett 25mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	0	0		0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Walgett 25mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	7	5232	747	0.1179	$ 88.12	0.2606	$ 194.77	$ 106.65	0.3155	$ 235.81	$ 147.69	0.3908	$ 292.09	$ 203.97
Walgett 25mm Raw 6 Dial Res	8	8337	1042	0.1179	$ 122.86	0.2606	$ 271.57	$ 148.71	0.3155	$ 328.78	$ 205.92	0.3908	$ 407.25	$ 284.39
Walgett 40mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	1	1933	1933	0.1179	$ 227.84	0.2606	$ 503.61	$ 275.77	0.3155	$ 609.70	$ 381.86	0.3908	$ 755.22	$ 527.38
Walgett 40mm Raw 6 Dial Res	0	0		0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Walgett 50mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	7	18747	2678	0.1179	$ 315.75	0.2606	$ 697.92	$ 382.17	0.3155	$ 844.95	$ 529.20	0.3908	$ 1,046.62	$ 730.87
Walgett 50mm Raw 6 Dial Res	0			0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Walgett 80mm Raw 6 Dial Res	0			0.1179	$ -	0.2606	$ -	$ -	0.3155	$ -	$ -	0.3908	$ -	$ -
Walgett 100mm Raw 6 Dial Res	1	434	434	0.1179	$ 51.21	0.2606	$ 113.19	$ 61.98	0.3155	$ 137.03	$ 85.82	0.3908	$ 169.74	$ 118.53
Walgett 100mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	4	30822	7706	0.1179	$ 908.48	0.2606	$ 2,008.06	$ 1,099.58	0.3155	$ 2,431.10	$ 1,522.62	0.3908	$ 3,011.33	$ 2,102.84

BORE WATER - Carinda, Lightning Ridge & Rowena

Tariff Desc	No Charges	Total Consumption	Average Consumption per Assessment	Current 14-15 Charge per Kilolitre	Average 14-15 Charge	Proposed Tier 1 80-20 Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 80-20 Consumption Charge	Increase in $	Proposed Tier 1 70-30 with Unchanged Access Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 70-30 with Unchanged Access Consumption Charge	Increase in $	Proposed Tier 1 70-30 Charge per Kilolitre	Average Tier 1 70-30 Charge	Increase in $
Carinda 20mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	9	5484	609	0.0979	$ 59.66	0.2162	$ 131.75	$ 72.09	0.2618	$ 159.53	$ 99.88	0.3243	$ 197.62	$ 137.96
Carinda 20mm Raw 5 Dial Res	39	7345	188	0.0979	$ 18.44	0.2162	$ 40.72	$ 22.28	0.2618	$ 49.31	$ 30.87	0.3243	$ 61.08	$ 42.64
Carinda 40mm Raw 6 Dial Farm	1	8634	8634	0.0979	$ 845.22	0.2162	$ 1,866.56	$ 1,021.34	0.2618	$ 2,260.25	$ 1,415.03	0.3243	$ 2,799.84	$ 1,954.62
L/Ridge 20mm 5 dial Farm	1	1523	1523	0.0979	$ 149.05	0.2162	$ 329.16	$ 180.11	0.2618	$ 398.59	$ 249.54	0.3243	$ 493.75	$ 344.69
L/Ridge 20mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	84	19717	235	0.0979	$ 22.98	0.2162	$ 50.75	$ 27.77	0.2618	$ 61.45	$ 38.47	0.3243	$ 76.12	$ 53.14
L/Ridge 20mm Raw 5 Dial Res	616	164823	268	0.0979	$ 26.20	0.2162	$ 57.85	$ 31.65	0.2618	$ 70.05	$ 43.85	0.3243	$ 86.77	$ 60.58
L/Ridge 25mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	6	2700	450	0.0979	$ 44.05	0.2162	$ 97.28	$ 53.23	0.2618	$ 117.80	$ 73.75	0.3243	$ 145.93	$ 101.87
L/Ridge 25mm Raw 6 Dial Res	12	4124	344	0.0979	$ 33.65	0.2162	$ 74.31	$ 40.66	0.2618	$ 89.98	$ 56.33	0.3243	$ 111.46	$ 77.81
L/Ridge 32mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	3	1356	452	0.0979	$ 44.25	0.2162	$ 97.71	$ 53.47	0.2618	$ 118.32	$ 74.07	0.3243	$ 146.57	$ 102.32
L/Ridge 32mm Raw 6 Dial Res	1	603	603	0.0979	$ 58.98	0.2162	$ 130.26	$ 71.28	0.2618	$ 157.73	$ 98.75	0.3243	$ 195.39	$ 136.41
L/Ridge 40mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	4	1593	398	0.0979	$ 39.00	0.2162	$ 86.12	$ 47.12	0.2618	$ 104.28	$ 65.29	0.3243	$ 129.18	$ 90.18
L/Ridge 40mm Raw 6 Dial Res	2	676	338	0.0979	$ 33.11	0.2162	$ 73.11	$ 40.01	0.2618	$ 88.53	$ 55.43	0.3243	$ 109.67	$ 76.56
L/Ridge 50mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	4	19343	4836	0.0979	$ 473.41	0.2162	$ 1,045.46	$ 572.05	0.2618	$ 1,265.97	$ 792.56	0.3243	$ 1,568.19	$ 1,094.79
Rowena 20mm Raw 5 Dial Bus	4	1205	301	0.0979	$ 29.48	0.2162	$ 65.11	$ 35.63	0.2618	$ 78.85	$ 49.36	0.3243	$ 97.67	$ 68.18
Rowena 20mm Raw 5 Dial Res	9	2992	332	0.0979	$ 32.54	0.2162	$ 71.87	$ 39.32	0.2618	$ 87.02	$ 54.48	0.3243	$ 107.80	$ 75.26
Rowena 25mm Raw 6 Dial Bus	3	2164	721	0.0979	$ 70.62	0.2162	$ 155.96	$ 85.34	0.2618	$ 188.86	$ 118.24	0.3243	$ 233.95	$ 163.32

PLEASE NOTE: These calculations are based on the tier 1 charge per kilolitre only, increase would be greater for those that exceed the tier 1 limit which is currently 500kl for filtered & 600kl for both raw & bore water.

MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES APRIL 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Corporate Services

AUTHOR: Stephen Holland – Director Corporate Services

FILE NUMBER: 12/14

Lightning Ridge Racecourse

The alterations to the Jockey's rooms to provide for separate male and female amenities were completed prior to the Easter festival Race Meeting.

An application under the Public Reserves Management Fund has been submitted in the sum of $276,253. The application seeks funding for the construction of a roof shelter over the existing bar and kitchen area extending to the bookies area. It also includes improvements to the bar and kitchen as well as associated electrical, drainage and concreting work. It is expected that council will receive advice as to whether the application has been successful in the 2015/16 Financial Year. A contribution from Council funds of $30,000 was included in the application with this amount included for consideration in the draft 2015/2016 budget.

Burren Junction Hall

Funding was provided from the Local Heritage Fund 2014/2015 for maintenance works on the Burren "Junction School of the Arts Hall. Councils Heritage Advisor approved the work on the guttering and downpipes as being relevant to the preservation of the building.

The funding was used to renew the guttering and downpipes and to direct the stormwater and rainwater tank overflow into the outside kerb guttering. The eaves were also replaced near the toilets. The cost of the work was $7,149 which was fully funded by the heritage grant.

Work was also undertaken to get one of the tennis courts operational. This work involved straitening the fence, installing the tennis net and removing the overgrown weeds. The approximate cost of the work was $1,500.

Lightning Ridge Racecourse
Recommendation: That the information be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

14.4 DIRECTOR PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES

DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services

AUTHOR: Matt Clarkson, Town Planner

FILE NUMBER: 09/1367-03

Summary:
This report provides a summary of the Development and Complying Development Certificate applications recently processed by Council staff under delegated authority.

Background:

Most Development Applications (DA) lodged with Walgett Shire Council are assessed by Council's Town Planner and/or Director of Planning & Regulatory Services. If appropriate, they are then approved by the Director or General Manager under delegated authority. Only applications recommended for refusal, or where objections have been received from the public, are referred to Council for determination.

Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications which are compliant with relevant building and development standards, are assessed and approved by Council's Senior Health and Building Surveyor, Andrew Wilson, who is a NSW Building Professionals Board Accredited Certifier.

Current position:

The table following this report provides details of Development Applications (DA) and Complying Development Certificate (CDC) applications recently dealt with under delegated authority by Council staff. Document type 20 represents Development Applications, while document type 24 represents Complying Development Certificates.

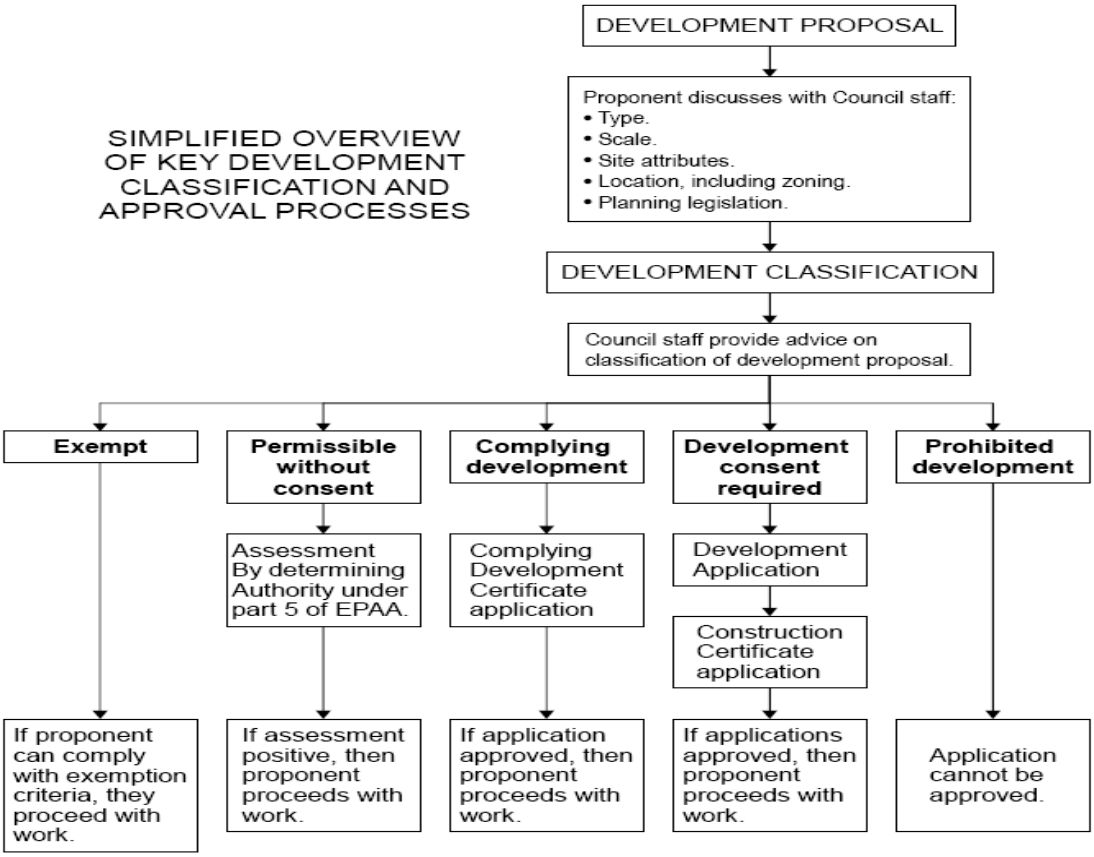
Relevant Reference Documents:
* Respective DA and CDC files.
* Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
* Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.
* State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008.

Governance issues:

DAs: DAs are assessed under against a series of "matters for consideration" specified under section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and any relevant statutory requirements (such as regulations, Walgett Local Environmental Plan, and State Environmental Planning Policies). Section 80A of the Act provides that Council may impose conditions of development consent. It is appropriate and normal practice to impose conditions that are related to the nature and scale of the development, as well as the environment in which it will occur.

CDCs: Standards for complying development are defined by the relevant State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). Sub-section 85A(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 provides that Council cannot refuse a CDC application which complies with the relevant development standards and regulatory requirements (eg plans and specifications demonstrate compliance with the Building Code of Australia). Conditions that apply to a CDC are specified by the SEPP under which the application is approved.

A simplified overview of development classification and approval processes is provided in the diagram below.



Environmental issues:

DAs: A Statement of Environmental Effects is required to be lodged with a DA that contains environmental information appropriate for the nature and scale of the development, as well as the setting in which it is proposed to occur. Under statutory requirements, some developments of a large scale and/or proposed for a sensitive area may require significant additional supporting environmental information.

CDCs: Complying development is restricted to certain types of land use, particular zones and may be excluded from environmentally sensitive areas, bush fire prone land, etc.

Stakeholders:

Public, applicants, Council, Department of Planning & Infrastructure.

Financial implications:

Part of the costs incurred assessing and inspecting respective developments is recovered from application and inspection fees.

Alternative solutions/options:
Nil.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council note the current level of development activity within the Shire.

It is recommended that Walgett Shire Council resolve to:
Note the report on Development and Complying Development Certificate applications dealt with by Council staff under delegated authority for March 2015 **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

A - DAs & CDCs approved March 2015

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Determined Applications

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04/14/2015 Parameters:

Date Range: Y
Start Date: 1/03/2015
End Date: 1/04/2015
As At Date:

Document Type: 20
Officer: ALL
Number of Days: 0
Stop The Clock: Yes

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Document	Applicant Name / Address	Development Type / Property Address / Title Owner	Determination	Determined	Received
Document Type: 20					
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 22* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 22*			
020/2015/00000007/001	Mr M L Taylor PO Box 1431 LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834	143 Class 10a - Carport 37 Opal ST LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 30 DP: 752756 Mr M L Taylor	Approved - Staff Delegation	30/03/2015	09/03/2015
Officer: Mr M Clarkson Number of Applications: 1		*Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 22.00* *Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00* *Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 22.00*	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 22.00* *Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00* *Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 22.00*		
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 22* *Calendar Stop Days: 11* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 11*			
020/2015/00000003/001	Mrs K A Parry 31 Scotts Road COONAMBLE NSW 2829	70 Class 6 - Shop 84 Fox ST WALGETT LOT: 39 DP: 614038 Mr S D & Mrs K A Parry	Approved - Staff Delegation	23/03/2015	02/03/2015
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 1* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 1*			
020/2015/00000004/001	Mr C A Huskinson PO Box 530 LIGHTNING RIDGE NSW 2834	60 Class 5 - Office Building Mining LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 11 DP: 1057617 WLL: 14874 Mr C A Huskinson	Cancelled	02/03/2015	02/03/2015

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04/14/2015 Parameters:

Date Range: Y
Start Date: 1/03/2015
End Date: 1/04/2015
As At Date:

Document Type: 20
Officer: ALL
Number of Days: 0
Stop The Clock: Yes

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Document	Applicant Name / Address	Development Type / Property Address / Title	Owner	Determination	Determined	Received
Document Type: 20						
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 15* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 15*				
020/2015/00000005/001	Mr L Svensson Suite 9, 499 Windsor Road BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153	50 Class 4 - Non Residential Bldg Dwelling 38 Opal ST LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 36 DP: 752756	Mr R A & Mrs R A Khan	Cancelled	16/03/2015	02/03/2015
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 17* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 17*				
020/2015/00000006/001	Ms E McLean Level 5, 176 Wellington Parade East Melbourne VIC 3002	70 Class 6 - Shop 35 Opal ST LIGHTNING RIDGE LOT: 9 DP: 243526	Mr G G & Ms N Schulz	Approved - Staff Delegation	18/03/2015	02/03/2015

Officer: Mr M P Goodwin
Number of Applications: 4

Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 11.00
Average Calendar Stop Days: 2.75
Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 11.00

Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 55.00
Total Calendar Stop Days: 11.00
Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 44.00

Document	Applicant Name / Address	Development Type / Property Address / Title	Owner	Determination	Determined	Received
Document Type: 24						
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 7* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 7*				

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04/14/2015 Parameters:

Date Range: Y
Start Date: 1/03/2015
End Date: 1/04/2015
As At Date:

Document Type: 20
Officer: ALL
Number of Days: 0
Stop The Clock: Yes

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Document	Applicant Name / Address	Development Type Property Address Title Owner	Determination	Determined	Received
Document Type: 24					
024/2015/00000002/001	Mr M SMART COMMERCIAL SOLAR FOR WOODHAMS PATROLEUM 160 FOX STREET WALGETT 2832	150 Class 10b - Fence/Antenna/Other 160-168 Fox ST WALGETT LOT: 7 DP: 633738 Mr G J & Mrs M A Woodham	Approved - Private Certifier	05/03/2015	27/02/2015
	Stop the Clock	*Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 1* *Calendar Stop Days: 0* *Adjusted Calendar Days: 1*			
024/2015/00000003/001	Woodham Petroleum Services Pty Ltd P.O. Box 128 WALGETT NSW 2832	150 Class 10b - Fence/Antenna/Other 160-168 Fox ST WALGETT LOT: 7 DP: 633738 Mr G J & Mrs M A Woodham	Cancelled	05/03/2015	05/03/2015

Officer: Mr A R Wilson
Number of Applications: 2

Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 4.00
Average Calendar Stop Days: 0.00
Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 4.00

Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 8.00
Total Calendar Stop Days: 0.00
Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 8.00

Report Totals & Averages
Total Number of Applications : 7

Average Elapsed Calendar Days: 12.14
Average Calendar Stop Days: 1.57
Average Adjusted Calendar Days: 10.57

Total Elapsed Calendar Days: 85.00
Total Calendar Stop Days: 11.00
Total Adjusted Calendar Days: 74.00

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MULTIPLE DWELLINGS AND SUBDIVISION ON THE 'PRESERVED' OPAL FIELDS

REPORTING SECTION: Planning and Regulatory Services

AUTHOR: Town Planner, Matt Clarkson

FILE NUMBER: 09/1436

Summary:

This report recommends that Council:

1. Note a recent letter from Crown Lands regarding multiple occupancies and subdivision on the 'preserved' opal fields, and
2. Resolve to respond by letter addressing Crown Lands' queries.

Background:

NSW Trade and Investment - Crown Lands wrote to Council in a letter dated 5 March 2015 querying:

- Development Consents granted for Western Lands Leases (WLLs) 14600 and 10844, and
- Council's position regarding multiple occupancies and subdivision on WLLs.

Current position:

Council's Planning staff have prepared a letter in response to Crown Lands' queries (Attachment B).

Relevant reference documents/policies:

* Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013
* Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
* Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
* Interim Development Order No. 1 Shire of Walgett 1968
* Crown Lands Act 1989

Governance issues:

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

* To exercise community leadership
* To properly manage, develop, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment of the area for which it is responsible, in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the
* Principles of ecologically sustainable development
* To have regard to the long term and cumulative effects of its decisions
* To engage in long-term strategic planning on behalf of the local community
* To exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and promotes social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights

Environmental issues:
Nil.

Stakeholders:

LRMA, Walgett Shire Council, community, state government.

Financial Implications:
Nil.

Alternative solutions/options:

Do nothing: - This has not been recommended as Crown Lands have requested relevant information from Council regarding development within the Shire.

Conclusion:

It is in the public interest to provide Crown Lands with the information requested.

Multiple Dwellings and Subdivision on 'Preserved' Opal Fields
Recommendation: That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: 1. Note the letter dated 5 March 2015 from NSW Trade and Investment - Crown Lands regarding multiple occupancies and subdivision on the Western Lands Leases 14600 and 10844, and 2. Resolve to respond by letter to NSW Trade and Investment - Crown Lands as per the draft response letter attached to this report. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:
Attachment A - Letter from Crown Lands dated 5 March 2015.
Attachment B – Draft response letter to Crown Lands.
Attachment C - Council map of existing structures.
Attachment D - Map and correspondence dated 3 November 1987 from the Western Lands Commission to Walgett Shire Council.
Attachment E - Correspondence from Walgett Shire Council to the Western Lands Commission dated 7 December 1987.

Refer to Attachment Document for Ordinary Council Meeting on page 3

1. MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION, PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES

REPORTING SECTION: Planning & Regulatory Services

AUTHOR: Matthew Goodwin, Director Planning & Regulatory Services

FILE NUMBER: 10/434

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

a) RURAL RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY

Prior to submitting the Rural Residential Strategy (RRS) to Council, the Department of Planning and Environment (DOPE) requested that additional information be provided. GHD submitted a revised RRS to Council on 2 April 2015, and a copy had been submitted to the DOPE for further comment.

It is expected that the RRS will be tabled for consideration at the next Council meeting.

b) E-PLANNING

Work is progressing on the e-planning initiative using $25,000 in grants from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DOPE).

The objective of the project is to implement:

- An on-line "application tracking" whereby the public can track applications for development, construction certificates and complying development certificates.
- An "electronic housing code" for the Walgett Shire so the public can determine whether a proposed development is exempt development, hence does not require Council approval, or Complying Development which does.

The project is also expected to result in data upgrades that will subsequently facilitate the streamlined preparation of planning (149) certificates.

Recent actions associated with this project include:

- Initial bulk loading of zoning and land use related data to the "property" module of Council's Authority administration software.
- Error checking of the data against DOPE data standards.
- A preliminary familiarisation and training session by DOPE for Council's Planning & Regulatory Services staff.

c) OVERGROWN LOTS

Council's Regulatory Officer has undertaken inspections over the 2014-2015 summer to identify overgrown urban lots. As of 14 April 2015 warning letters have been sent to:

- 21 landholders at Walgett.
- 32 landholders at Collarenebri.
- 8 landholders at Burren Junction.
- 4 landholders at Lightning Ridge.

Further action is required to follow up a minority of landholders who still have lots which are significantly overgrown.

d) UNAUTHORISED SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION, IGA SUPERMARKET, LIGHTNING RIDGE

Since 19 July 2013 Council has been corresponding with the landowner of 34 Opal St, Lightning Ridge, regarding the installation of solar panels on the Khan's IGA supermarket building without a Construction Certificate.

In a letter dated 16 June 2014 to the building owner's solicitors, Council's solicitors acknowledged that the temporary measures recommended in the Henry and Hymas Consulting Engineers report dated 19 March 2014 had been implemented. Since then, Council has been seeking a commitment from the landowner to address issues arising from the "Permanent Rectification" (pg 8 & 9) section of the Henry and Hymas report. This includes letters by Council's solicitors dated:

- 16 June 2014.
- 28 August 2014.
- 19 September 2014.
- 16 October 2014.
- 27 February 2015.

In e-mail dated 19-1-2015 the legal representative of the building owner stated that they expect work to commence late March 2015 to implement permanent remediation measures. At the time this report was written (14 April 2015), Council still had not been provided, or approved, any plans for permanent remediation measures.

In the above context, Council's solicitors have been asked to reinforce via a letter to the building owner that Council has limited patience.

e) DEFERRAL OF SWIMMING POOL CERTIFICATE CHANGES

In Circular 15-10 dated 26-2-2015, the NSW Office of Local Government notified Councils that legal provisions requiring a property with a swimming pool to have a certificate of compliance before it can be sold or leased will now commence on 29 April 2016. This is the second deferral of the commencement of these provisions.

The circular also stated that:

- An additional twelve months is being provided to give property owners more time to ensure that their swimming pool is compliant before selling or leasing their property.
- This follows discussions with child safety advocates, councils and industry stakeholders who requested additional time.
- Councils continue to report high failure rates for initial inspections of at least 95%.
- The additional swimming pool barrier repair and upgrade work being generated is placing pressure on pool trades and services.
- The Building Professionals Board has established the E1 Pool Certifier category to provide additional certification services to pool owners. This will complement council inspections and increase the number of qualified people who can conduct swimming pool inspections.
- Councils should use this additional time to inform property owners of their responsibilities and to ensure that the council has appropriate systems, processes and resources to respond to requests from property owners for inspections.

f) ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING

Eight infringements were issued In February 2015 for littering or allowing the transportation of their waste to a place that is not a lawful waste facility. One infringement was subsequently withdrawn on the basis that the warning letter and associated infringement were issued to the wrong address.

So far during 2015, seventeen warning letters have been sent inviting people to show cause why they should not be fined for illegal waste dumping. In some cases letters have been issued for illegal dumping on multiple sites.

Section 143 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 provides that the owner of waste must take reasonable precautions and exercise due diligence to prevent their waste from being unlawfully dumped. If a satisfactory response is not received regarding a warning letter, then it is expected that further fines will be issued.

In 2014 the NSW Government increased 'on the spot' fines for this offence to $2,000 for individuals and $4,000 for corporations.

g) PLANNING SECRETARY FORUM, DUBBO

On 24 February 2015 Council's Director of Planning & Regulatory Services attended a forum with Carolyn McNally, the recently appointed Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment (DOPE). Senior staff from numerous Orana and Western councils were also in attendance. The forum was used to draw the Secretary's attention to Walgett Shire Council's ongoing concern about pointless excessive complexity and irrelevance in the current planning system, especially with regards to exempt and complying development for rural Councils.

Council's concerns were reinforced via an e-mail dated 13-3-2015 which was sent to the Secretary (see Attachment A to this report).

h) POUND DOG REHOMING

Nina Hartland of Riverina Pet Rescue continues to arrange for the pick-up of unclaimed and surrendered dogs from the Walgett pound. The number of dogs entering the pound remains far higher than the local demand and capacity for re-homing with responsible pet owners. Riverina Pet Rescue continues to work with animal rescue organisations in southern NSW, Victoria and the ACT to place the animals with new owners. The group publicises its activities via the internet at the following address - http://www.petrescue.com.au/groups/10030

Recently Riverina Rescue commenced re-homing cats, but have been unable to find new owners for all the cats entering Council's pound, either via surrender or seizure.
Riverina Rescue made the following recent pick-ups:

- 23 January 2015 – 6 dogs
- 6 February 2015 – 8 dogs
- 27 February 2015 – 5 dogs
- 6 March 2015 – 2 dogs
- 17 March 2015 – 4 dogs
- 27 March 2015 – 8 dogs
- 9 April 2015 – 9 dogs

i) FERAL CAT CULL

Council's Regulatory Officer has worked with a resident in the last couple of months to cull 112 feral/semi-feral cats from a single site on the Lightning Ridge opal fields. The cats were causing a significant ongoing nuisance for neighbours and wildlife in the area.

j) APPEAL AGAINST DANGEROUS DOG DECLARATION

An appeal has been made by a Lightning Ridge resident against a Dangerous Dog Declaration issued by Council on 4 August 2014. The matter was mentioned at Court on 25 March 2015 and will be mentioned again on 29 April 2015. Waterford Ryan Solicitors have been engaged to represent Council in the matter.

Matters Generally for Brief Mention or Information only from Director of Planning & Regulatory Services
Recommendation: That Walgett Shire Council resolve to: 1. Receive and note the report by the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services on matters for brief mention, or information only. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

A – 13-3-2015 e-mail to Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment

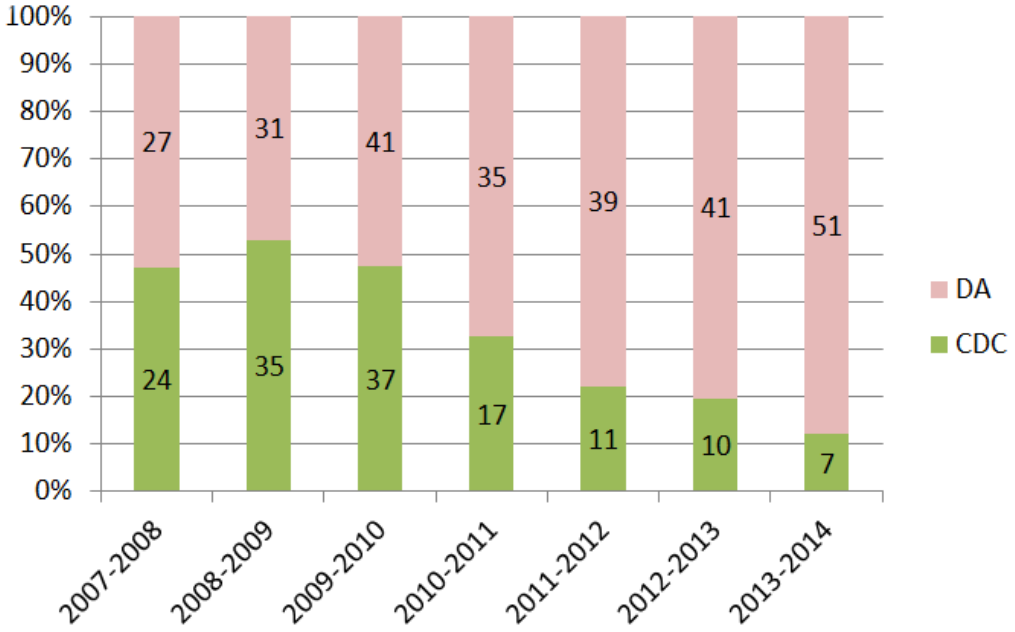
ATTACHMENT A – 13-3-2015 E-MAIL TO SECRETARY, DEPT PLANNING

Hello Carolyn,

It was good to meet you at Dubbo on Tuesday 24th February. In the course of our discussion at lunch I indicated that I would provide you with some background information on the adverse impacts for rural communities arising from State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 [Codes SEPP].

In the above context, I have provided brief points below:

1. Within the Walgett Shire there has been a strong downward trend in the number and proportion of Complying Development Certificate (CDCs) applications in recent years, as shown in the graph below. At the same time the numbers and proportions of more complex, time consuming and expensive Development Application and Construction Certificate applications (DA/CC) have increased. These trends correlate with the initial introduction of the Codes SEPP on 27-2-2009, and subsequent amendments which have exacerbated the situation.



NSW Planning & Environment has repeatedly provided assurances through senior management that the intent of the Codes SEPP has been to reduce unnecessary red tape, but the graph demonstrates that the reverse is true for the Walgett Shire. It is our understanding that this problem is affecting many other rural shires and communities, as reflected in comments provided by other Councils at Dubbo.

2. There are several factors contributing to the reduction in complying development, including:
   (a) Complexity – The provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy No 60—Exempt and Complying Development [SEPP 60] were contained in 36 pages which typically enabled about 50% of developments to be processed as

complying development in a given year. Since the commencement of the 211 page Codes SEPP in 2009, the increased range of thresholds and limitations has substantially reduced the opportunities for complying development.

(b) Irrelevance – Many requirements imposed by the Codes SEPP serve no purpose in rural areas, but Council is still obligated to apply those provisions.

(c) Lack of public acceptance – Builders and families often find it easier to submit a DA and CC application for a development because:

i. It can be a convoluted process to determine whether a proposal is complying development due to the numerous development standards involved.

ii. A reasonable DA/CC will be approved (ie greater certainty about process), therefore there is little point wasting time inquiring whether a proposal is complying development.

3. Council's experience with the application of the Codes SEPP is that there has not been any significant improvement in outcomes for the community or environment in this area, which could justify the current situation.

The Western Region office of NSW Planning & Environment has been working with Council and stakeholder representatives for several months to prepare a draft Regional Complying Development State Environmental Planning Policy. The intent has been to reduce unnecessary complexity and remove irrelevant requirements, hence the Regional Complying Development SEPP is likely to substantially increase complying development once it commences effect. While this has the potential to address some of the issues raised above, it is quite concerning that it is taking too long for NSW Planning & Environment to address the situation.

With a view to minimising red tape associated with exempt and complying development, Walgett Shire believes that the following matters warrant consideration and action by NSW Planning & Environment:

A. Public exhibition and implementation of the Regional Complying Development State Environmental Planning Policy as soon as possible.

B. Provision for Council's to allow more generous local exempt and complying development standards, beyond those set at a state level. State wide parameters do not meet the needs of all communities.

C. Early 2014 changes to Codes SEPP introduced occupier notification within 20m radius of site, with a minimum of 14 days before an application can be determined. This has meant that that it can be quicker to process a DA and CC if no neighbour notification is required for the DA. Given that neighbours have no right to object to complying development, the notification process is pointless and causes unnecessary delays. This requirement should be removed to facilitate complying development.

Please let me know whether you require any additional information.

Regards,

Matthew Goodwin
Director Planning & Regulatory Services
Walgett Shire Council

14.4 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

MONTHLY RURAL INFRASTRUCTUE AND SUPPORT SERVICEPROGRESS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services

AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit –Director Engineering Services

FILE NUMBER: 12/211

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council relating to the Engineering Services work progress till 31st March 2015.

Background:

A budget of $16.30 Million including RMCC work has been allocated to the Rural Infrastructure and Support Service for capital & maintenance works, fleet management and engineering administration for 2014/2015.

Current Position:

One construction team is working in full swing on Carinda Road. Other teams are working on Highways.

The maintenance budget for Local and Regional roads has been allocated an amount of $390,000 and $130,000 respectively Due to the use of major shire roads by stock transporters after storms which occurred in time to time, the roads were required to be maintain significantly.

This impacted on the maintenance budget. As at 21st April 2015, the expenditure for Shire Unsealed Pavement (Local Road) is $ 328,161 whereas the expenditure for Regional Road maintenance is $ 129,105. The remaining total maintenance budget is $ 62,734 which is enough only for 46 days or to maintain 185 km long road.

Due to the additional damage after current storms, an additional budget is required to maintain the following roads.

- RR426 (Ridge Road) = $, 9,000
- RR457 (Gundabloui Road) = $,2000
- SR103 (Bugilbone Road) =$ 10,000
- SR12 (Millie Road) = $ 4,100
- SR92 (Starthmore Road) =$ 4100
- RR7716 (Come By Chance Road) = $27,240

Total $56,440

The additional budget will be used by second maintenance team for 42 days (Rate =1350 per day)

After discussion with the Mayor, the General Manager has given approval for additional expenditure on Shire Roads maintenance in order to maximise use of any moisture that is currently available.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:
2014/15 Operational Plan and Budget.

Governance issues:

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

Environmental issues:

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

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire
Walgett Residents

Financial Implications:

As at 31st March 2015, $ 9,395,325 has been spent from a total amount of $16,331,793 allocated for 2014/2015 budget and the expenditure for capital and maintenance works only as is $ 3,283,301

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Nil

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

Monthly Rural Infrastructure and Support Service Progress report from Director Engineering Services

Recommendation:

1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly work progress report for March 2015.
2. That Council approves an additional budget of $ 56,440 to keep the above mentioned road serviceable level and endorse the action taken to allow works to be undertaken without delay.

Moved:
Seconded:

Attachment:
2014/2015 Budget allocations up the 31st March 2015

The Rural Infrastructure and support Services 2014/2015 budget allocations for Capital and Maintenance works are as follows:

Ledger Item	**Actuals, Committed and Oncost up to31 March 2015**	**Budget**	**% Budget**	**Remarks**
Engineering Administration	$462,649	$667,843	69%	
Emergency Services (RFS * SES)	$329,960	$340,000	97%	
Enforcement of Regulations	$7,206	$20,000	36%	
Fleet Operations	$1,346,701	$2,432,716	55%	
Local Roads Operations	$57,289	$72,000	80%	
Local Roads Maintenance	$425,326	$660,539	64%	
Regional Roads Operations	$55,620	$851,044	7%	Including asset depreciation
Regional Roads Maintenance	$492,387	$688,427	72%	
Walgett Depot Renewal and Improvements	$1,124	$1,400,000	0%	
Fleet Renewal and Improvement	$105,039	$1,335,000	8%	
Total	**$3,283,301**	**$8,467,569**	39%	

MONTHLY RMCC WORKS REPORT FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services

AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit –Director Engineering Services

FILE NUMBER: 12/211

Summary:
The purpose of this report is to inform Council of progress relating to the RMCC works till 31st March 2015

Background:
The initial contact award for 2014/2015 was $ 3,390,000. Due to the increase of scope of works RMS has approved a variation of $ 592,174.01. The total contract now is $ 3,982,174.01.

The scope of works involved in this contract is:

Resealing, Heavy Patching, HW 12 Mt Brandon Widening, Grids Replacement (New item), Big Warrambool widening (new item) and Routine works.

Current Position:
SH12 – Big Warrambool Widening Project

SH18N – Shoulder Grading
Inspections and maintenance work

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:
RMCC

Governance issues:
Nil

Environmental issues:
Nil

Stakeholders:
Walgett Shire
Walgett Residents

Financial Implications:
As at 31st March 2015, $ 2,746,083.01 has been spent from a total amount of $3,982,174.01, provided in 2014/2015 budget.

Alternative Solutions/Options:
Nil

Conclusion:

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

Monthly RMCC works Report from Director Engineering Services – March 2015
Recommendation: That Council receive and note the monthly RMCC works report for March 2015. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

RMCC works summary

The funding allocations for 2014/2015 RMCC works are $ 3,982,174.01details are as follows:

SN	Description	Budget	Expenditure Till 31/03/2015	Expenditure in percentage	Physical status
1	Resealing	$1,019,964.61	$871,359.16	85.43%	Completed
2	Heavy patching	$887,441.54	$659,942.98	74.36%	Completed
3	HW 12 Warrambool Widening	$703,416.80	$142,489.00	20.26%	On going
4	Routine works	$1,160,000.00	$809,757	69.81%	On going
5	Grids Replacement	$146,351.06	$83,606.01	57.13%	Completed
6	Culvert Headwall Works	$65,000	$39,025.15	60.04%	Completed
7	Culvert Replacement		$139,903.71		
	TOTAL	$3,982,174.01	$2,746,083.01	76.25%	

CONSULTANCY SERVICES QUOTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND MOBILITY PLANS (PAMP) AND BIKE PLANS FOR 2015/2016

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services

AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit – Director of Engineering Services

FILE NUMBER: 11/260

Summary:

This report advises Council to accept the quotation submitted by John Everndeen to prepare a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMP) and Bike Plans within Walgett Shire area. The quoted price is $15,180 (incl. GST).

Council note the RMS 2015/2016 PAMP funding proposal and allocate a budget of $ 15,180 (total budget) for 2015/2016.

Walgett Shire Council will be offered a funding opportunity by the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for 2015/2016 to carry out a study for Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMP) and Bike Plans within Walgett Shire area on 50/50 contribution basis. This report advises Council to accept the RMS 2015/2016 PAMP funding proposal and allocate a budget of $ 15,180 (total budget) for 2015/2016.

Background:

The aim of the PAMP is to provide a network of safe, convenient and connected pedestrian routes which will encourage people to walk rather than use their cars. When implemented, the PAMP should greatly enhance pedestrian networks in the Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri areas.

Together with the Roads and Maritime Services, all local councils in NSW have a responsibility to provide safe, convenient and connected pedestrian routes which will encourage people to walk rather than use their cars. In 1998 the RMS began a new program to assist planning for pedestrians. The program was developed to ensure better planning for pedestrians.

Since that time more than a dozen PAMPs have been commissioned using a partnership approach. PAMPs help to link State and Local Government planning instruments (e.g. Local Environment Plans (LEPs), Development Control Plans (DCPs) and Councils' requirements under Sections 79c and 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).” Source: How to prepare a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan - An easy three stage guide:RMS,http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/mobility-plan_how-to.pdf

The proposed plans will be compiled in accordance with the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Guidelines. The proposed PAMP and Bike Plan and the Access Audit Report will include proposed works and photographic records of the audited areas.

The amount of this funding is $15,180 (Inc. GST). RMS has a program to fund the PAMP & Bike Plan each year on the basis of 50/50 contribution. Council received the funding for 2014/2015 but due to the other commitments, Council was unable to accept the funding.

Current Position:

A proposal from RMS certified consultant has been received.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

- How to prepare a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan - An easy three stage guide RTA www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Governance issues:

Nil

Environmental issues:

Road safety

Stakeholders:

Council and Users

Financial Implications:

2015/2016 Operational Plan

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing

Conclusion:

The PAMP and bike plan will be a 10 year plan. The cost for construction of the network will be presented to Council once received the Consultancy report.
It is recommended to accept the Consultant's proposal to prepare the PAMP and bike plan to secure the RMS's PAMP & Bike Plan funding.

Consultancy services quotation for Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans (PAMP) and Bike Plans for 2015/2016
Recommendation: 1. That Council notes and accepts the quotation of $ 15,180 that was submitted by John Evernden. 2. That Council consider in the 2015/16 draft budget the project and allocate $15,180. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:
Proposal

Walgett Shire Council

Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans And Bike Plans for the Townships of

Walgett
Collarenebri
Lightning Ridge

Fee Proposal

Accessible Public Domain

10 April 2014

The General Manager,
Walgett Shire Council,
PO Box 31,
WALGETT NSW 2832

Attention: Mr. Raju Ranjit.

RE: Proposed Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans and Bike Plans – Townships of Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge

Dear Mr. Ranjit,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a Fee Proposal for the Access Consultancy elements of a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan and a Bike Plan. The total fee is $15,180 (including GST) for the items set out on page 3.

The NSW Roads and Maritime Services Guidelines advise that the development of a PAMP could take 3-6 months to prepare. The inclusion of a Bike Plan extends this time. It is understood that some funding for this project is available until 30.6.14. Although *APD* is able to complete phase I of the project, the on-site survey of the study areas, before the end of June, it is not possible to complete the PAMP and Bike Plans prior to that time.

The Surveys and reports will follow the NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Guidelines for the preparation of a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and a Bike Plan; and the Access Audit report will include proposed priority works supported by a photographic record of the areas and features audited.

It is proposed to develop the Bike Plan and PAMP as one project, for the assumed study areas nominated on page 3, for the following reasons –

- The borders of the Study Areas are similar for each Plan
- Many stakeholders would be involved with both Plans
- The PAMP survey would automatically include a survey of existing and proposed bike routes
- A combined project would avoid duplication of the survey, meetings, time and funding, and allow the two Plans to be linked

Accessible Public Domain (APD) is a Disability Access Consultancy and I operate as a Sole Trader. A copy of my Company Profile is attached. If this submission is acceptable to Council I could complete Phase I by the end of June, and Phases II and III by the end of September.

Yours sincerely,

John Evernden,
B. Sc. (Tech.) Civil Engineering; B. App. Sc. Ecotourism,
Accredited Access Consultant

Fee Proposal:

Item	Timing	Cost
Phase I • Visits to Walgett, Collarenebri and Lightning Ridge • Travel expenses • Accommodation and meals • Access Audit and photographic survey of PAMP and Bike Plan Study Area • Review of existing Council Plans, Policies and Standards • Consultation with Walgett Shire Council	May	$5,300
Phase II • Preparation of draft PAMP report • Preparation of draft Bike Plan report • Development of Access Audit Report, including photographic survey	June - July	$7,000
Phase III • Plans on exhibition • Review responses from Public Exhibition • Inclusion of responses in Final PAMP Report • Inclusion of responses in Final Bike Plan Report • Finalise PAMP and Bike Plan • Provide two bound copies, and electronic version, of PAMP and Bike Plan	August - September	$1,500
	Fee = **GST =** **TOTAL =**	**$13,800.00** **$ 1,380.00** **$15,180.00**

Study Areas
The estimate has been based on a survey of the following areas –

Walgett
Area approximately bounded by Montkeila Street in the north; Namoi Street in the east; Bate Street in the south; and Duff Street in the west.

Collarenebri
Area approximately bounded by Myall Street in the north; Albert Street in the east; Walgett Street in the south; and Barwon Street in the west.

Lightning Ridge
Kaolin Street in the north; Gem Street in the east; Black Prince Drive in the south; and Agate Street and Butterfly Avenue in the west

Methodology
The usual methodology adopted by *APD* has been as follows –

- Liaise with Principal
- Review Council documentation
- Meet with Council officers and other stakeholders
- Visit study areas to carry out access audit of pedestrian and cyclist routes and facilities
- Photograph public domain features that require attention to provide a continuous accessible path of travel for pedestrians or cyclists. The photographs are included in the Access Audit Report to provide a visual record of the feature in its current state and assists Council in its Maintenance and Works Programs
- Prepare Draft PAMP and Bike Plan, with recommendations for preferred routes and proposed works
- Recommend priorities for paths of travel and works, depending on elements such as pedestrian or cyclist usage; attractors; urgency of work; works needed to comply with Australian Standards
- Apply Australian Standards listed in the RMS Guidelines to assist Council in meeting its obligations under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act, 1992.
- Record items of street furniture that require attention
- Audit paths of pedestrian travel to significant sites, such as War Memorial, Council Chambers, Community Centres, Hospital
- Audit paths of cycle travel to significant sites such as Schools, Shopping Centres, Community Centres, Library
- Develop Draft PAMP and Bike Plan based on access audit of study area
- Develop draft Works Program with Council, based on recommended priorities
- Liaise with Council on the proposed pedestrian and cycle routes, and proposed priorities
- Finalise Draft Plans for public exhibition
- Review comments from exhibition and other sources
- Prepare Final PAMP and Bike Plans for Council approval
- Provide bound and electronic copies of Final PAMP and Bike Plan
- Liaise with the Principal throughout the project

Previous experience in these projects:
PAMP's
Bogan Shire – Nyngan Township, 2011
Brewarrina Shire – Brewarrina and Goodooga Townships, 2012
Central Darling Shire – Wilcannia, Ivanhoe and Menindee Townships, 2012
Cobar Shire – Whole of Township and Residential Area, 2013
Broken Hill City – Whole of City, 2013
Inverell Council – Whole of Township, 2014
Bourke – Whole of Township, 2014
Wellington Council, 2014

Bike Plans
Cobar Shire, as part of the PAMP
Broken Hill, separate to PAMP
Inverell, as part of the PAMP
Wellington, as part of PAMP

NOTE
The Broken Hill PAMP and Bike Plan are to be found on that Council's web site

References:

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Senior Road Safety and Traffic Officer
NSW Roads and Maritime Services, Broken Hill
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0417 802 300

Mr. Reece Wilson
Manager Technical and Engineering Services
Central Darling Shire Council
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Insurance:
A copy of my current Professional Indemnity Insurance Certificate is attached.

Payment of Consultant:
The bulk of the work, including the on-site survey of the Study Areas and preparation of the Draft Plans, is carried out in the early stages of the project.

Following completion of the Draft Reports, Council reviews and amends where necessary in preparation for the public exhibition. It is expected that the Plans would be on exhibition for 3-4 weeks.

The usual payment regime for my previous PAMPs and Bike Plans has been-

Stage I - Completion of the Site Survey and Access Audit of the Study Area; and consultations with stakeholders (40%)

Stage II – Completion of Draft PAMP and Bike Plan Reports (40%)

Stage III – Review of Draft Plans and preparation for Public Exhibition (10%)

Stage IV - Completion of Final PAMP and Bike Plans (10%)

ROAD TRAIN ROUTE AND B DOUBLE – WALGETT TOWNSHIP

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services

AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit – Director of Engineering Services

FILE NUMBER: 11/260

Summary:

This report recommends that Council endorse the change of route for Road Trains and B Doubles in Walgett Township.

Background:

Walgett Town is a town of 2300 people at the centre of an enormous pastoral area which stretches to the State border. The town is located by the Namoi River near its junction with the Barwon River in northern NSW, 696m km North West of Sydney via Wee Waa which is 124 km east and 114 km north of Coonamble. All the heavy vehicles coming from the South and heading North are passing through the intersection of Fox Street and Wee Waa Street and vice versa. Also all the heavy vehicles coming from the West of Walgett going South are passing through the intersection. The movement of the heavy vehicles such as Road Trains and B Doubles that come from the West and turning to the South is damaging the historical monument.

In addition, Peel Street between Montkeila and Arthur Streets has been approved in the Restricted Access Vehicle Map NSW as Road Train access only for morning and evening times. However operators are using Peel Street and exiting on Fox Street via Bate Street and not following the specified times .

In order to improve the existing situation, Council is required to submit an application to RMS to change the access along Wee Waa Street between Peel Street and Fox street.

In relation to the Peel Street concerns, as a Shire Road, Council is required to apply to NHVR for necessary action.

Current Position:

1. 19 m B Double Route access in Wee Waa Street between Peel Street and fox Street
2. Road train access in Peel Street between Montkeila Street and Arthur Street excludes 8 am to 9:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
3. Peel Street and Bate Street have been used by Road Train and B Double operators.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Local Area traffic Committee Minutes

Governance issues:

Council also needs to consider how the time restrictions can be enforced.

Environmental issues:

Road safety, damage to the historical monument.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire council
Walgett Shire residents
Transport companies

Financial Implications:

2015/2016 Operational Plan.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing

Conclusion:

The Road Train access to monument / round about in Fox Street and along Peel Street were discussed in the Local Area Traffic Committee meetings held on 12th February and 9th April 2015. Alternate route for Road Trains along the Peel Street via Wee Waa Street to Bate Street then Fox Street was suggested by the Committee. It was also recommended to apply to RMS re; the restricted access issue along the Wee Waa Street towards the roundabout from Peel Street.

Road Train Route and B Double – Walgett Township

Recommendation:

1.That Council note and accept the recommendation regarding stopping Road Train and B Double traffic from passing through the Fox Street roundabout from west side of Walgett town

2. That Council make an application to divert the Road Train and B Double vehicles from the intersection of Peel Street and Wee Waa Street.

3.That Council make an application to extend the access route for Road Train and B Double vehicles along Peel Street to Bate Street and then to Fox Street.

Moved:
Seconded:

Attachments: Maps

Existing Route configuration
Proposed Route configuration

ATTACHEMENT – EXISTING ROUTE CONFIGURATION

Restricted Access Vehicle Map NSW

Map Last Updated: 10/04/2015

Roads & Maritime

Legend

- Through Traffic on Bridge
- Through Traffic under Bridge
- Road Train Routes
- Road Train Approved Area
- Road Train Approved Area with Conditions
- Exception Routes (not approved)
- Travel conditions exist on this route

Provide feedback
Email: Journey.Information@rms.nsw.gov.au
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Restricted Access Vehicle Map NSW

Map Last Updated: 10/04/2015

Roads & Maritime

Legend

- Through Traffic on Bridge
- 19m B-Double Routes
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PROPOSED ROADTRAIN ROUTE IN WALGETT TOWN

REVISED CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE ROAD WORKS PROGRAMME FOR 2015/2016

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services

AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit – Director Engineering Services

FILE NUMBER: 11/211

Summary:

This report is for Council to consider and approve the revised capital and maintenance road work programme for 2015/2016

Background:

A four year works program (2015/2016 to 2018/2019) for capital and maintenance road work programs for Engineering Services was submitted to the March 2015 Council meeting.

Due to the revised anticipated funding arrangement, the 2015/2016 work program needs required to be amended and the following changes are proposed in this report.

1. Revised costing for Shermans Way project is $ 800,000. Initially the estimated amount was $ 878,356.56. It is a RMS Repair Program which supports maximum dollar for dollar of only $400,000.

2. Initial portion of the Shermans Way project cost was being funded from Council's own funds but this now has been changed to the LMS block grant.

3. Change of Depreciation amount under Regional Roads Operation $781,044 from $827,906.64

4. Adding of Depreciation amount of $ 380,030 and amount of $ 14,163 for Traffic Facilities to Urban roads Operations

Current Position:

Council will now submit a new application for the RMS's Regional Road Repair Program for 2015/2016.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Revised Council 2015/ 2016 Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program

Governance issues:

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

Environmental issues:

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

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Council residents
Tourist
Other agricultural farm operators

Financial Implications:

WSC Operational and Budget Plan 2015/2016

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Not undertake these works
Incur an over expenditure
Conclusion:

Because of the changes to depreciation amount on roads, additional traffic facilities amount in Urban Roads and relocation of funding from Council funds to RMS block grant for the Shermans Way project Council needs to revise its approved Work Program for 2015/2016.

Amended Capital and Maintenance work Program for 2015/2016
Recommendation: That Council consider and adopt the revised 2015/2016 Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Revised 2015/2016 Capital and Maintenance Road Work Program

WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL AGENDA

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Capital & Maintenance Work program for 2015 /2016

Road name	Work proposed	Total Amount	Funding: RMCC	RMS repair program	RTR	Council (Loan)	Council's own fund	FAG	Council's Betterment funding	Bridge Repair Program	Block grant	SES	RFS	Fixing Country Road	Remarks
	CAPITAL WORKS														
SH18, SH12,SH29	Works ordered	$ 2,441,351.06	$ 2,441,351.06												
SH18, SH12,SH29	Routine Maintenance	$ 1,160,000.00	$ 1,160,000.00												
	RMCC Subtotal	$ 3,601,351.06	$ 3,601,351.06	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Namoi Street	Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)	$ 180,892.06	$ -	$ -	$ 90,446.03	$ -	$ 90,446.03	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
WeeWaa Street	Kerb/gutter and resealing work (Total)	$ 243,407.12	$ -	$ -	$ 121,703.56	$ -	$ 121,703.56	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Cedar Street	Kerb/gutter and resealing work(Total)	$ 134,031.15	$ -	$ -	$ 67,015.58	$ -	$ 67,015.58	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Pitt Strreet	Replacment of conrete spoon drain	$ 14,351.77			$ 7,175.89		$ 7,175.89								
Lorne Road	Reconstruction and sealing work	$ 620,779.86			$ 310,389.93		$ 310,389.93								
Onyx Street	Replacment of conrete spoon drain	$ 12,938.97			$ 6,469.49		$ 6,469.49								
Alley Street	Resheeting (Total)	$ 74,368.58	$ -	$ -	$ 37,184.29	$ -	$ 37,184.29	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Angledool Road	200 mm thick sheeting works	$ 214,985.97			$ 107,492.99		$ 107,492.99								
Burranbaa Road	201 mm thick sheeting works	$ 427,181.83			$ 213,590.92		$ 213,590.92								
Wilson Street	Heavy patching (Total)	$ 271,413.60	$ -	$ -	$ 135,706.80	$ -	$ 135,706.80	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
	R2R Subtotal	$ 2,194,350.91	$ -	$ -	$ 1,097,175.46	$ -	$ 1,097,175.46	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Shermans Way	Reconstruction and sealing work	$ 800,000.00		$ 400,000.00			$ 400,000.00								
	Repair Program Subtotal	$ 800,000.00	$ -	$ 400,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ 400,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Bugilbone Road	Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick gravel and a causeway for approximately1.348 km in length x 7 metres sealwidth with 9 m formation width	$337,000.00												$337,000.00	
Bugilbone Road	Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick gravel and a causeway for approximately 1.348 km in length x 7 metres sealwidth with 9 m formation width	$337,000.00												$337,000.00	
Gundabloue Road	Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick gravel and a causeway for approximately 4.1 km in length x8 metres sealwidth with 9 m formation width	$989,000.00					$170,000.00							$819,000.00	
	Fixing Country Roads Subtotal	$ 1,663,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 170,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,493,000.00	
New Depot	New Depot	$ 2,400,000.00				$1,920,000.00						$200,000.00	$280,000.00		
	New Depot Construciton Subtotal	$ 2,400,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,920,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 200,000.00	$ 280,000.00	$ -	
Tareela Lane	Gravel Sheeting	$ 140,000.00							$ 140,000.00						
	Betterment Funding Subtotal	$ 140,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 140,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Old Depot	CCTV installation	$ 30,018.80					$ 30,018.00								
New Depot	Interest on New Depot	$ 187,192.00					$ 187,192.00								
	Other Capital Items	$ 217,210.80	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 217,210.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	Regional Roads Operation														
	Depreciation	$ 781,044.00									$ 781,044.00				
	Interest paid - Loans										$ -				
	Urban Unsealed Pavement										$ -				
	Inspection and Reporting	$ 63,600.00									$ 63,600.00				
	Corridor- vegetation control	$ 21,200.00									$ 21,200.00				
	Incident Response	$ 15,900.00									$ 15,900.00				
	Traffic facilities	$ 12,720.00									$ 12,720.00				
	Rural Sealed roads														
	Regional Roads Operations Subtotal	**$ 894,464.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 894,464.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	
	Regional Road Maintenacne														
	Traffice facilities	$38,160.00									$38,160.00				
	Drainage	$42,400.00					$42,400.00								
	Rural Shoulder Grading	$74,200.00									$74,200.00				
	Rural Unsealed Pavement	$190,800.00									$190,800.00				
	Rural Heavy Patching	$424,000.00									$424,000.00				
	Bitumen patching	$212,000.00						$212,000.00							
	Gravel Re sheeting	$31,800.00						$31,800.00							
	Crack sealing	$21,518.00									$21,518.00				
	Rural Corridor including grid repairs	$21,200.00									$21,200.00				
	Regional Roads Maintenance Sub Total	**$ 1,056,078.00**	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$42,400.00	$243,800.00	$0.00	$0.00	$769,878.00				
	Local Road Operations														
	Inspection and reporting	$ 53,000.00						$ 53,000.00							
	Interest on Bridge loan - Loan 222	$ 131,359.00					$131,359.00								
	Interest on Bridge Loan - Baroka Bridges Loan#224	$ 224,695.00					$224,695.00								
	Depreciation	$ 612,635.00									$ 612,635.00				
	Urban Traffic Facilities	$ 10,600.00						$ 10,600.00							
	Corridor- Vegetation Control	$ 5,300.00						$ 5,300.00							
	Shire Corridor- Incident Response	$ 5,300.00						$ 5,300.00							
	Local roads Operations Sub-total	**$ 1,042,889.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 356,054.00**	**$ 74,200.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 612,635.00**				
	Local Road Maintenance														
	Shire Unsealed Pavement Maintenance	$ 530,000.00						$ 530,000.00							
	Urban Unsealed Pavement Maintenance	$ 21,200.00						$ 21,200.00							
	Shire Unsealed Pavement Reshape Formation Only	$ 63,600.00						$ 63,600.00							
	Shire Bitumen Patching	$ 21,200.00						$ 21,200.00							
	Shire Shoulder Grading	$ 21,200.00						$ 21,200.00							
	Shire Roads Gravel Resheeting	$ 53,000.00						$ 53,000.00							
	Urban Sealed Pavement Maintenance	$ 159,000.00						$ 159,000.00							
	Unsealed shire road school bus route maintenance	$ 53,000.00						$ 53,000.00							
	Traffic Facilties	$ 21,200.00						$ 21,200.00							
	Shire Corridor including grid repairs	$ 26,500.00						$ 26,500.00							
	Shire Drainage	$ 42,400.00						$ 42,400.00							
	Local Roads Maintenance Sub-total	**$ 1,012,300.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,012,300.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**				
	Urban Roads Operations														
	Depreciation	$ 380,030.00						$ 380,030.00							
	Traffic Facilities	$ 14,163.00						$14,163.00							
	Urban Roads Maintenance Sub-total	**$ 394,193.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 394,193.00**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**				
	TOTAL	$ 15,415,836.77	$ 3,601,351.06	$ 400,000.00	$ 1,097,175.46	$ 1,920,000.00	$ 2,282,839.46	$ 1,724,493.00	$ 140,000.00	$ -	$ 2,276,977.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 280,000.00	$ 1,493,000.00	
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							$ 109,522.46	$ 110,267.00	-$ 744.54		$ 744.00	-$ 0.54			

1. MATTERS GENERALLY FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY FROM DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES- MARCH 2015

REPORTING SECTION: Engineering Services
AUTHOR: Raju Ranjit – Director of Engineering Services
FILE NUMBER: 11/378

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1. Minutes of the North West Weight of Loads Committee

Council has received minutes of the North West Weight of loads Committee Quarterly meeting had been held in the Gwydir Shire Council Chambers, Maitland Street, Bingara on Monday, 30th March 2015.

The NWWOLC has accepted the Walgett Shire Council's resignation. The enforcement has been ceased within Walgett Shire and that Walgett Shire Council will still remain with the NWWOL until the end of June 2015 according to the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement and so that administration matters can be finalised.

In relation to the contribution concerns, Walgett Shire Council is liable for the contribution only up to February 2015.

Matters generally for Brief Mention or Information only from director engineering services- March 2015
Recommendation: That the matters listed by the Director of Engineering Services for brief mention or information be received and noted. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Minutes of the North West Weight of Loads Committee

Refer to Attachment Document for <u>Ordinary</u> Council Meeting on page 11

14.5 DIRECTOR URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

REVISED LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS - USE OF FIXED SPRINKLERS

REPORTING SECTION: Urban Infrastructures Services

AUTHOR: Dilip Tiwari- Project Engineer

FILE NUMBER: 12/136

Summary:

Current Revised Level 2 Water Restrictions for fixed sprinkler usage is 7.00pm to 9.00pm which now requires residents to water in the dark. With daylight savings ending and moving into the cooler months, this report recommends Council revise the watering time for fixed sprinklers to 5:30pm to 6:30pm which reduces the watering time to 1 hour only.

Background:

Walgett Shire is experiencing severe drought conditions and has tried every measure to conserve water in the Barwon/Namoi River pool including the proposed construction of pipelines to connect the existing bore to the treatment plant and/or drilling a new bore.

At the same time Walgett Shire Council is committed to maintaining a level of service where residents can use water with low a level of restriction as possible. Council is working hard to find the optimum level where residents can have minimum restrictions on use of water whilst preserving water for the future.

With the arrival of the cooler months, it is noted that daily evaporation has dropped nearly 50% from the rate experienced in Jan & Feb (Source BOM, reference attached) which provides Council with room to lower the watering time from 2 hours to 1 hour because of lower evaporation rates. It should be noted that more than 50% of domestic water use is generally used on gardens etc.

Current Position:

Current revised water restrictions Level 2 allow residents to use fixed sprinkler system between the hours of 7:00pm to 9:00pm - 2 hours.

Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Bureau of Metrology
Council revised Water Restrictions - Level 2

Governance issues:

Revising the watering time will allow residents to water in day light hours and reducing the watering time will conserve water as less watering is required at this time of the year.

Environmental issues:

Best Practice Water Policy requires Council to identify various levels of water restrictions 1-6.

Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council
Walgett Shire Community

Financial Implications:

Reduced hours of watering could lead to reduced water consumption and in turn a fluctuation in income levels for excess water sales.

Alternative Solutions/Options:

Do nothing
Move to Level 3 Water Restrictions

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council accept the revised watering time and duration of 5:30pm - 6:30pm for 1 hour for use of fixed sprinkler system. Other Level 2 Water Restrictions remain unchanged.

REVISED WATER RESTRICTION- USE OF FIXED SPRINKLERS SYSTEM
Recommendation: Council resolve to revise the watering time and duration to 5:30pm - 6:30pm for the use of fixed sprinkler systems, leaving other restrictions (Parks & Gardens, Organisations etc) unchanged. **Moved:** **Seconded:**

Attachments:

Revised Level 2 – Water Restrictions
Bureau of Metrology Data for the evaporation of Walgett.

Attachment- Revised Level 2- Water Restrictions

PUBLIC NOTICE

Revised Level 2 – Water Restrictions

Walgett Shire Council wishes to advise all residents of Walgett that interim revised level 2 water restriction will apply effectively immediately from 18 December 2014.

The use of fixed sprinklers is limited to two hours per day between the hours of 7.00pm to 9.00pm daily.

The washing of paved areas and filling of new swimming pools is prohibited.
Council advises that this action has become necessary because due to the prolonged drought and below average rainfall there has been no flow in the Namoi River for 30 days and the river has ceased to flow at Walgett. As a result, water has now ceased flowing over the Namoi Weir which is the trigger point for the introduction of level 2 water restrictions.

Council has requested representatives from State Water to carry out ongoing inspections into the New Year along the Namoi River upstream of Walgett to ensure that no illegal pumping for irrigation is occurring as this could be contributing to falls in Namoi River levels at Walgett.

Water restrictions will also apply to watering of public parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals and where possible the hours will be varied from residential allocated periods to ensure as far as possible water pressure is maintained for all residents during the times allowed for watering under the restrictions.

Should you require further information please contact Council's Urban Infrastructure Department on 6828 1399 or full details of revised interim water restrictions are on Council's Website.

Penalties for non-compliance apply and the co-operation of all water users in adhering to the water restrictions is requested.

Don Ramsland
General Manager

INTERIM REVISED WATER RESTRICTIONS LEVELS

LEVELS	1	2	3	4	5	6
TYPE OF CONSUMER						
DOMESTIC						
Household Use	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	100L/person/day
Evaporative Air conditioners	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Bleed-off allowed	No Water allowed
Garden Watering	Sprinkler taps per household 3 hrs daily, daily **During 1.5 hr period/day 6:30 am to 8:00am or 7:30pm to 9:00pm**	Sprinkler taps per household 2 hrs daily **from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**	Hand held hoses 2hr/d	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Buckets only	Reused water only
Swimming Pools Private	Filling of new swimming pools prohibited	Filling of new swimming pools prohibited	Filling and topping up of pools prohibited	Filling and topping up of pools prohibited	Filling and topping up of pools prohibited	Filling and topping up of pools
Wash paved areas and roof	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	Buckets only	Buckets only	Banned	Banned
Washing Motor Vehicles	With pressure cleaner/or buckets only	buckets only	Manual - buckets only	Manual - buckets only	Banned	Banned
PUBLIC						
Public Gardens	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	Reused water only
Sports Grounds	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	Reused water only
Walgett Showground/Racecourse	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	Reused water only
Walgett Swimming Pool	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Sprinklers 1/hr per day	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only
COMMERCIAL						
Nurseries	Sprinklers 3hrs/d	Sprinklers 1hr/d	Hand held hoses 4hrs/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	With Council license only	With Council license only
Washing Motor Vehicles Taxis and Police	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	buckets only	Manual - buckets only	Manual - buckets only	Banned except as required by law	Banned except as required by law
Bowling greens	Sprinklers 3hrs/d	Sprinklers 2hr/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Reused water only	Reused water only
Fountains	No restrictions	Topping up prohibited	Banned	Banned	Banned	Banned
Water Cartage from Standpipes	With Council license only	With Council license only	With Council license only	With Council license only	With Council license only	With Council license only
Automatic flush toilets & urinals	No restrictions	No restrictions	Banned	Banned	Banned	Banned
Wash paved areas and roof	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	Buckets only	Buckets only	Banned except as required by health	Banned except as required by health
Emergency uses in response to an accident, fire or health hazard	No restrictions	No restrictions	No restrictions	No restrictions	Council must be called to boost pressure.	Council must be called to boost pressure.

Revised Level 2 Water Restrictions

Appendix 1

These hours / watering conditions apply during level 1, 2 and 3 restrictions only.

From 18 December 2014 until level 4 water restrictions are activated;

- No 1 oval – watering as per restrictions.
- No 2 & 3 oval- watering as per restrictions.

During restrictions the above sporting ovals will be able to water during all hours Monday to Friday to maintain current standards. (18hrs each weekly total);

- Cemetery- watering as per restrictions.
- Airport gardens-gardens only.
- Grey park- watering as per restrictions.
- Alex Trevellion Park- watering as per restrictions.
- Apex Park- watering of lawns as per restrictions.

During restrictions the above parks and recreational areas will be able to water during the hours of 6.00am to 4.30pm (10 hrs each weekly total);

- Walgett Sporting Club greens and gardens - During restrictions the Sporting club will be able to water during the hours of 8.30am to 10.30am (2hrs) Monday through Friday only. (10hrs weekly total)
- Golf Club - During restrictions the golf club will be able to water during the hours of 6:00pm to 8:00am Monday through Friday.
- All Schools - During water restrictions the school will be able to water during the hours of 9.00am until 11.00am Monday through Friday. (10hrs total weekly)
- Walgett Memorial Swimming Pool - During water restrictions the pool will only be able to water during the hours of 6:00am until 7:00am (1 hrs) and 7:00pm until 8:00pm (1hrs) Monday through Friday.(10 hrs total weekly)
- Motels - During water restrictions the motels will only be able to water 2 hours a day Mondays to Sundays. (total 10 hrs a week)

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4/21/2015 Climate statistics for Australian locations

Australian Government
Bureau of Meteorology

Climate statistics for Australian locations

Monthly climate statistics

All years of record

Site name: WALGETT COUNCIL DEPOT | Site number: 052026 | Commenced: 1878 | Map
Latitude: 30.02° S | Longitude: 148.12° E | Elevation: 133 m | Operational status: Open

View: ○ Main statistics ◉ All available | Period: Use all years of data | Text size: ◉ Normal ○ Large

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years	
Temperature															
Maximum temperature															
Mean maximum temperature (°C)	36.4	34.0	31.4	26.8	21.8	18.0	17.4	19.8	23.8	28.1	31.9	34.6	26.9	114	1878 1993
Highest temperature (°C)	46.2	46.9	43.1	37.8	32.8	29.4	28.9	34.4	38.9	42.6	46.6	47.8	48.2	114	1878 1993
Date	03 Jan 1933	07 Feb 1932	13 Mar 1929	01 Apr 1922	03 May 1919	02 Jun 1923	22 Jul 1946	13 Aug 1946	23 Sep 1882	21 Oct 1888	19 Nov 1944	13 Dec 1883	03 Jan 1933		
Lowest maximum temperature (°C)	16.7	16.7	16.1	14.4	10.0	8.3	8.7	8.9	12.2	13.9	12.9	16.7	6.7	114	1878 1993
Date	16 Jan 1891	03 Feb 1917	27 Mar 1913	27 Apr 1893	31 May 1913	23 Jun 1896	17 Jul 1896	06 Aug 1897	01 Sep 1912	20 Oct 1933	03 Nov 1896	09 Dec 1920	12 Jul 1896		
Decile 1 maximum temperature (°C)	29.4	26.9	26.2	21.7	16.7	13.9	13.3	15.2	18.3	22.2	26.6	28.9		113	1878 1993
Decile 9 maximum temperature (°C)	41.1	39.0	35.1	31.7	26.7	22.2	21.7	24.5	29.5	34.4	37.5	40.1		113	1878 1993
Mean number of days ≥ 30 °C	27.2	24.6	20.9	6.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.6	11.1	20.1	26.1	139.1	114	1878 1993
Mean number of days ≥ 35 °C	17.5	12.4	5.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.6	8.5	15.4	62.7	114	1878 1993
Mean number of days ≥ 40 °C	5.0	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	3.7	12.2	114	1878 1993
Minimum temperature															
Mean minimum temperature (°C)	20.4	19.9	17.1	12.5	8.2	5.5	4.2	5.6	8.6	12.6	16.3	18.9	12.5	115	1878 1993
Lowest temperature (°C)	6.0	9.4	2.8	0.6	-3.3	-5.0	-6.1	-3.9	-3.1	0.0	2.8	5.0	-6.1	114	1878 1993
Date	08 Jan 1913	22 Feb 1931	24 Mar 1967	24 Apr 1909	09 May 1917	26 Jun 1929	27 Jul 1896	02 Aug 1929	01 Sep 1933	09 Oct 1938	06 Nov 1906	18 Dec 1911	27 Jul 1896		
Highest minimum temperature (°C)	31.1	31.1	29.3	23.6	22.8	17.2	17.2	18.3	24.4	26.1	30.2	30.2	32.2	114	1878 1993
Date	11 Jan 1939	16 Feb 1894	14 Mar 1926	07 Apr 1943	07 May 1897	05 Jun 1908	13 Jul 1903	24 Aug 1928	21 Sep 1942	31 Oct 1949	30 Nov 1944	31 Dec 1965	31 Dec 1965		
Decile 1 minimum temperature (°C)	15.6	15.5	12.2	7.2	3.3	1.1	0.0	1.1	3.6	7.2	11.0	13.7		114	1878 1993
Decile 9 minimum temperature (°C)	25.0	23.9	21.6	17.6	13.7	10.6	9.4	11.0	14.4	18.4	21.7	23.9		114	1878 1993
Mean number of days ≤ 2 °C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	5.2	9.4	5.5	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	22.3	114	1878 1993
Mean number of days ≤ 0 °C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.9	3.9	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.9	114	1878 1993
Ground surface temperature															
Mean daily ground minimum temperature (°C)															
Lowest ground temperature (°C)															
Date															
Mean number of days ground min. temp. ≤ -1 °C															

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years	
Rainfall															
Mean rainfall (mm)	61.9	59.0	40.3	33.7	38.7	35.2	32.1	27.9	27.3	37.1	40.1	43.6	476.3	125	1878 2014
Highest rainfall (mm)	345.4	236.9	216.1	233.2	181.6	125.0	177.5	137.1	193.9	231.2	199.2	200.8	922.4	125	1878 2014
Date	1974	1990	1894	1989	1983	1929	1920	1896	1906	1995	1983	1991	1950		
Lowest rainfall (mm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	171.6	125	1878 2014
Date	1893	1935	2005	2013	2003	2004	2002	2012	1989	2014	1990	1979	1902		
Decile 1 rainfall (mm)	9.2	4.4	1.6	0.2	1.2	5.4	2.4	1.0	2.4	3.5	5.1	5.7	271.6	122	1878 2014
Decile 5 (median) rainfall (mm)	44.3	43.7	27.7	21.4	27.6	28.3	21.5	20.8	18.6	27.4	30.6	37.4	466.9	122	1878 2014
Decile 9 rainfall (mm)	143.4	148.9	93.4	80.3	91.7	81.9	69.6	65.6	58.7	82.0	89.5	91.1	680.1	122	1878 2014
Highest daily rainfall (mm)	127.5	122.2	91.4	88.8	69.8	78.2	54.1	66.8	68.4	81.8	77.2	103.0	127.5	121	1878 2014
Date	14 Jan 1994	13 Feb 1898	18 Mar 1908	08 Apr 1984	21 May 1991	22 Jun 1925	26 Jul 1897	23 Aug 1893	17 Sep 1903	01 Oct 1933	21 Nov 1983	11 Dec 1991	14 Jan 1994		
Mean number of days of rain	5.3	4.9	4.5	3.6	4.3	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.9	55.4	122	1878 2014
Mean number of days of rain ≥ 1 mm	4.3	4.0	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.9	42.5	121	1878 2014
Mean number of days of rain ≥ 10 mm	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.3	14.3	121	1878 2014
Mean number of days of rain ≥ 25 mm	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	4.1	121	1878 2014

Statistics	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years	
Other daily elements															
Mean daily wind run (km)														6	1960 1966
Maximum wind gust speed (km/h)															
Date															
Mean daily sunshine (hours)															
Mean daily solar exposure (MJ/m²)	27.9	24.2	21.6	17.1	13.3	11.0	12.1	15.5	19.7	23.3	25.2	27.1	19.8	25	1960 2015

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4/21/2015 Climate statistics for Australian locations

Mean number of clear days	14.4	12.4	14.5	15.2	14.6	13.1	15.4	16.1	16.5	14.6	14.2	14.8	175.8	83	1909 1993
Mean number of cloudy days	5.9	5.2	5.4	4.5	6.6	7.1	6.6	5.2	4.8	6.1	5.7	5.6	68.7	83	1909 1993
Mean daily evaporation (mm)	6.7	6.3	5.1	3.6	2.4	1.7	1.7	2.3	3.4	4.7	5.9	5.7	4.2	80	1950 1989

Statistics 9 am conditions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years	
Mean 9am temperature (°C)	27.3	26.0	23.6	19.2	13.9	10.2	9.2	12.0	16.7	21.3	24.7	26.9	19.2	112	1879 1993
Mean 9am wet-bulb temperature (°C)	20.4	20.0	18.3	15.0	11.3	8.6	7.5	9.2	12.1	15.3	17.8	19.5	14.6	104	1879 1993
Mean 9am dew-point temperature (°C)	15.8	16.0	14.5	11.5	8.7	6.7	5.4	5.9	7.6	9.9	12.1	14.1	10.7	104	1879 1993
Mean 9am relative humidity (%)	52	57	59	64	73	80	78	68	58	51	48	48	61	104	1879 1993
Mean 9am cloud cover (oktas)	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	112	1879 1993
Mean 9am wind speed (km/h)	12.6	12.0	11.7	10.1	8.0	8.0	7.4	9.1	11.6	12.3	12.6	12.4	10.7	108	1879 1993

Statistics 3 pm conditions	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	Years	
Mean 3pm temperature (°C)	33.9	33.0	30.6	26.3	21.3	17.7	17.1	19.2	23.2	27.2	30.5	32.9	26.1	82	1909 1993
Mean 3pm wet-bulb temperature (°C)	21.5	21.6	20.2	17.4	14.7	12.5	11.6	12.3	14.4	16.8	18.7	20.4	16.8	75	1909 1993
Mean 3pm dew-point temperature (°C)	13.0	13.6	12.6	9.9	8.5	7.2	5.6	4.8	5.3	7.2	8.7	10.9	9.0	75	1909 1993
Mean 3pm relative humidity (%)	32	36	37	38	47	53	49	41	34	32	30	30	38	75	1909 1993
Mean 3pm cloud cover (oktas)	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.3	80	1909 1993
Mean 3pm wind speed (km/h)	9.7	9.3	8.8	8.1	7.7	8.1	8.4	9.6	9.9	10.1	9.9	10.1	9.1	78	1909 1993

red = highest value blue = lowest value

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- Summary statistics and locational map for this site:
  http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/cw_052026.shtml
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- Data file (csv): http://www.bom.gov.au/clim_data/cdio/tables/text/IDCJCM0037_052026.csv
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