



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 23 February 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Ordinary Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held on **23 February 2021** commencing at **11:00am** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Please Note: The Council Meetings are recorded

Michael Urquhart
GENERAL MANAGER

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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

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

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

Remoteness

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

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

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

Relatives, Partners

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

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

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

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

No Interest in the Matter

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

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

Disclosure and participation in meetings

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

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

Non-Pecuniary Interest – Must be disclosed in meetings.

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

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

Disclosure to be Recorded (S453 Act)

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

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## **Local Government Act 1993**

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

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR COUNCILS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## PUBLIC FORUM PRESENTATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| <b>SPEAKER</b>             | <b>TOPIC</b>                            |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Greg McKay</b>          | <b>Return and Earn</b>                  |
| <b>David Lane</b>          | <b>Commercial Waste</b>                 |
| <b>Greg Bateup</b>         | <b>Lightning Ridge Waste Management</b> |
| <b>Sushant Uppal</b>       | <b>Village Landfills</b>                |
| <b>AOC Representatives</b> | <b>AOC Project</b>                      |

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

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

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

## 3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

| Leave of Absence                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the leave of absence received from _____ is accepted and leave of absence granted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY/NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

*Councillors and senior staff are reminded of their obligation to declare their interest in any matters listed before them.*

*In considering your interest you are reminded to include pecuniary, non-pecuniary and conflicts of interest as well as any other interest you perceive or may be perceived of you.*

*Councillors may declare an interest at the commencement of the meeting, or alternatively at any time during the meeting should any issue progress or arise that would warrant a declaration.*

*Councillors must state their reasons in declaring any type of interest.*

| Councillor | Item No. | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason |
|------------|----------|-------------------------|--------|
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## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING**

### **5.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 DECEMBER 2020**

| <b>Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 15 December 2020</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 15 December 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 15 December 2020.



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

**Tuesday 15 December 2020**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2020 AT 11.25AM**

**OPEN FORUM**

**Public Presentations:**

- *Christine Corby - Chief Executive Officer Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Limited – seeking financial sponsorship for the celebration of 35 years of operation.*

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 11.25am*

**PRESENT**

Cllr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Cllr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Cllr Jane Keir  
 Cllr Lawrence Walford  
 Cllr Bill Murray  
 Cllr Kelly Smith  
 Cllr Robert Turnbull  
 Cllr Kelly Smith  
 Cllr Michael Taylor  
 Cllr Tanya Cameron  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)  
 Bob Harris (Acting Director Environmental Services)  
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Note:** *Cllr Tanya Cameron attended the meeting via zoom*

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests**

| Councillor    | Item No.         | Report title/ Subject matter                        | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason                             |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cllr Turnbull | 10.3.2<br>10.3.4 | Service Progress Report<br>Matter for brief mention | Pecuniary               | Family Business Relations/Interest |

**15/2020/1 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Cllr Martinez and Cllr Keir are accepted and leave of absence granted.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 24 November 2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 24 November 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/3 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 24 November 2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Extra ordinary Council meeting held 24 November 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/4 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

That the Mayor report for October/November be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Woodcock  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/5 Sponsorship – WAMS Celebrations of 35 years of operation****Resolved:**

Council sponsor \$5000 for the celebration of Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service 35 years of operation.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/6 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

That the Resolution Register as at December 2020 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 20-38 – 20-39 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Smith  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/8 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Smith  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/9 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020****Resolved:**

The 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Turnbull  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/10 Cash and Investment Report as at 30th November, 2020.****Resolved:**

That the Investment report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull  
**Seconded:** Cllr Murray  
**CARRIED**

**15/2020/11 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and Audit Report****Resolved:**

That Council receive the Audited Financial Reports together with the Auditor's Reports for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/12 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 30th November 2020.****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for December 2020.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Turnbull left the meeting room at 11:46am.*

**15/2020/13 Monthly Service Progress Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.****Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 30th November 2020.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 11:48am.*

**15/2020/14 Variation in Tender Amount for Walgett Weir – December 2020****Resolved:**

That Council note and endorse the actions of the General Manager in authorising the variation of \$3,805.29 (Excl GST).

**Moved:** Cllr Murray

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Turnbull left the meeting room at 11.50am.*

**15/2020/15 Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only by Director of Engineering/Technical Services****Resolved:**

That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information only from the Director engineering / Technical Services be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford

**Seconded:** Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

*Cllr Turnbull returned to the meeting room at 11.52am.*

**15/2020/16 Development Approvals November 2020.****Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/17 Bin Banks – Waste Strategy****Resolved:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Conduct a trial of bin banks in the vicinity of the existing Landfills at Grawin and Sheeppyard.
2. Following the appointment of a casual Landfill Attendant site locations and number of bins be rolled out in a phased manner following a community consultation process.

**Moved:** Cllr Smith

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/18 Development Application 2020/18 – Burren Junction Solar Farm****Resolved:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2020/18 being 5MV photovoltaic solar farm with battery storage and ancillary facilities on Lot 13 DP753926, Lots 1 & 2 DP214271 & Lot 1 DP DP669068 located Waterloo Street, Burren Junction, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**Division Decision**

**For**

**Against**

**Absent**

|                                                                                                                                                         |     |                                        |
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| Cllr Ian Woodcock<br>Cllr Lawrence Walford<br>Cllr Bill Murray<br>Cllr Kelly Smith<br>Cllr Robert Turnbull<br>Cllr Michael Taylor<br>Cllr Tanya Cameron | Nil | Cllr Manuel Martinez<br>Cllr Jane Keir |
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**15/2020/19 Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services**
**Resolved:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/20 Move into Closed Session**

**Time: 12.02pm**

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

(a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)

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

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

**Moved:** Cllr Murray

**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**15/2020/21 RFT20/022- Construction of footpath along the Fox Street (Eastern side) between Euroka Street and Alex Trevallion Park Toilet in Walgett**
**Resolved:**

That Council accepts the tender for Construction of footpath along the Fox Street (Eastern side) between Euroka Street and Alex Trevallion Park Toilet in Walgett – RFT 20/022 from PW Concrete in the sum of \$436,915 including GST.

**Moved:** Cllr Turnbull

**Seconded:** Cllr Murray

**CARRIED**

| 15/2020/22 Return to open session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Time: 12.20 pm |
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| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council return to open session.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Taylor<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Walford<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |
| 15/2020/23 Adoption of closed session reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Walford<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Turnbull<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             |                |
| 15/2020/24 Government Information Public Access Act – Annual Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Chief financial Officer's report be received</li> <li>• Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2019/2020.</li> <li>• The Information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2019/2020 Annual Report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Cllr Smith<br/> <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Taylor<br/> <b>CARRIED</b></p> |                |

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 12.21pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

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General Manager

## **5.2 MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 27 JANUARY 2021**

| <b>Minutes of Extra Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 January 2021</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Extra ordinary Council meeting held 27 January 2021, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held 27 January 2021



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

**Wednesday 27 January 2021**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON  
WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021 AT 9:15AM**

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.15am*

**PRESENT**

Cllr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Cllr Michael Taylor  
 Cllr Bill Murray  
 Cllr Kelly Smith  
 Cllr Lawrence Walford  
 Michael Urquhart (General Manager)  
 Bob Harris (Acting Director Environmental Services)  
 Raju Ranjit (Director Engineering/Technical Services)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Note: Cllr Smith and Bob Harris attended the meeting via teleconference**

**ABSENT**

Cllr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Cllr Robert Turnbull  
 Cllr Jane Keir  
 Cllr Tanya Cameron  
 Tony Hughes (Acting Chief Financial Officer)

**Declaration of Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests – Nil**

**1/2021/1 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Cllrs Martinez, Turnbull, Keir and Cameron are accepted and leave of absence is granted.

**Moved:** Cllr Walford  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**1/2021/2 DA 2018/22/2 Amended Application – Teacher Housing Units – 55 Namoi Street, Walgett**

**Resolved:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2018/22/2, being Residential dual occupancy on Lot 1 DP513882 being 55 Namoi Street, Walgett, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:** Cllr Murray  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**CARRIED**

| DIVISION DECISION   |            |                     |
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| For                 | Against    | Absent              |
| <i>Clr Woodcock</i> | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Clr Martinez</i> |
| <i>Clr Murray</i>   |            | <i>Clr Cameron</i>  |
| <i>Clr Taylor</i>   |            | <i>Clr Turnbull</i> |
| <i>Clr Walford</i>  |            | <i>Clr Keir</i>     |
| <i>Clr Smith</i>    |            |                     |

#### 1/2021/3 Development Application 2020/27 - Quarry

##### Resolved:

That Council approve Development Application 2020/27 for the operation of a quarry (30,000m3/annum) on Lot 602 DP633006 being 44361 Kamilaroi Highway, Walgett, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**      **Clr Murray**  
**Seconded:** **Clr Smith**

##### CARRIED

| DIVISION DECISION   |            |                     |
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| For                 | Against    | Absent              |
| <i>Clr Woodcock</i> | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Clr Martinez</i> |
| <i>Clr Murray</i>   |            | <i>Clr Cameron</i>  |
| <i>Clr Taylor</i>   |            | <i>Clr Turnbull</i> |
| <i>Clr Walford</i>  |            | <i>Clr Keir</i>     |
| <i>Clr Smith</i>    |            |                     |

##### Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.25am  
 To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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 Mayor

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 General Manager

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/DELEGATES**

Nil

## 7. MAYORAL MINUTES

**REPORTING SECTION:** Office of Mayor  
**AUTHOR:** Ian Woodcock OAM

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**Summary:**

This report provides Council with information regarding the activities of the Mayor for the past two (2) months.

**Background:**

The past two (2) months have been relatively quiet with the exception of Australia Day. Australia Day celebrations were well attended at all four (4) Council functions with over 550 people attending.

- Conducted three (3) interviews on 2WEB general matters Council update.
- Australia Day Committee meeting to review award nominations.
- Attended the Australia Day celebrations in Walgett and Lightning Ridge 26th January 2021, and tour of Council facilities Walgett weir, showground, Lightning Ridge pool. The Ambassador also toured the “Walk in Mine” and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- Dinner with General Manager, John Moriarty Australia Day Ambassador and Councillor Taylor and Walford.
- On the 27th January I met with the Australia Day Ambassador, General Manager, Councillors Taylor and Walford, Director Engineering Services representatives of Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service, Dharriwaa Elders for a met and greet morning tea at the CWA rooms. The attendees then toured the WAMS community garden and inspected the highly efficient “wicking beds”.
- Council Australia Day Committee staff, Councillors Taylor and Walford attended a farewell luncheon for the Ambassador at the Walgett Sporting Club.
- 27th January attended the Council Special meeting.
- Met with the General Manager and representatives of Ochre Health to discuss provision of health services in Walgett Shire (13th January).
- 12th February met with AOC representative and General Manager for a progress update on the Opal Centre project.

| Mayoral Report                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Mayor report for December 2020, January and February 2021 be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

Letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 from CWA Barwon Group regarding the Barwon Group Medical grant.



### COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NSW

ABN: 82 318 909 926

Group: Barwon

"Rugby"  
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The General Manager  
Walgett Shire Council  
P O Box 31,  
Walgett, NSW, 2832.

27 January, 2021

c.c. Mayor and all Councillors

Dear Sir,

Re: **BARWON GROUP MEDICAL GRANT**

Each year Council has generously contributed to our Medical Grant which gives financial assistance to students from a wide field of medical and allied health courses. The grant aims to assist students whose principal place of residence is within the Walgett Shire, Goodooga, Pilliga and Wee Waa.

Our measure of success is expressed by the students in their letters of appreciation, many commenting that they would not have been able to complete their studies without assistance from the BGMG. All students have expressed a desire to work in country areas which is another of our primary aims.

The Barwon Group Medical Grant commenced in 1998 and thanks to the generous and consistent support of our donors, and Walgett Shire Council in particular, we have been able to provide an essential and important health service to the bush community.

With the rising costs of living expenses and more recently, the detrimental effect of Covid on students, we are seeking to raise the level of the grant funding we distribute each year. We currently receive \$3,389 from Council and have received this amount for at least the past 3 years.

We are consequently seeking an increase in the BGMG contribution from Walgett Shire Council and in the spirit of our original agreement that we continue to automatically receive a contribution from the Shire each year.

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I would be grateful if you could review this submission at the next Council Meeting in February.

Kind regards



**Sue Scoles**

Co-ordinator – Barwon Group Medical Grant

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

Nil

## **10. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

### **10.1 GENERAL MANAGER**

#### **10.1.1 COUNCIL'S DECISION ACTION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021**

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

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**Summary:**

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

**Background:**

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

**Current Position:**

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

In these circumstances the register becomes the simple tool of keeping track of matters awaiting attention.

Again, Councillors are reminded that any queries should be raised with the General Manager prior to the meeting as this would streamline the meeting process and also resolve minor issues more expediently.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Resolution Register

**Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Council and Manex Team

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

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

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| <b>Council's Decision Action Report</b>                                                                                                        |
| <b>Recommendation:</b><br><br>That the Resolution Register as at February 2021 be received and noted.<br><br><b>Moved:</b><br><b>Seconded:</b> |

**Attachment:**

Action Resolution Register

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| 28.04.17 | 3/2017/22 | <p>That Council considers realigning the 35km section of Ridge Road from Shermans Way and Burranbaa Road intersection to Angeldool Road intersection - Option 4 (Realignment across Big Warrambool).</p> <p>That Council consult with affected landholders with regards to Option 4.</p> <p>This option includes a bridge across Big Warrambool and land acquisition. Social, environmental impacts should be assessed before this option is implemented. In addition, geotechnical, hydrologic studies must be conducted for this option. Topographical survey and designs must also be completed prior to implementation.</p> | DETS | <p>9.8.17 Surveyor engaged</p> <p>22.8.17 Report to Council to resolve for compulsory acquisition.</p> <p>5.9.17 GM and DETS held talks with Brian Lees, Al Lees and Norman Lees of Tipperary and Ringwood regarding alignment next to their property. They will sketch their preferred alignment and send to Council.</p> <p>21.11.17 DETS held talks with Peter Scoles. He has indicated no objection.</p> <p>7.12.17 Consulting held with Brian, Sue and Nathan Lees of Tipperary. Three options selected. DETS to cost options and hold further consultation with Lees's.</p> <p>12.04.18 DETS meets Lees's and all agree on Option 2.</p> <p>16.08.18 Additional survey ongoing</p> <p>16.0619 Community Consultation has been organised on 18.06.19 by PEECE Pty Ltd</p> <p>9.09.2019 work in progress</p> <p>22.10.019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 grant application has been lodged</p> <p>17.03.2020 waiting for results of grant application</p> <p>20.05.2020 Waiting for results of grant application</p> <p>9/6/2020 Waiting for results of grant application</p> <p>22/7/2020 Waiting for results of grant application</p> <p>16/9/2020 Contacted with Funding authority and said that they are working on it.</p> <p>21/10/2020 still waiting for the results</p> <p>16/11/2020 " "</p> |  |
| 28.04.17 | 3/2017/25 | <p>That Council using the "Open Tendering" method call Tenders for the restoration of the Colless Grandstand at the Walgett Showground.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | CFO  | <p>27.6.17 In Progress – Request for Engineers Report</p> <p>13.12.17 Engineers report required</p> <p>5.2.18 waiting on information from structural engineer</p> <p>18.4.18 Engineer inspected facility, costing and report underway</p> <p>21.8.18 Costing for refurbishment underway</p> <p>12.12.18 Report to December Council Meeting</p> <p>17.04.19 March 2019 Council approved funding, RFT underway</p> <p>20.08.19 RFT to be advertised</p> <p>15.11.2019 RFT document under external audit</p> <p>16.09.20 Waiting notification of funding. Tender ready for issue</p> <p>09.12.20 Funding approved, tender to be issued</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 23.5.17  | 4/2017/34 | <p>Lightning Ridge Bore Baths</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council receive the CFO report</li> <li>2. Council make provision of \$100,000 in the 2017/18 budget for renewal of the Lightning Ridge Bore Bath between Nov 17 and April 18</li> <li>3. Recommendations of the structural assessment be implemented</li> <li>4. The General Manager arrange for a design and cost of the bore bath renewal and submit this to Council for consideration</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                | CFO  | <p>27.6.17 Quotation for design &amp; construction to be called in coming months. Work to be carried out during November 17 to March 18</p> <p>18.9.17 CFO in discussions with firm for engineers design</p> <p>18.10.17 CFO Issued purchase order for design of new tank</p> <p>22.11.17 Draft plan Received -RFQ to be issued</p> <p>13.12.17 Waiting on new specifications &amp; plan</p> <p>18.4.18 Project postponed until November 2018.</p> <p>18.4.18 RFQ to be issued and contractor engaged prior to October 2018</p> <p>17.4.19 RFT Underway for October March 19/20</p> <p>12.12.19 RFQ document under external review</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/25 | <p>That Council resolve to acquire Mr.and Mrs Raymond Pike's land within which the current Council-maintained section of O'Neils Road runs, then surrender the Council-Controlled section of corridor to Mr And Mrs Raymond Pike.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DETS | <p>8.9.17 DETS hold talks with Mr Raymond Pike and his wife. They verbally agreed to the swap.</p> <p>5.11.17 Quotes received for cadastral survey</p> <p>30.03.18 Cadastral survey completed</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in Progress</p> <p>22.10.2019 Work in progress</p> <p>14.02.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>17.03.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 work in progress</p> <p>9/6/2020 work in progress</p> <p>22/7/2020 work in progress</p> <p>16/9/2020 collected all the information required and the process in completion stage.</p> <p>21/10/2020 Council's crown land manager is working on it.</p> <p>16/11/2020 " "</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 26.09.17 | 9/2017/26 | <p>1.That Council resolves to authorise acquisition by compulsory process, of the Walgett Levee corridor through Lot 7024 DP1021106, Lot 7012 DP1021112, Lot 7301 DP1155276, Lot 7013 DP1030416, Lot 7300 DP1155957, Lot 702 DP1051575, Lot 7001 DP1051908, Lot 3 DP1123824, Lot 703 DP1056310, Lot 7031 DP1055946 and Lot 7009 DP1055947.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DETS | <p>5.11.17 Quote received for cadastral survey</p> <p>10.1.18 Quote accepted</p> <p>16.08.18 Survey ongoing</p> <p>16.06.19 Work in progress</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |

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|          |            | 2. That Council resolves to make an application to the Minister to approve the compulsory acquisition process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |      | 9.09.2019 work in progress<br>22.10.019 Work in progress<br>14.02.2020 Work in progress<br>17.03.2020 Received survey plan<br>20.04.2020 Registration is in progress<br>20.05.2020 work in progress<br>9/6/2020 work in progress<br>22/7/2020 work in progress<br>16/9/2020 work in hold at this stage as the related staff has other important other commitments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
|          | 1/2017/25  | Collarenebri Sportsgrounds amenities building – the Council endorse the actions of the CFO in advising Murdi Paaki Regional Rugby League Council that the Council accept the new amenities building asset for the Collarenebri Sports Ground as per concept proposal and the Council shall accept liability for ongoing future maintenance | CFO  | 5.2.18 Proposal in the planning phase<br>17.4.19 Kiosk and amenities building under construction<br>Construction of shed complete, quotations are to be sought for lining and fit out of kiosk and toilets.<br>20.08.19 Building erected and fit out to be completed in coming months.<br>16.09.20 Purchase orders issued for works.<br>09.12.20 waiting on contractor to complete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                  |
| 8.02.18  | 1/2018/2   | That Council:<br>5. Arrange for an independent community satisfaction survey to be undertaken within the next six months.<br>6. Investigate the re-establishment of precinct committees.<br>7. Lobby the State Government to open Opal Prospecting Area (OPA) 4.                                                                           | GM   | 19.03.18 ongoing<br>17.06.2019 Crown Lands Commissioner visited LR in early June 2019 to complete report on various matters including road network management and future land zoning.<br>23.10.19 – 5.community satisfaction survey agreed with Council within next 12months ie.by Oct 2020<br>6.Work in progress – Collarenebri established under Economic Development<br>7. No progress to date<br>15/4/20 ratepayer survey to be undertaken July 2020<br>16.09.20 Survey complete. Report to Oct 2020 meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Partly completed |
| 27.03.18 | 3/2018/25  | 1. That Council receives and notes the report.<br>2. Council make approaches to Resource and Energy Department through the Member for Barwon to identify possible voids from former mining operations under key streets in the Lightning Ridge Township.                                                                                   | DETS | 12.12.18 Not yet commenced<br>22.10.019 Not yet commenced<br>17.03.2020 not yet commenced<br>15/4/2020 not yet commenced<br>20.05.2020 work in process<br>9/6/2020 work in process<br>22/7/2020 Investigation Work in progress<br>16/9/2020 Contacted to Resource and Energy Department and waiting for response.<br>21/10/2020 Resource and Energy Department is working on it.<br>16/11/2020 Could not get any information from the department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| 25.9.18  | 14/2018/17 | That Council note the current investigations in relation to the Lightning ridge water supply and unmetered services and a workshop to discuss the issues involved be held in the near future                                                                                                                                               | GM   | 17.06.19 Initial investigations complete. Complex issues. On the 'to do' list<br>25.02.20 Audit commenced December 2019 to be completed August 2020<br>16.09.20 Audit recommended                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
|          | 18/2018/11 | That Council re-visit the matter of developing a council wide policy in relation to provision of seating in CBD at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri and a further report be submitted to the February 2019 Committee meeting.                                                                                                     | GM   | 17.06.19 Higher priorities at this stage. Policy will be developed later in 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/11  | That Council<br>(a) name the Park in Opal Street, Lightning Ridge, "Opal Park"<br>(b) Application be made to the Geographical Names Board for registration of the parks name, "Opal Park"                                                                                                                                                  | CFO  | 17.419 Council have approved name change. Application to be submitted.<br>16.09.20 Application October 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/23  | That Council;<br>1. Endorse the Weir raising project in accordance with the approved Safe and Secure funding project<br>2. Continues to investigate options for providing improved water supply security for Walgett.                                                                                                                      | DETS | 19.03.2019 Tender document preparation being finalised<br>16.06.19 Tenders have been evaluated and waiting for an additional funding for \$543,000 as the bidder amount is higher than allocated budget<br>11.7.2019 negotiation for contractual qualification is in progress and will be finalised by 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019.<br>9.09.2019 An additional funding application has been lodged.<br>22.10.019 Contract will be awarded after October 2019 Council meeting<br>12.11.2019 Contract has been awarded to a company called Pensar Pty Ltd. And waiting for work program and agreement document<br>14.02.20 work in progress<br>17.03.2020 work in progress<br>20.05.2020 Construction works in progress<br>9/6/2020 about 40 % work completed |                  |

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|          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |      | 22.7/2020 80 % work completed<br>16/9/2020 concrete work in fish way in progress<br>21/10/2020 Fishway concrete work and piles completed. Other items are in progress<br>16/11/2020 Gates installation in progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 18.03.19 | 1/2019/25 | That Council adopt the alternative solution 4, as outlined in the report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DETS | 19.03.2019 Further report will be submitted for council Consideration.<br>16.06.19 Report to build the bridge on an alignment just downstream from the existing bridge will be submitted on 25 June 2019 Council meeting,<br>11.7.19 Council is planning to carry out second community consultation<br>20.08.19 Deed agreement is in progress<br>9.09.2019 Physical works will be commenced from Jan 2020<br>12.11.2019 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the existing bridge alignment.<br>14.02.20 Bridge construct starts March 2020<br>17.03.2020 Project is on hold due to weather<br>20.04.2020 work in progress<br>20.05.2020 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the old alignment.<br>9.6.2020 Waiting for contractors' new schedule.<br>22/7/2020 Report will be tabled on July 2020 Council meeting<br>16/9/2020 awaiting a response from legal advisor<br>21/10/2020 Report will be tabled on October 2020 Council meeting for an approval to build the bridge along the existing alignment.<br>16/11/2020 Resolved to build a 80m bridge in the existing alignment |  |
| 03.04.19 | 2/2019/23 | That Council determines to make minor amendments to the Draft Walgett Shire Rural Residential Strategy that reflect "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area B" is the most appropriate site based on community consultation and the limited number of potential lots (4 stated in the strategy) for "Lightning Ridge Candidate Area C".                                                                                                                     | DES  | November 2019 Final DRAFT to be reviewed by DoPE. Bridging document is currently being drafted by TP consultant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 25.06.19 | 5/2019/29 | RFT 18/003 Design and Construction of Goangra Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DETS | 11.07.19 Council resolution to construct the bridge upstream of the existing bridge. Site visited planned for 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019<br>20.08.19 Waiting for deed agreement<br>9.09.2019 Construction will be started from Jan 2020.<br>11.12.2019 Contractor has confirmed that the project will be commenced from March 2020<br>14.02.20 Construction starts from March 2020<br>17.03.2020 work is on hold due to river water<br>20.04.2020 work is on hold due to river water<br>20.05.2020 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the old alignment.<br>9.6.2020 Waiting for contractor's updated schedule<br>22.7.2020 Supplementary report will be tabled on July 2020 Council Meeting.<br>16/9/2020 Report will be submitted in October 2020 meeting as council waiting for legal advisor on the tendering matter.<br>21/10/2020 Submitted report for October 2020 Council meeting.<br>16/11/2020 Resolved to build a 80 m bridge along the existing alignment                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 17.12.19 | 12/2019/4 | Council investigate the options of highlighting Mr Frederick York Wolseley's contribution towards the shearing industry in the form of a monument and associated historical information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | GM   | GM investigating tourist possibilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 25.02.20 | 1/2020/12 | 1. Council participate in the Museums & Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisors Program.<br>2. The Chief Financial Officer arrange to engage a suitably qualified and highly recommended advisor for the program.<br>3. Other organisations in the shire having heritage/cultural and museum collections and facilities be invited to participate in the program<br>4. Funding of \$10,000 be allocated annually and indexed for the next six (6) years. | GM   | Awaiting information for advisors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 24.03.20 | 2/2020/11 | (1)Council includes the road corridor (known as "Mission Road" – Wimbledon Road) located between the Kamilaroi and Castlereagh Highways in its entirety within its public road network and amend its Rural Road Map accordingly<br>(2)Council proposes the naming of the road corridor in its entirety as being Wimbledon Road (SR 64).                                                                                                             | DETS | 20.04.2020 Preparation for Community Consultation is in progress<br>20.5.2020 Due to Covid 19, it has not been done<br>9.6.2020 Work in progress<br>22.7.2020 Work in progress<br>16.9/2020 Work on hold due to some other urgent commitments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |

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|          |            | (3)Council undertake the notification/consultation and associated processes as per applicable legislation and Geographical Names Board of NSW policy and guideline documentation<br>(4)Council advise the Crown of its intentions to include the road corridor within its public road network and to seek the road corridor's inclusion within the Legal Roads Network Project with a standard 60m width                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |      | 16.11.2016 “ “                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 28.04.20 | 3/2020/15  | That Council endorse Council Officers to advertise and write to owners of businesses that they believe require this Annual Fire Safety certificate, on the basis of the report to complete a tender for Council, but offsetting travel and accommodation costs for active community Business Owners whom wish to part of the process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | DES  | In action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 26.05.20 | 4/2020/24  | 1.Council exercise its option to renew agreement with the owner of Shop 4, 12 Opal Street Lightning Ridge, Lot 111, DP 778049 being Opal Court, for a further 3 year period, (with a further 3 year option).<br>2. Council investigate the feasibility of leasing additional office space and report back to the next Council meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | GM   | Investigating<br>16.09.20 GM to provide a report to Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 23/06/20 | 5/2020/18  | 1.Accept the Planning Proposal to amend the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 by allowing a dwelling to be an additional permitted use for Lot 2 DP 1153975 located at Crystal Road, Lightning Ridge in Schedule 1 of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>2. Forward the Planning Proposal to NSW Planning, Industry & Environment with a request for a Gateway Determination;<br>3. Request delegation from the Minister to “make” the amendment to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>4.Give delegation to the General Manager to make any minor alterations as requested by NSW Planning, Industry & Environment; and<br>5. Undertake the state agency and public consultation as per the requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 | DES  | Documentation with DPIE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 25/08/20 | 9/2020/19  | That Council note and accept the proposal to implement the 40 km/h speed zone in Walgett CBD in following sections of the roads:<br>i. Fox street between Euroka Street and Warrena Street<br>ii. Wee Waa Street between Peel Street and Pit Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DETS | 16.9.2020 discussed in Traffic Committee meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and advised to send council resolution to all traffic committee members.<br>21/10/2020 Engineering department in process for community consultation<br>16.11.2020 Community consultation is progress |  |
| 25/08/20 | 9/2020/23  | 1. Prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 by relocating “intensive plant agriculture” from Permitted with consent to Permitted without consent in the RU1 Primary Production zone.<br>2. Forward the planning proposal to NSW planning, industry & environment with a request for a gateway determination;<br>3. Request delegation from the Minister to “make” the amendment to the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013;<br>4. Give delegation to the General Manager to make any minor alterations as requested by NSW Planning, Industry & Environment; and<br>5. Undertake the state agency and public consultation as per the requirements of the Gateway Determination and Schedule 1, Clause 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979,                                         | DES  | Work in Progress                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 22/09/20 | 11/2020/16 | 1. That Council note and accept the Rowena Flood Study and Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.<br>2. That Council authorise Director Engineering / Technical Services to conduct a community consultation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | DETS | 21/10/2020 Scheduled community consultation on 14/10/2020 at 1:30 pm. Nobody did attend the consultation session.<br>16.11.2020 No comments received.                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 22/09/20 | 11/2020/18 | Council conduct the appropriate public consultation regarding the renaming of Hare Street, Carinda to Patty Cake Street, Carinda in compliance with NSW Address Policy and User Manual October 2019 and report back to Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DETS | 21/10/2020 Consultation in progress<br>16.11.2020 Analysis of the comments in progress                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 27/10/20 | 12/2020/21 | 1. Council adopt the draft Cemeteries Policy and advertise the draft policy for a period of 28 days and allow 42 days for the receipt of submissions.<br>2. That Council further consider public submissions and staff comments at a future meeting of Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DES  | GM to Sign                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 27/10/20 | 12/2020/23 | That Council renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the NSW Police Force and Walgett Shire Council to facilitate the implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles in the review and assessment of Development Applications.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | DES  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 27/10/20 | 12/2020/31 | That Council note and accept the location (existing alignment) to build the new 80 m bridge at the cost of \$ 1,937,594 including the tender amount of 1,807,594 incl GST.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DETS | 16.11.2020 Informed to Contractor about the resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 27/10/20 | 12/2020/32 | That Council accepts the tender for Construction of footpaths and shared cycle ways in Lightning Ridge – RFT 20/010 from PW Concrete in the sum of \$ 421,861 including GST.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | DETS | 16.11.2020 Awarded the contract. Commencing from 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 24.11.20 | 13/2020/13 | 1. That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 31st October 2020.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | DETS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

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|          |            | 2. Council install three (3) fire hydrants in the town of Rowena.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |      |  |  |
| 24.11.20 | 13/2020/15 | That Council note and authorise Engineering department to apply for the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 2 for following projects on the priority basis:<br>Road name                      Priority<br>Burranbaa Road                      1<br>Lorne Road                      2<br>Cryon Road                      3<br>Angledool Road                      4<br>Mercadool Road                      5<br>Brewon Road                      6 | DETS |  |  |
| 24.11.20 | 13/2020/19 | 1. Accept responsibility for future management of the rubbish tips at Grawin and Sheeppyard.<br>2. Authorise Council officers to commence legal processes to secure a lease agreement over both sites.<br>3. Note the completion of interim works at Grawin and Sheeppyard rubbish tips for the purpose of public safety and environmental protection.                                                                                         | DES  |  |  |
| 15.12.20 | 15/2020/17 | That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:<br>1. Conduct a trial of bin banks in the vicinity of the existing Landfills at Grawin and Sheeppyard.<br>2. Following the appointment of a casual Landfill Attendant site locations and number of bins be rolled out in a phased manner following a community consultation process.                                                                                                                    | DES  |  |  |
| 15.12.20 | 15/2020/21 | That Council accepts the tender for Construction of footpath along the Fox Street (Eastern side) between Euroka Street and Alex Trevallion Park Toilet in Walgett – RFT 20/022 from PW Concrete in the sum of \$436,915 including GST                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DETS |  |  |

## 10.1.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

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### Summary:

Copies of circulars received from the Local Government Office Department of Premier and Cabinet are attached for Councillors information. Circulars are emailed to Councillors when published from LGNSW.

### Background:

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

- 20-40 Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2020-21
- 20-41 Further extension of increased tendering exemption threshold for contracts for bushfire response and recovery to 30 June 2021
- 20-42 Release of Exposure Draft Bill on local government rating reform

### Governance Issues:

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

### Stakeholders:

Councillors and Walgett Shire Council staff

### Financial Implications:

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

### Conclusion:

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

### Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government

#### Recommendation:

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 20-40 – 20-42 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

#### Moved:

#### Seconded:

### Attachments:

Circulars



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## Circular to Councils

|                             |                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 20-40 / 11 December 2020 / A750864                                                          |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | N/A                                                                                         |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | General Managers / Financial accounting business areas                                      |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Policy Team / (02) 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:code@olg.nsw.gov.au">code@olg.nsw.gov.au</a> |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Council/Joint Organisations to implement                                                    |

### Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2020-21

#### What's new or changing

- The final Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting (Code) is available for preparing councils' 2020-21 financial statements.
- A Joint Organisation (JO) Supplement to the Code is available for preparing JO 2020-21 financial statements.

#### What this will mean for your council/JO

- The Code must be used by councils and JOs to prepare their annual financial statements in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

#### Key points

- The Code has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Australian Accounting Standards and other requirements.
- To enhance the readability and user friendliness of the Code, extensive restructuring and formatting has been undertaken.
- Changes highlighted in yellow are new for 2020-21.
- Councils and JOs should carefully review the key changes in this year's Code, which are also detailed within the *Summary of key changes to the Code 2020-21* document.
- A reference tool to assist with mapping from the previous Code to the new Code structure is also provided.
- The JO Supplement to the Code supports JOs preparing financial statements.
- The introduction and overview of the Code provides guidance to JOs on the application of the JO Supplement.
- The Code has been developed in consultation with key stakeholders, including the NSW Audit Office, council and JO representatives, external auditors and LGNSW.

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**Where to go for further information**

- OLG's website has the:
  - Code comprising of five documents:
    1. General Purpose Financial Statements (Section 1)
    2. Joint Organisations Supplement (Section 2)
    3. Special Purpose Financial Statements (Section3)
    4. Special Schedules (section 4), and
    5. Appendices (Section 5)
  - *Summary of key changes to the Code 2020-21*
  - *Mapping tool - Code 2019-20 to 2020-21*
- OLG's Accounting Practice page can be found here:  
<https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/council-finances/financial-reporting/local-government-code-of-accounting-practice-and-financial-reporting/>



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## Circular to Councils

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 20-41 / 18 December 2020 / A749538                                                                                              |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | 20-24 Extension of increased tendering exemption threshold for contracts for bushfire response and recovery to 31 December 2020 |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / Staff involved in bushfire recovery and procurement                                            |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Council Governance Team/ 02 4428 4100/ <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>                               |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Council to Implement                                                                                                            |

### Further extension of increased tendering exemption threshold for contracts for bushfire response and recovery to 30 June 2021

#### What's new or changing

- The NSW Government is committed to helping local councils and their communities recover and rebuild in the wake of the recent bushfire emergencies.
- The Government recognises that recovery efforts have been made more challenging as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural disasters.
- In recognition of these challenges, the temporary higher \$500,000 tendering exemption threshold prescribed under the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulation) for contracts for the purpose of bushfire- related response and recovery work has been extended for a further six months to 30 June 2021.

#### What this will mean for your council

- Until 30 June 2021, councils will not be required to tender when entering into contracts with a value of up to \$500,000 that are primarily for the purpose of bushfire-related response and recovery.
- After 30 June 2021, the usual \$250,000 tendering exemption threshold will apply.
- Councils should continue to apply appropriate standards of probity in their procurement for bushfire response and recovery work and should continue to ensure that the contracts they enter into represent best value for money.

#### Key points

- The Regulation was amended to temporarily increase the tendering exemption threshold to \$500,000 for contracts entered into primarily for the purpose of bushfire-related response and recovery work before 31 December 2020.
- A further amendment has been made to the Regulation to extend this period to 30 June 2021.

#### Where to go for further information

- For further information please contact the Council Governance Team on 02 4428 4100 or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).

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## Circular to Councils

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| <b>Circular Details</b>     | 20-42 / 22 December 2020 / A749067                                                           |
| <b>Previous Circular</b>    | NIL                                                                                          |
| <b>Who should read this</b> | Councillors / General Managers / Finance & Rating Staff / Corporate Governance & Legal Staff |
| <b>Contact</b>              | Policy Team / 02 4428 4100 / <a href="mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au">olg@olg.nsw.gov.au</a>      |
| <b>Action required</b>      | Response to OLG                                                                              |

**Release of Exposure Draft Bill on local government rating reform****What's new or changing**

- An Exposure Draft Bill has now been released for public consultation as part of the Government's commitment to implement reforms to ensure a fairer and more flexible rating system for councils and ratepayers.
- The Bill proposes to implement key elements of the Government's response to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART's) review of the local government rating system, which was released in June 2020.

**What this will mean for your council**

- Councils, ratepayers and other interested individuals and organisations are invited to provide feedback to help shape the final Bill, which is intended to be introduced into the Parliament in early 2021.
- A consultation guide, *Towards a Fairer Rating System*, has also been released to explain the proposed changes to help guide submissions.  
**Submissions will be received until close of business 5 February 2021.**
- This timing is needed to allow a final bill to be passed, if approved, and provisions commence for those councils created in 2016 by 1 July 2021.

**Key points**

- The Government is committed to a package of reforms to ensure the local government rating system is equitable and responsive to community needs.
- These reforms will ensure councils have a stable and reliable revenue base, provide greater flexibility for councils and ratepayers, enabling a fairer distribution of the rating burden.
- As most of these reforms require changes to the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Bill – the Local Government Amendment (Rating) Bill 2021 – has been prepared. If passed by the NSW Parliament, this Bill would:
  - allow those new councils created in 2016 that have not already harmonised their rating structures to do so gradually over four years
  - allow councils to levy special rates for infrastructure jointly funded with other levels of government outside the rate peg without IPART approval,
  - create a new rating category for environmental land,
  - create more flexibility for councils to create rating subcategories for residential land, business land and farmland, including vacant land,
  - amend exemptions that apply to water and sewerage special rates and to land subject to conservation agreements,
  - require councils to report the value of exemptions they grant each year,

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- narrow scope to postpone rates and let councils choose whether to write them off, and
- allow councils to sell properties for unpaid rates after 3 years rather than 5 years.
- After making any changes in response to the submissions received, the Government will introduce the Bill into the Parliament early next year. In part, this will enable new councils to take up opportunities provided by greater rating flexibility as they prepare to harmonise their rates on 1 July 2021.
- Further rating reforms that do not rely on the Bill will be implemented by making changes to regulations and releasing new guidance next year.
- In part, this includes aligning rating income growth with population growth to help councils provide for growing communities within the rate pegging system while still protecting residents from sudden, excessive rate rises.
- To give effect to this commitment, the Minister has asked IPART to recommend a new rate peg methodology that allows the general income of councils to be varied each year in a way that accounts for population growth.
- IPART has been asked to ensure that councils with lower population growth are not disadvantaged, to undertake public consultation and to provide a Final Report within nine months.

**Where to go for further information**

- The Exposure Draft Bill and *Towards a Fairer Rating System* Consultation Guide are available on the OLG's website at <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/councils/policy-and-legislation/fairer-rating-system-consultation>.
- The Government's response to IPART's review of the local government rating system is available at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IPART-Rating-Review-Government-Response.pdf](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IPART-Rating-Review-Government-Response.pdf)
- IPART's Final Report on the local government rating system is available at [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Local-Government-Rating-System/Local-Government-Rating-System](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Local-Government/Reviews/Local-Government-Rating-System/Local-Government-Rating-System)



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### 10.1.3 IMPORTANT DATES - UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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**Summary:**

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

**Discussion (including issues and background):**

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

**Current Position:**

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

**Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

Not applicable

**Stakeholders:**

Councillors and Walgett Shire Council staff

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not applicable

**Conclusion:**

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

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

**IMPORTANT DATES - Upcoming Meetings and Events**

| DATE          | MEETING/FUNCTION             | LOCATION | NOTES                                         |
|---------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 23 March 2021 | Council Meeting              | Chambers | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend |
| 1 April 2021  | Local Area Traffic Committee | Chambers | Committee Members                             |
| 1 April 2021  | Plant Committee Meeting      | Chambers | Committee Members                             |

## **10.1.4 SECOND QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN & HALF YEARLY DELIVERY PROGRAM 2020/2021**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive Services  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart – General Manager  
**FILE NUMBER:** 18/260

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### **Summary:**

This report provides Council with the status of the Second Quarter Operational Plan Targets for 2020/2021.

### **Background:**

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to adopt an Operational Plan and Section 404 requires Council to adopt a Delivery Program. This report comments on the status of the Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2020 and the extent to which the performance targets have been achieved.

### **Current Position:**

The second quarter Operational Plan & Delivery Program Status Report is attached for Council's information. At this point in time, a vast majority of the performance targets have been met, while a small number of projects are on-going. Status comments explain the position and reasons for the roll-over projects have been delayed.

### **Governance issues:**

Council must comply with the integrated planning and reporting (IP & R) provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

### **Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council and Walgett Shire Community

### **Financial Implications:**

All matters arising from the operational plan are accordingly covered by budget allocations or variation in the Quarterly Budget Reviews.

### **Conclusion:**

Council should note the progress made during the second quarter of the Operational Plan 20/21 and half yearly Delivery Program.

### **First Quarter Operational Plan**

#### **Recommendation:**

Council accept the progress made on the 2020/21 Operational Plan and Delivery Program as at 31st December 2020.

#### **Moved:**

#### **Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Second Quarter Operational Plan & Half Yearly Delivery Program Status Report. (Refer to Attachment Document – Part A).

## 10.1.5 SECTION 356 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME ROUND TWO 2020/21

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive Department  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart  
**FILE NUMBER:** 20/28

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### **Summary:**

This report relates to the assessment of applications for financial assistance through the Community Assistance Scheme 2020/21. This is the first round of requests for financial assistance for the 2020/21 financial year with 8 organisations being recommended to receive financial assistance. The Community Assistance Scheme is proving very popular with more and more organisations applying for assistance.

### **Background:**

Applications were invited from community organisations for financial assistance under the Community Assistance Scheme. The scheme was advertised Shire wide, with applications closing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Applicants must be non-profit organisations and based in, or affiliated with, Walgett Shire. The maximum amount per project is \$3,000 and is limited to one donation per organisation per year. The Council reserves the right to part fund applications.

The Community Assistance Scheme objectives are to:

- Support charities and community projects, events and activities which occur within the Walgett Shire area, and are a benefit to the community;
- Foster or support new services, initiatives and resources within the Shire;
- Improve awareness and use of community services and resources within the Shire;
- Encourage increased participation in local community events within the Shire.

### **Current Position:**

An amount of \$30,000 has been provided for in the 2020/21 budget, to fund eligible applications for donations under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

A total of 13 Community organisations submitted applications to be considered for funding in the first round of the Community Assistance Scheme. Under round two, 8 applications have been received. Of those applications (3) three did not meet the eligibility criteria.

The details of the applications received and recommendations for funding are provided in the attached schedule.

Due to COVID-19 the ability for many of these organisation to fundraise has been affected by the COVID restrictions.

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

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

### **Governance issues:**

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

**Environmental issues:**

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

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Community organisation applicants  
Walgett Shire Community

**Financial Implications:**

A total of \$30,000 is budgeted for the Community Assistance Scheme in 2020/21. Council funded \$23,300 under Round 1 in 2020. A balance of \$6,700 is available for round two. The 20/21 budget be increased by \$300 to balance the funding allocation for Round 2.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

1. That Council resolve to approve or disapprove applications on a different basis to that recommended.
2. Council can decide to increase the allocation to accommodate for the increased community organisations requests.

**Conclusion:**

A total of 8 applications for financial assistance were received under round two of the Scheme. Of those applications three (3) did not meet the eligibility criteria. Refer to table for more information.

**Note:** Where an approved allocation is vastly different to what has been requested, Council staff will liaise with the relevant organisation to confirm the project, or activity is viable using own source funds. Council will also monitor the progress of the projects/activities through the acquittal process ensure the project objectives are met and Council is satisfied with the outcomes.

| <b>Community Assistance Scheme Donations – Round 2 2020/21 Applications</b>                                                                                                            |                |
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| <b>Recommendation:</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                |
| a) That the following eligible applicants be granted financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 for Round Two of the 2020/21 Community Assistance Scheme. |                |
| Lightning Ridge Pony Club                                                                                                                                                              | \$2,000        |
| Lightning Ridge Tourism Association                                                                                                                                                    | \$2,000        |
| Walgett Show Society Inc                                                                                                                                                               | \$500          |
| Walgett & District Garden Club                                                                                                                                                         | \$500          |
| Walgett Mud Trials                                                                                                                                                                     | \$2,000        |
| <i>Total</i>                                                                                                                                                                           | <i>\$7,000</i> |
| b) The budget allocation of 20/21 be increased by \$300.                                                                                                                               |                |
| <b>Moved:</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                |
| <b>Seconded:</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |                |

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| Lightning Ridge Pony Club           | \$2,000 |
| Lightning Ridge Tourism Association | \$2,000 |
| Walgett Show Society Inc            | \$500   |
| Walgett & District Garden Club      | \$500   |
| Walgett Mud Trials                  | \$2,000 |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| <i>Total</i> | <i>\$7,000</i> |
|--------------|----------------|

b) The budget allocation of 20/21 be increased by \$300.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

2020/21 Round Two, Community Assistance Scheme Schedules.

| Organisation                               | Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Cost of Project/ Activity | Amount Requested   | Recommended Amount | Eligibility Criteria met | Comments                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Walgett Dragons Rugby League Football Club | To cover some of fees associated with the football season these include; line marking, floodlights and temporary licence.                                                                                                                                                        | Unknown                   | \$1,055.00         | Nil                | N                        | Not an incorporated body      |
| Lightning Ridge Pony Club                  | Financial assistance to help run the Black Opal Bull Ride. The proceeds from this event go to keeping the pony club operating and to making a bigger and better event for the town each year.                                                                                    | \$55,000                  | \$5,000.00         | \$2,000            | Y                        |                               |
| Lightning Ridge Tourism Association        | The LRTA host the annual Easter Festival at Lightning Ridge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$8,000.00                | Up to \$5,000.00   | \$2,000            | Y                        |                               |
| Walgett Show Society Inc                   | Reptile awareness show for the 2021 Walgett Show. Provide patrons with educational information about venomous snakes and first aid for snake bites and strategies to avoid snake bites as well as other reptile displays.                                                        | \$2860.00                 | \$1,500.00         | \$500              | Y                        |                               |
| Walgett & District Garden Club             | Club day in the Walgett Shire with guest speaker Janet Meers. Focus will be on suitable plants and planting positions for our climate and soil types. A free bus and lunch is included in the day. This is aimed to reduce the financial burden of participating on our members. | \$5,359.86                | \$3,000.00         | \$500              | Y                        |                               |
| Lightning Ridge Community Radio            | The air conditioner in the kitchen area, has given up the ghost we have had to have it replaced.                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$2,420.00                | \$2,420.00         | Nil                | N                        | Granted \$1,300 under Round 1 |
| Walgett District Historical society        | To purchase secure display cabinets for our irreplaceable collection to assist with our goals for re-opening three days a week in April 2021. Also for signage i.e. 'Open' sign.                                                                                                 | \$5,000.00                | \$3,000.00         | Nil                | N                        | Granted \$3,000 under Round 1 |
| Walgett Mud Trials                         | Walgett mud trails will be hosting the 'NSW championship' mud trails event. Combining with Collarenebri Mulga mudlarks, to work together to host a community event, attracting spectators and participants locally and from afar.                                                | \$5,000.00                | \$3,000.00         | \$2,000            | Y                        |                               |
| <b>Totals</b>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                           | <b>\$23,975.00</b> | <b>\$7,000.00</b>  |                          |                               |

## 10.2 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

### 10.2.1 MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

|                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>REPORTING SECTION:</b> | <b>Corporate Services</b>          |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>            | <b>Kevin Dunshea – Rates Clerk</b> |
| <b>FILE NUMBER:</b>       | <b>TBA</b>                         |

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#### **Summary:**

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

#### **Background:**

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

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

#### **Current Position:**

Collection of the current years levy and arrears as at 31st December 2020 is 54.95% which is 1.25% less than the previous year's collection at 31st December 2019 of 56.20%. Collections have increased in the first week of December with a total of 55.31% collected.

As mentioned in the report to the September 2020 Council meeting it should be noted that the Office of Local Government in its Circular No: 20-12 of 17 April 2020 (Modification of statutory requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic) advised that regulations had been made under section 747B of the Local Government Act 1993 to temporarily modify the application of the Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of the modifications mentioned above and at the September meeting the first due date for 2020-2021 was 30 September and not 31 August and debt recovery action has been temporarily suspended, with no statutory interest being charged on overdue amounts for the first half of the 2020-2021 financial year.

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

Outstanding Rates Report.

#### **Governance issues:**

Council is obliged to act in the community's best interest and to ensure adequate service provision is upheld through measures of sustaining, maintaining and improving long term financial sustainability. A key area is to show the ongoing effective management of outstanding rates and annual charges recovery by reducing the outstanding rates percentage to an acceptable benchmarked value each year.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Community  
Walgett Shire Ratepayers  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

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

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no alternative solutions or options.

**Conclusion:**

The report recommends that Council note the outstanding rates and annual charges percentage and the extraordinary circumstances in reference to the impacts of the world-wide COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis.

| Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The 31st December 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates Report

**Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges as at 31 December 2020**

**Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 31 December 2020**

|                                                         | 10 January 2021       | 31 December 2020      | 31 December 2019      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arrears from previous year                              | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| Adjustment                                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Sub Total                                               | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                            |                       |                       |                       |
| Legal fees (Including write off's)                      | (647.00)              | (647.00)              | 18,785.20             |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 9,814,233.95          | 9,815,763.95          | 9,660,208.00          |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | 990.46                | 401.06                | 28,880.72             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (89,067.74)           | (89,067.74)           | 1,334.00              |
| Sub Total                                               | 9,725,509.67          | 9,726,450.27          | 9,709,207.92          |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>10,798,632.69</b>  | <b>10,799,573.29</b>  | <b>10,614,342.10</b>  |
| Payments                                                | (5,774,147.05)        | (5,736,362.10)        | (5,774,895.17)        |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (97,335.30)           | (97,335.30)           | (94,572.12)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (79,642.16)           | (79,642.16)           | (77,381.22)           |
| Discount                                                | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (21,212.50)           | (21,212.50)           | (18,806.00)           |
| Sub Total                                               | (5,972,337.01)        | (5,934,552.06)        | (5,965,654.51)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,826,295.68</b> | <b>\$4,865,021.23</b> | <b>\$4,648,687.59</b> |
| Current                                                 | 4,007,052.93          | 4,041,874.03          | 3,907,025.05          |
| Arrears                                                 | 506,444.45            | 511,968.28            | 513,803.43            |
| Interest b/f from previous years                        | 170,975.09            | 168,999.61            | 41,064.75             |
| Current year interest                                   | 56.59                 | 0.00                  | 26,154.77             |
| Legals                                                  | 141,766.62            | 142,179.31            | 160,639.59            |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,826,295.68</b> | <b>\$4,865,021.23</b> | <b>\$4,648,687.59</b> |
| <b>Variance</b>                                         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>-\$0.00</b>        |
| <b>Total YTD Collected</b>                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Collected YTD % of Levy, Arrears, Interest & Legal Fees | 55.31%                | 54.95%                | 56.20%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 59.37%                | 58.98%                | 59.48%                |

\*\*\* COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis \*\*\*  
(Extraordinary Event in Time)

Note (1) 2020-2021 Rates and Charges levied in accordance with OLG Circular 20-12/ 17 April 2020 (1st Instalment/Payment in Full - Due Date 30 September 2020)  
Note (2) 0.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)  
Note (3) 7.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)

## **10.2.2 MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES REPORT AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kevin Dunshea – Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** TBA

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### **Summary:**

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

### **Background:**

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

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

### **Current Position:**

Collection of the current years levy and arrears as at 31st January 2021 is 56.26% which is 1.12% less than the previous year's collection at 31st January 2020 of 58.38%. Collections have increased in the first week of January with a total of 57.16% collected.

As mentioned in the report to the September 2020 Council meeting it should be noted that the Office of Local Government in its Circular No: 20-12 of 17 April 2020 (Modification of statutory requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic) advised that regulations had been made under section 747B of the Local Government Act 1993 to temporarily modify the application of the Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of the modifications mentioned above and at the September meeting the first due date for 2020-2021 was 30 September and not 31 August and debt recovery action has been temporarily suspended, with no statutory interest being charged on overdue amounts for the first half of the 2020-2021 financial year.

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

Outstanding Rates Report.

### **Governance issues:**

Council is obliged to act in the community's best interest and to ensure adequate service provision is upheld through measures of sustaining, maintaining and improving long term financial sustainability. A key area is to show the ongoing effective management of outstanding rates and annual charges recovery by reducing the outstanding rates percentage to an acceptable benchmarked value each year.

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council Community  
Walgett Shire Ratepayers  
Walgett Shire Council

**Financial Implications:**

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

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

There are no alternative solutions or options.

**Conclusion:**

The report recommends that Council note the outstanding rates and annual charges percentage and the extraordinary circumstances in reference to the impacts of the world-wide COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis.

| Monthly Outstanding Rates Report as at 31st January 2021                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The 31st January 2021 outstanding rates report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates Report

**Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates & Annual Charges as at 31 January 2021**

**Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 31 January 2021**

|                                                         | 5 February 2021       | 31 January 2021       | 31 January 2020       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Arrears from previous year                              | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| Adjustment                                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Sub Total                                               | 1,073,123.02          | 1,073,123.02          | 905,134.18            |
| <b>Current Year Activity</b>                            |                       |                       |                       |
| Legal fees (Including write off's)                      | (647.00)              | (647.00)              | 18,785.20             |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 9,814,233.95          | 9,814,233.95          | 9,660,078.53          |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | 7,482.48              | 7,433.39              | 32,948.23             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (89,067.74)           | (89,067.74)           | 1,355.68              |
| Sub Total                                               | 9,732,001.69          | 9,731,952.60          | 9,713,167.64          |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>10,805,124.71</b>  | <b>10,805,075.62</b>  | <b>10,618,301.82</b>  |
| Payments                                                | (5,977,927.70)        | (5,881,241.17)        | (6,008,452.21)        |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (97,335.30)           | (97,335.30)           | (94,572.12)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (79,642.16)           | (79,642.16)           | (77,381.22)           |
| Discount                                                | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (21,212.50)           | (21,212.50)           | (18,806.00)           |
| Sub Total                                               | (6,176,117.66)        | (6,079,431.13)        | (6,199,211.55)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,629,007.05</b> | <b>\$4,725,644.49</b> | <b>\$4,419,090.27</b> |
| Current                                                 | 3,836,624.78          | 3,924,001.90          | 3,712,080.83          |
| Arrears                                                 | 475,494.19            | 483,750.14            | 497,239.10            |
| Interest b/f from previous years                        | 169,747.15            | 170,153.12            | 20,582.35             |
| Current year interest                                   | 6,209.31              | 6,287.71              | 29,816.34             |
| Legals                                                  | 140,931.62            | 141,451.62            | 159,371.65            |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$4,629,007.05</b> | <b>\$4,725,644.49</b> | <b>\$4,419,090.27</b> |
| <b>Variance</b>                                         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>         | <b>\$0.00</b>         |
| <b>Total YTD Collected</b>                              |                       |                       |                       |
| Collected YTD % of Levy, Arrears, Interest & Legal Fees | 57.16%                | 56.26%                | 58.38%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 61.43%                | 60.43%                | 61.86%                |

\*\*\* COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis \*\*\*  
(Extraordinary Event in Time)

Note (1) 2020-2021 Rates and Charges levied in accordance with OLG Circular 20-12/ 17 April 2020 (1st Instalment/Payment in Full - Due Date 30 September 2020)  
Note (2) 0.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)  
Note (3) 7.00% p.a. statutory interest from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (Re: OLG Circular 20-19/ 26 May 2020)

### 10.2.3 CASH & INVESTMENTS AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes – Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1460

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**Summary:**

This report provides a summary and analysis of Council's cash and investments for the period ending 31st December 2020.

**Background:**

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

Comparisons are regularly made between existing investments with available products that are not part of Council's portfolio but meets Council policy guidelines. A comparison of Council's investment portfolio results is made on a monthly basis to that of other NSW Council's. Walgett Shire's results from the portfolio investment policy continue to show a very favourable result.

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

**Current Position:**

Council at month end held a total of \$33,466,117.65 in on-call and interest bearing deposits with financial institutions in Australia. All investments are held with approved deposit taking institutions with a short term rating A-1+/BBB or higher. Council does not have any exposure to unrated institutions.

Council's investment portfolio is detailed on Attachment 1 to this report Pages 2/22 to 3/22.

The portfolio maturity compliance information is also detailed on Attachment 1 to this report pages 4 to 10. This information is represented graphically as well as digitally and shows Council's compliance to the investment policy for all key performance indicators in the policy.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Local Government Act (NSW), 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Ministerial Investment Order 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Investment Policy (Revised and adopted in May 2019)

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Financial Implications:**

As per report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
Financial Institutions

**Conclusion:**

At month end Walgett Shire Council's total cash and invested funds totalled \$33,466,117.65. There is a decrease of \$1,444,718.03 from the previous month. This decrease in the portfolio can be attributed to the ongoing capital expenditure during the month.

**Attachment:** Attachment 1 Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets.

**Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer**

1. I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the *Investment Order (of the Minister) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016* and Council's Investments Policy.
2. I hereby certify that Council's cash book and ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at the end of month.

Tony Hughes

**Chief Financial Officer – Responsible Accounting Officer**

| Cash and Investment Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2020.                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Investment report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment:**

Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets (*Refer to Attachment Document – Part A*).

## 10.2.4 CASH & INVESTMENTS AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Tony Hughes – Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**FILE NUMBER:** 09/1460

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### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary and analysis of Council's cash and investments for the period ending 31st January 2021.

### **Background:**

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

Comparisons are regularly made between existing investments with available products that are not part of Council's portfolio but meets Council policy guidelines. A comparison of Council's investment portfolio results is made on a monthly basis to that of other NSW Council's. Walgett Shire's results from the portfolio investment policy continue to show a very favourable result.

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

### **Current Position:**

Council at month end held a total of \$32,181,389.91 in on-call and interest bearing deposits with financial institutions in Australia. All investments are held with approved deposit taking institutions with a short term rating A-1+/BBB or higher. Council does not have any exposure to unrated institutions.

Council's investment portfolio is detailed on Attachment 1 to this report Pages 2 to 3.

The portfolio maturity compliance information is also detailed on Attachment 1 to this report pages 4 to 10. This information is represented graphically as well as digitally and shows Council's compliance to the investment policy for all key performance indicators in the policy.

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

Local Government Act (NSW), 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Ministerial Investment Order 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Investment Policy (Revised and adopted in May 2019)

### **Governance issues:**

Nil

### **Environmental issues:**

Nil

### **Financial Implications:**

As per report

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

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
Financial Institutions

**Conclusion:**

At month end Walgett Shire Council's total cash and invested funds totalled \$32,181,389.91. There is a decrease of \$1,284,727.74 from the previous month. This decrease in the portfolio can be attributed to the ongoing capital expenditure during the month.

**Attachment:** Attachment 1 Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets.

**Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer**

1. I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, the *Investment Order (of the Minister) 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016* and Council's Investments Policy.
2. I hereby certify that Council's cash book and ledger have been reconciled to the bank statement as at the end of month.

Tony Hughes

**Acting Chief Financial Officer – Responsible Accounting Officer**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.</b>                                                              |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Investment report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment:**

Walgett Shire Council's Portfolio report from Imperium Markets (Refer to Attachment Document – Part A).

## 10.2.5 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2020

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Chief Financial Officer – Tony Hughes  
**FILE NUMBER:** TBA

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### **Summary:**

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) reports to Council on the status of the December 2020 Quarterly Budget Review (QBR) Statement. The report outlines the first two quarters operations against the adopted 2020/2021 budget estimates, with income and expenditure variations made because of actual differences or known trends.

### **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 2 (period ending 31 December 2020) Quarterly Budget Review Statement report.

Generally the majority of income and expenditure estimates for 2020/2021 are on track, however there are a number of variations brought to account in the attached report because of current expenditure trends, new grant projects or the availability of known actual figures.

Council's General Fund operations including capital expenditure is anticipated to have a small cash surplus of \$179,965 as at 30 June 2021 with an increase of \$118,608 for the quarter. Major variations for the December 2020 quarter are attached along with the budget review.

**Waste Services** has recorded a number of variations to recurrent income and expenditure items, including \$10k to address EPA concerns at Collarenebri landfill and ease to Burren Junction costs of \$32k for fencing also at Collarenebri landfill. Increases to expenditure have been offset by some transfers from reserves. It is anticipated that the general fund portion of the waste fund deficit at 30 June 2021 will be \$41,896.

**Water funds** - The consolidated water fund has an adjustment to operating income of \$79k for charges written off for the Sporting Club and there were some major repairs and maintenance carried out to the Collarenebri infrastructure. Extra works were also carried out on the weir project in Walgett with offsetting grant funds.

**Sewer Services** - The consolidated sewer fund is showing extra operating and capital expenditure due to treatment works repairs and sewer main renewals with \$64k being transferred from reserves to cover this work.

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

Local Government Act 1993  
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005  
Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

**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 2020/2021 fiscal year as at the quarter ending 31 December 2020.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Not Applicable

**Conclusion:**

The QBRS as at 31 December 2020 provides council with information relating to the status of the budget after six (6) months of operation.

| Quarterly budget review statement 2020/2021                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council adopt the attached Quarterly Budget Review Statement for 31 December 2020 as tabled.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

December 2020 Quarterly Budget Review Statement. (*Refer to Attachment Document- Part A*).

## 10.3 ENGINEERING / TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 10.3.1 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021

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

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council about the road maintenance programme on Shire Roads for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**Background:**

The maintenance budget has been prepared based on the available funding to maintain the unsealed Local and Regional Roads to provide acceptable level of service. The budget will be used to maintain the road as per demand and Road best practice manual.

**Current Position:**

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

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

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Council's approved 2020/2021 Shire Roads Maintenance Grading Works schedule

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, \$ 252,358.06 has been spent.

**Conclusion:**

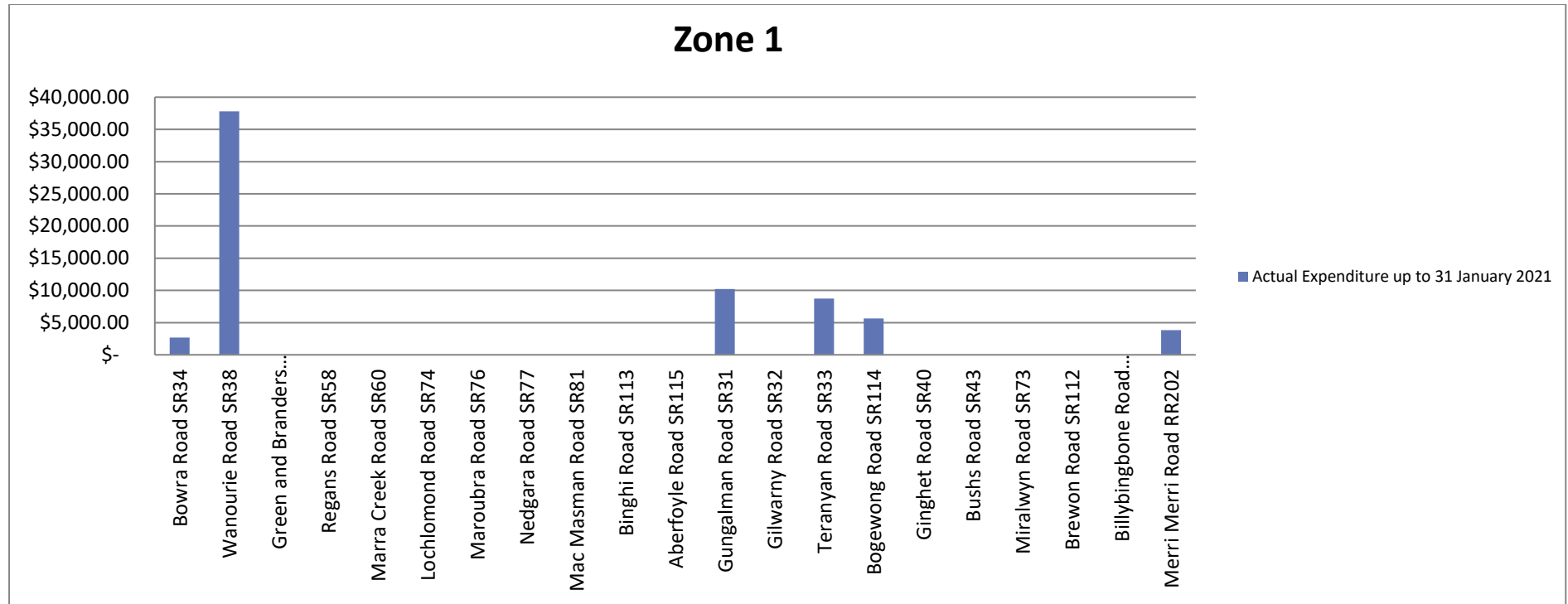
Council has established a system to monitor progress continually to keep within the approved budget.

| Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021.                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

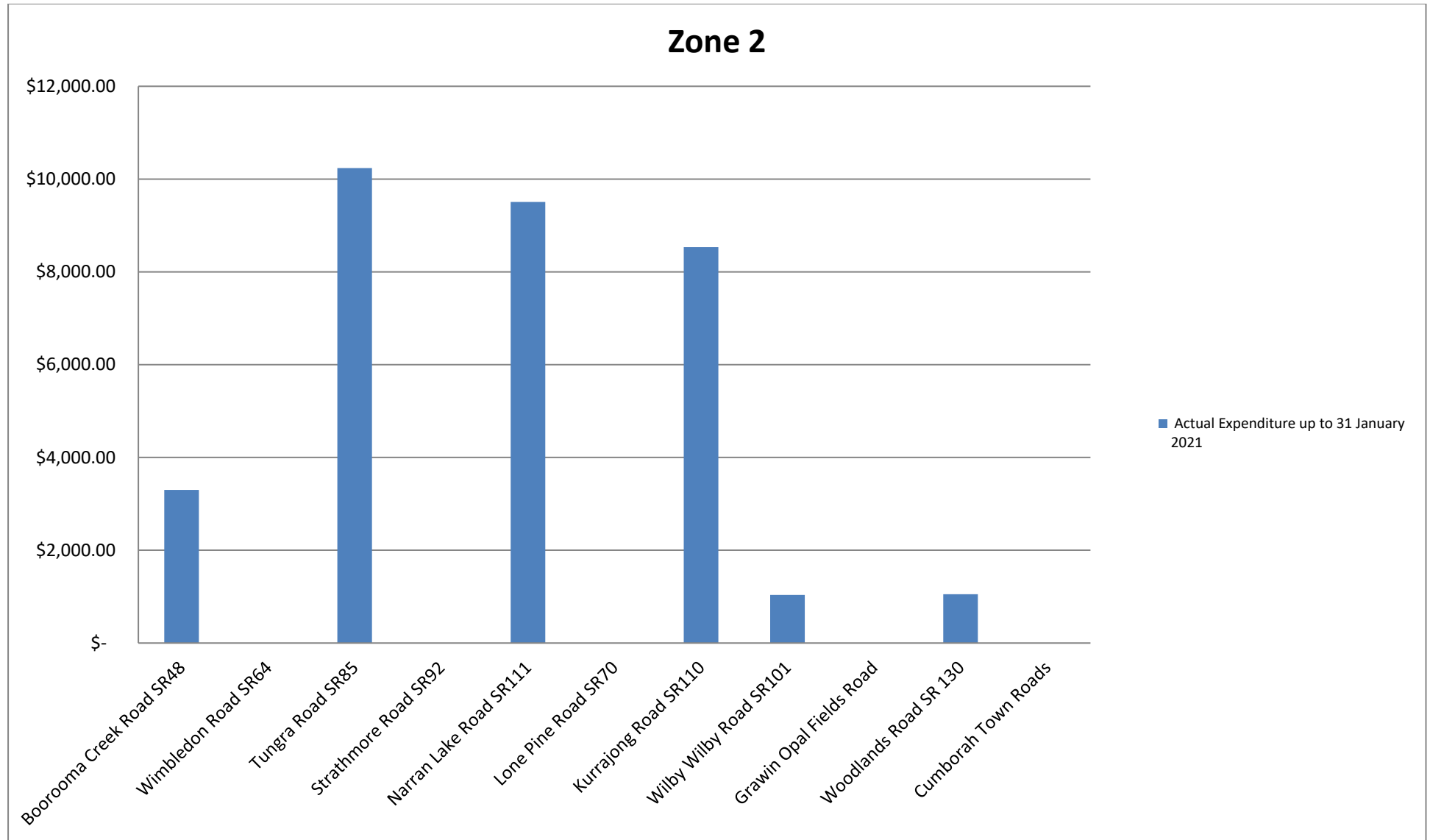
**Attachments:**

Monthly maintenance grading works.

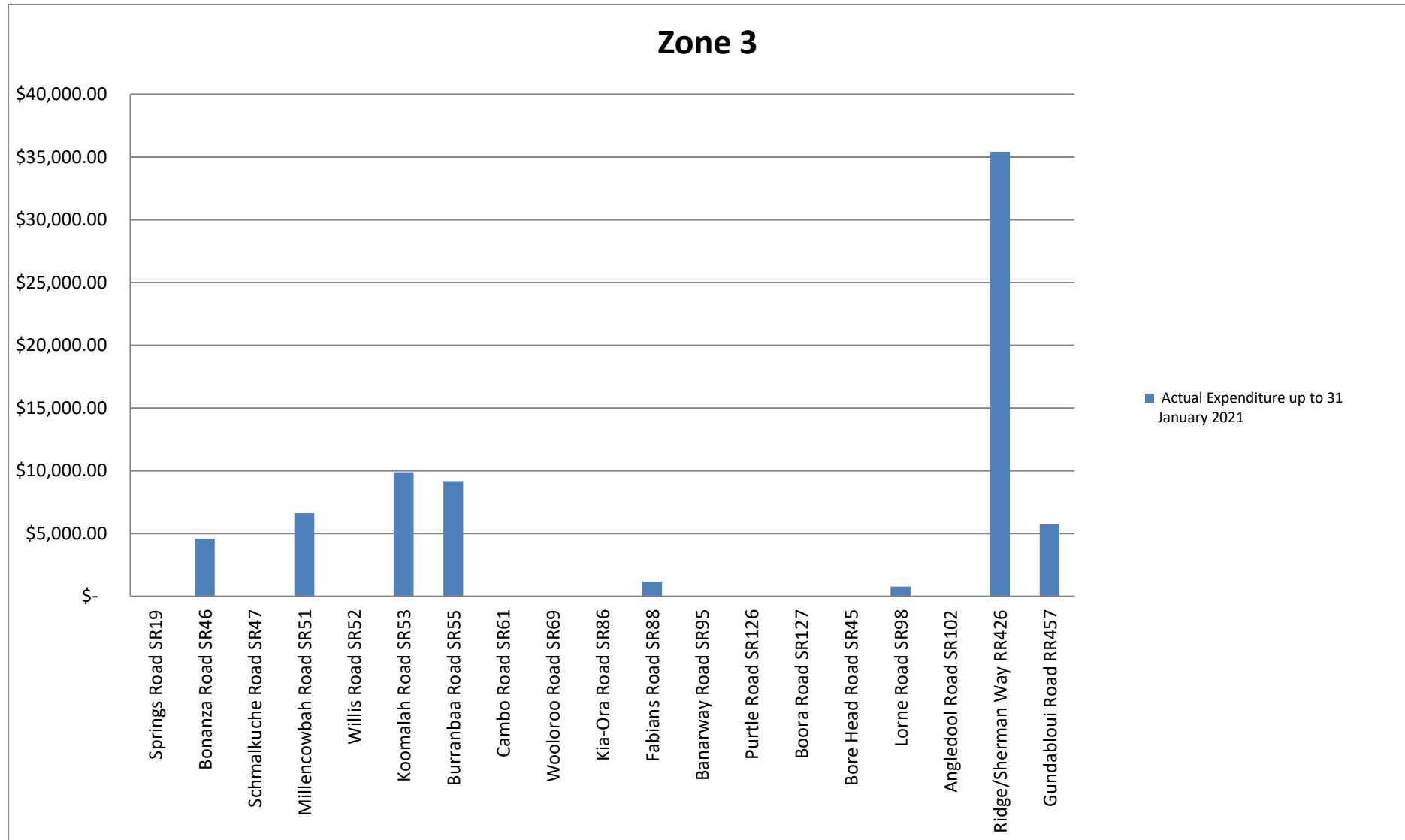
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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 1</b>                |                      |                                 |          |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Bowra Road SR34              | 3.95                 | \$ 4,278.00                     | F        |                                     | \$ 2,680.52                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Wanourie Road SR38           | 6.5                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E        |                                     | \$37,800.00                              | Material (Polycom) purchased   |
| Green and Branders Road SR41 | 11.3                 | \$ 7,006.00                     | F        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Regans Road SR58             | 3.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Marra Creek Road SR60        | 17.5                 | \$10,850.00                     | E        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Lochlomond Road SR74         | 8.4                  | \$ 5,208.00                     | E        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Maroubra Road SR76           | 8.3                  | \$ 5,146.00                     | E        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Nedgara Road SR77            | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | F        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Mac Masman Road SR81         | 8                    | \$4,960.00                      | E        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Binghi Road SR113            | 20.1                 | \$12,462.00                     | E        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Aberfoyle Road SR115         | 26.2                 | \$16,244.00                     | D        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Gungalman Road SR31          | 43.7                 | \$27,094.00                     | D        | \$10,197.27                         | \$10,197.27                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Gilwarny Road SR32           | 7.9                  | \$ 4,898.00                     | F        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Teranyan Road SR33           | 13.7                 | \$ 8,494.00                     | D        | \$5,210.00                          | \$ 8,734.88                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Bogewong Road SR114          | 48.7                 | \$30,194.00                     | D        | \$5,635.05                          | \$5,635.05                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Ginghet Road SR40            | 47.6                 | \$29,512.00                     | D        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Bushs Road SR43              | 8.7                  | \$ 5,394.00                     | D        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Miralwyn Road SR73           | 17.9                 | \$11,098.00                     | D        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Brewon Road SR112            | 54.7                 | \$ 33,914.00                    | C        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Billybingbone Road RR7516    | 18.67                | \$ 11,532.00                    | C        |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Merri Merri Road RR202       | 6.57                 | \$7,166.00                      | C        |                                     | \$3,824.73                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 1</b>       | <b>392.29</b>        | <b>\$250,640.00</b>             |          | <b>\$21,042.32</b>                  | <b>\$68,872.45</b>                       |                                |



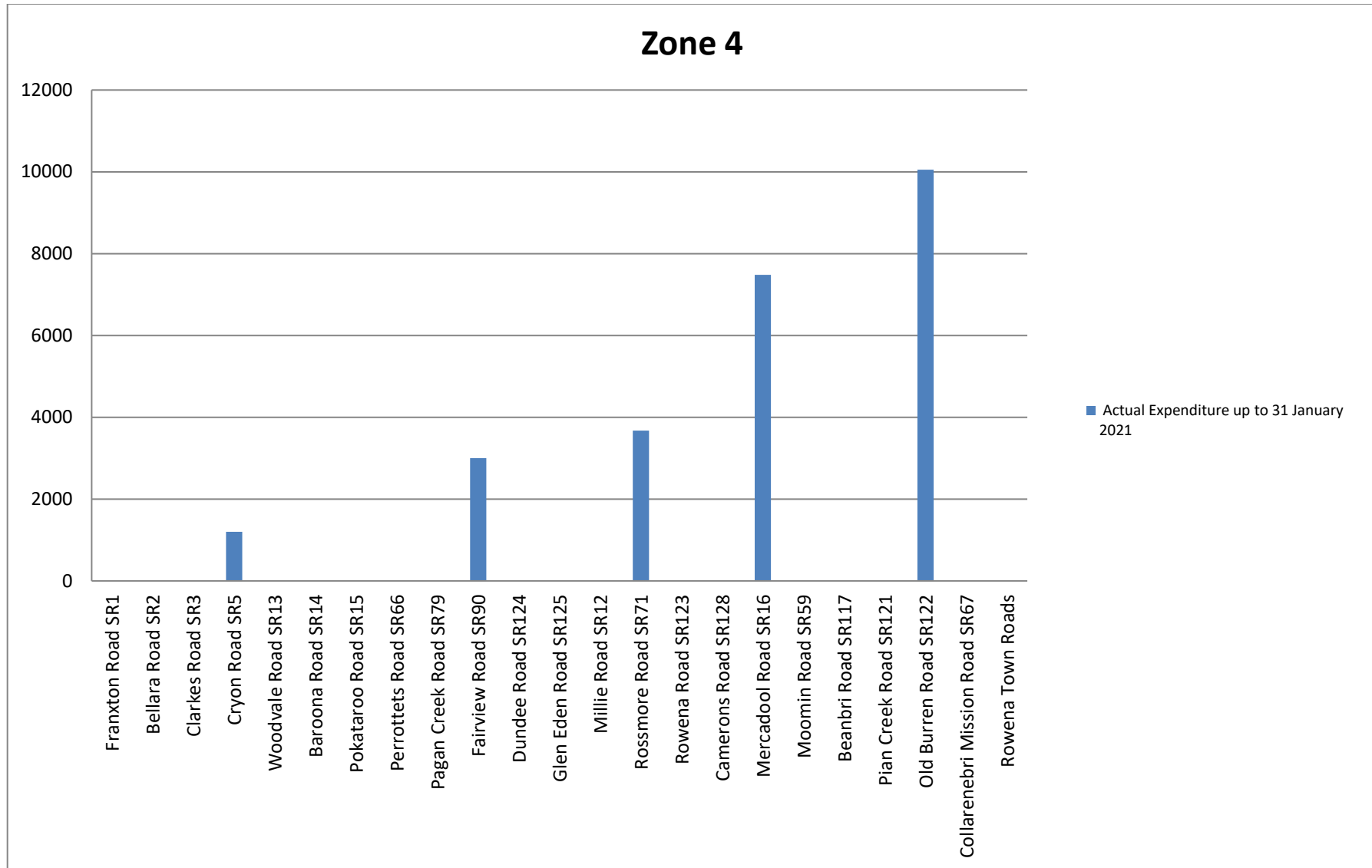
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|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 2</b>            |                      |                                 |               |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Boorooma Creek Road SR48 | 19.1                 | \$11,842.00                     | E             |                                     | \$3,299.51                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Wimbledon Road SR64      | 3.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Tungra Road SR85         | 12.7                 | \$7,874.00                      | F             |                                     | \$10,234.83                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Strathmore Road SR92     | 16.42                | \$11,904.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Narran Lake Road SR111   | 61                   | \$ 37,820.00                    | D             |                                     | \$9,507.33                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Lone Pine Road SR70      | 9.6                  | \$5,952.00                      | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Kurrajong Road SR110     | 27.8                 | \$17,236.00                     | D             |                                     | \$8,530.08                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Wilby Wilby Road SR101   | 28.7                 | \$ 17,794.00                    | D             |                                     | \$1,035.53                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Grawin Opal Fields Road  | 0.9                  | \$ 557.00                       | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Woodlands Road SR 130    | 2.33                 | \$1,445.00                      | D             |                                     | \$1,050.00                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Cumborah Town Roads      |                      |                                 | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 2</b>   | <b>181.95</b>        | <b>\$116,702.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ -</b>                         | <b>\$33,657.28</b>                       |                                |



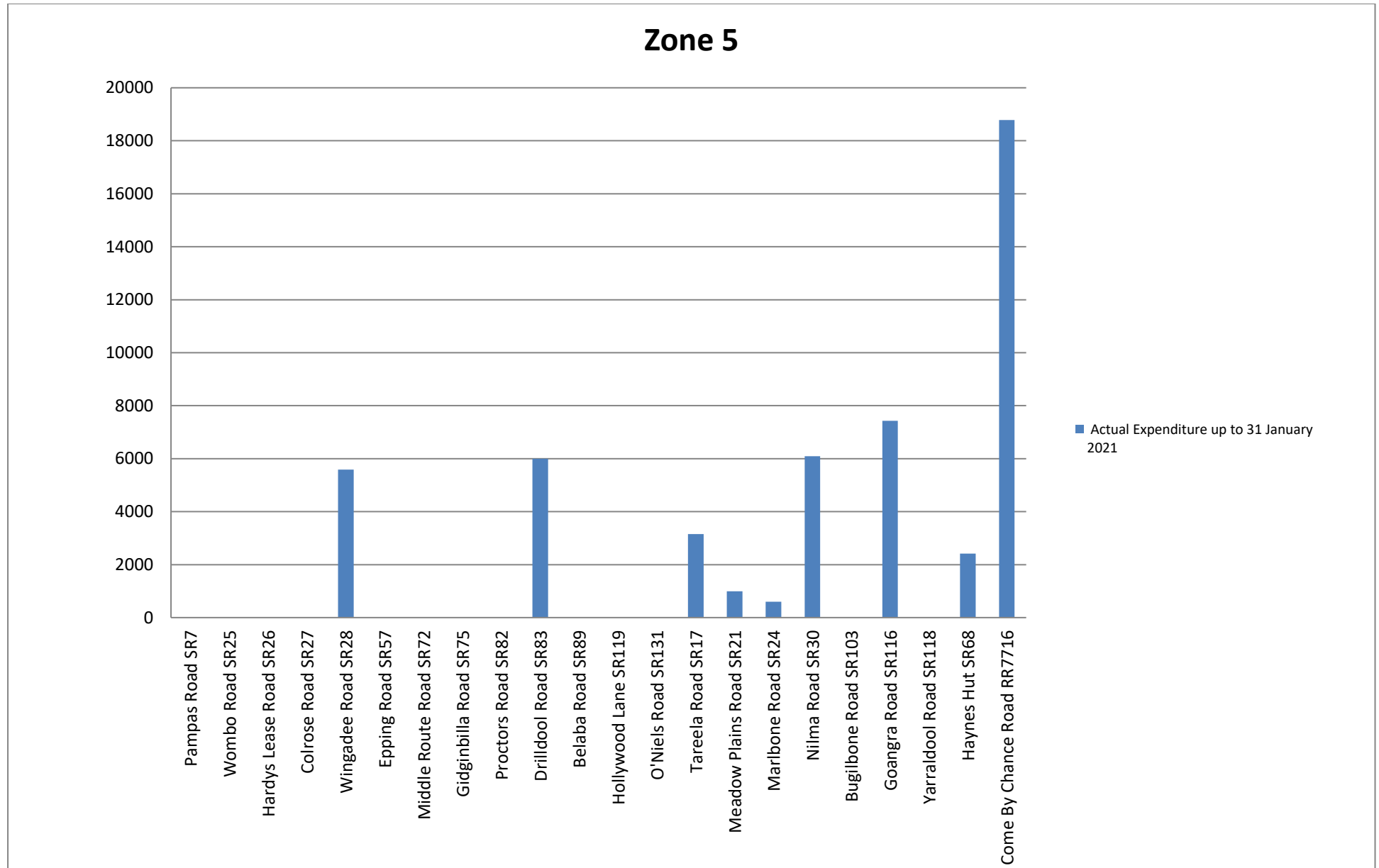
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|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 3</b>           |                      |                                 |               |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Springs Road SR19       | 2.7                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Bonanza Road SR46       | 16.9                 | \$10,478.00                     | E             | \$365.33                            | \$4,585.56                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Schmalkuche Road SR47   | 14.4                 | \$8,928.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Millencowbah Road SR51  | 27.7                 | \$17,174.00                     | E             |                                     | \$6,610.45                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Willis Road SR52        | 14.5                 | \$8,990.00                      | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Koomalah Road SR53      | 28.4                 | \$17,608.00                     | E             |                                     | \$9,882.95                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Burranbaa Road SR55     | 18.1                 | \$11,222.00                     | E             | \$930.00                            | \$,176.39                                | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Cambo Road SR61         | 21.1                 | \$13,082.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Woolaroo Road SR69      | 1                    | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Kia-Ora Road SR86       | 6.8                  | \$4,278.00                      | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Fabians Road SR88       | 24.8                 | \$15,376.00                     | E             |                                     | \$1,78.10                                | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Banarway Road SR95      | 1.2                  | \$4,278.00                      | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Purtle Road SR126       | 26.8                 | \$16,616.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Boora Road SR127        | 63.8                 | \$39,556.00                     | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Bore Head Road SR45     | 5.1                  | \$4,278.00                      | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Lorne Road SR98         | 6.9                  | \$4,278.00                      | D             | \$775.00                            | \$775.00                                 | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Angledool Road SR102    | 49.3                 | \$30,566.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Ridge/Sherman Way RR426 | 70.1                 | \$68,275.00                     | C             |                                     | \$35,412.50                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Gundabloui Road RR457   | 40.9                 | \$32,798.00                     | C             | \$ 5,749.05                         | \$ 5,749.05                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 3</b>  | <b>440.5</b>         | <b>\$316,337.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ 7,819.38</b>                  | <b>\$73,370.00</b>                       |                                |



| Road Name                      | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For Dec 2020 & Jan 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 January 2021 | Activities                     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 4</b>                  |                      |                                 |               |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Franxton Road SR1              | 19                   | \$ 11,780.00                    | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Bellara Road SR2               | 21.4                 | \$13,268.00                     | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Clarkes Road SR3               | 6                    | \$4,278.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Cryon Road SR5                 | 56.75                | \$35,185.00                     | C             |                                     | \$1,200.00                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Woodvale Road SR13             | 8.96                 | \$ 8,556.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Baroona Road SR14              | 11.1                 | \$ 6,882.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Pokataroo Road SR15            | 8.1                  | \$ 5,022.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Perrottets Road SR66           | 5.9                  | \$ 3,658.00                     | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Pagan Creek Road SR79          | 1.3                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Fairview Road SR90             | 12.6                 | \$7,812.00                      | F             |                                     | \$3,000.00                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Dundee Road SR124              | 13.9                 | \$ 8,618.00                     | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Glen Eden Road SR125           | 24.6                 | \$15,252.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Millie Road SR12               | 9.1                  | \$ 5,642.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Rossmore Road SR71             | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | C             |                                     | \$ 3,675.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Rowena Road SR123              | 34.5                 | \$21,390.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Camerons Road SR128            | 15.2                 | \$9,424.00                      | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Mercadool Road SR16            | 57.7                 | \$35,774.00                     | C             |                                     | \$ 7,484.11                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Moomin Road SR59               | 31                   | \$19,220.00                     | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Beanbri Road SR117             | 4.9                  | \$4,278.00                      | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Pian Creek Road SR121          | 41.7                 | \$25,854.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Old Burren Road SR122          | 33.9                 | \$ 21,018.00                    | D             |                                     | \$10,050.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Collarenebri Mission Road SR67 | 4.6                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Rowena Town Roads              |                      | \$4,278.00                      | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 4</b>         | <b>432.91</b>        | <b>\$282,379.00</b>             |               |                                     | <b>\$25,409.11</b>                       |                                |

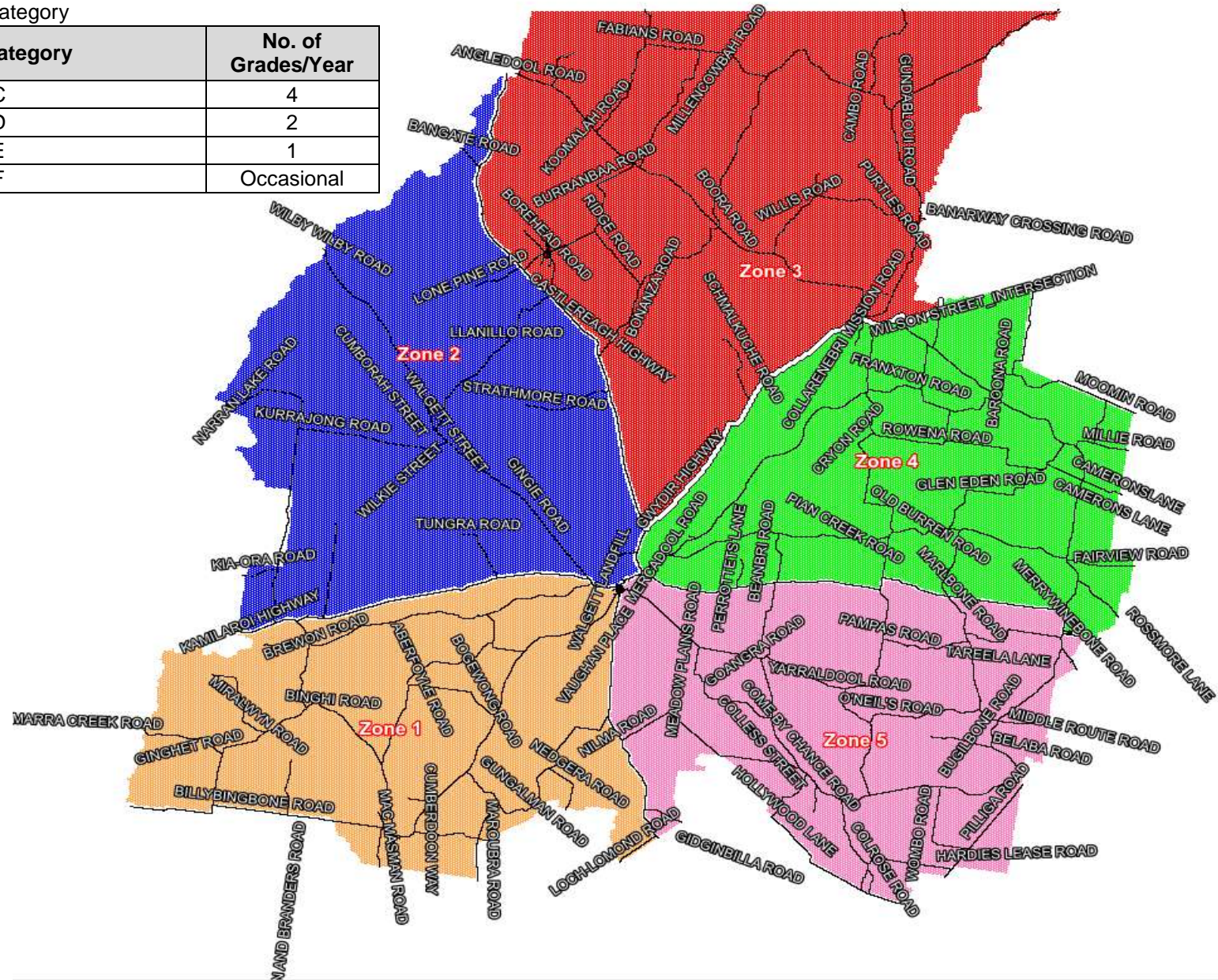


| Road Name                  | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For Dec 2020 & Jan 2021 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 January 2021 | Activities                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 5</b>              |                      |                                 |               |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Pampas Road SR7            | 16.3                 | \$10,106.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Wombo Road SR25            | 17.7                 | \$10,974.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Hardys Lease Road SR26     | 16                   | \$9,920.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Colrose Road SR27          | 20.6                 | \$12,772.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Wingadee Road SR28         | 11.8                 | \$7,316.00                      | E             |                                     | \$ 5,590.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Epping Road SR57           | 15.4                 | \$9,548.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Middle Route Road SR72     | 9.6                  | \$5,952.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Gidginbilla Road SR75      | 7.4                  | \$4,588.00                      | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Proctors Road SR82         | 4.4                  | \$4,278.00                      | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Drilldool Road SR83        | 5.1                  | \$4,278.00                      | F             |                                     | \$ 5,998.29                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Belaba Road SR89           | 11.2                 | \$6,944.00                      | F             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Hollywood Lane SR119       | 29.9                 | \$18,538.00                     | E             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| O'Niels Road SR131         | 31.1                 | \$19,282.00                     | D             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Tareela Road SR17          | 19.4                 | \$12,028.00                     | D             |                                     | \$ 3,150.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Meadow Plains Road SR21    | 23.9                 | \$14,818.00                     | D             | \$ 990.00                           | \$ 990.00                                | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Marlbone Road SR24         | 28.4                 | \$17,608.00                     | D             |                                     | \$ 600.00                                | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Nilma Road SR30            | 37.8                 | \$23,436.00                     | D             |                                     | \$6,090.00                               | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Bugilbone Road SR103       | 28.7                 | \$32,725.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Goangra Road SR116         | 16.4                 | \$10,168.00                     | D             |                                     | \$ 7,430.93                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Yarraldool Road SR118      | 41.3                 | \$25,606.00                     | C             |                                     |                                          |                                |
| Haynes Hut SR68            | 4.5                  | \$2,790.00                      | E             |                                     | \$ 2,415.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Come By Chance Road RR7716 | 60.9                 | \$65,450.00                     | C             |                                     | \$18,785.00                              | Maintenance on damaged section |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 5</b>     | <b>457.8</b>         | <b>\$329,125.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ 990.00</b>                    | <b>\$51,049.22</b>                       |                                |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,905.45</b>      | <b>\$1,295,183.00</b>           |               | <b>\$29,851.70</b>                  | <b>\$252,358.06</b>                      |                                |



Road Category

| Road Category | No. of Grades/Year |
|---------------|--------------------|
| C             | 4                  |
| D             | 2                  |
| E             | 1                  |
| F             | Occasional         |



**10.3.2 SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021**

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

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**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to update Council with regards Engineering Services works progress up to 31th January 2021.

**Background:**

The revised budget of the Engineering and Technical Service Department for capital & maintenance works, Quarry management, fleet management, water works, parks & garden, Walgett weir and engineering administration for 2020/2021 is \$ 43,655,367 excluding depreciations (\$5,012,354).

The breakdown of the budget is as follows.

**Breakdown of budgets:**

| Items                               | Budget              | Expenditure up to 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021 | Percentage (%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Transportation including RMCC works | \$33,116,260        | \$11,902,044                                    | 36%            |
| Water works ( maintenance)          | \$3,217,679         | \$1,009,834                                     | 31%            |
| Water works ( Capital)              | \$5,461,281         | \$4,195,934                                     | 77%            |
| Sewer works ( Maintenance works)    | \$1,313,654         | \$540,456                                       | 41%            |
| Sewer works (Capital works)         | \$546,493           | \$254,238                                       | 47%            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$43,655,367</b> | <b>\$17,902,506</b>                             | <b>41%</b>     |

**Current Position:**

The status of work progress is as follows;

| Items                                      | Status                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Walgett Weir                               | Completed                                                                                      |
| Grawin Access Road                         | Completed ( except 10 m sealing work either side of the grid)                                  |
| Water system upgrade project in Rowena     | Two Tanks of 150,000 litre capacity installed waiting for parts for the net work               |
| Collarenebri bore- Shade for cooling tower | Waiting for quotation                                                                          |
| Extension of Pandora street                | Community consultation will be held on 18/2/2021 at 2 pm at the Bowling club in Lighting Ridge |
| Gundabloui Road Reconstruction and sealing | Work in progress for another 5 km                                                              |
| Bugilbone Road widening project( 4 km)     | Completed                                                                                      |
| Walgett additional new bore                | Hydrological survey completed and contacted with Water NSW for further advice                  |

| Items                                                                                                                                                              | Status    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Kerb and gutter project in Euroka Street between Namoi and Albert Street ( south side), Namoi Street between Cedar and Arthur Street and Dundas Street             | Completed |
| Various sections on Carinda Road ( RR333) rehabilitation works under Repair Program                                                                                | Completed |
| Various sections on Regional Rd 329 Merrywinebone Rd between Collarenebri and Kamilaroi Highway at Burren Junction under NSW Government - Drought Stimulus package | Completed |

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

2020/21 Operational Plan and Budget

**Governance issues:**

Due processes are followed on a routine basis i.e. procurement and tendering.

**Environmental issues:**

Various environmental issues are assessed on a project by project basis to ensure any environmental legislation is complied with.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire

Walgett Shire Residents and Rate Payers

**Financial Implications:**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, \$17,902,506 has been spent.

**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 Service Progress Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021****Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

**Moved:****Seconded:**

### **10.3.3 RMS - REGIONAL ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM-APPLICATIONS FOR 2021/2022**

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

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**Summary:**

Roads and Maritime Services invited applications for 2021/2022 Repair Programs. This report is for Council to note the lodgement of the applications.

**Background:**

The REPAIR Program is one of two programs under which the State Government assists Councils in the management of their Regional Road Infrastructure. The other program is the Regional Road Block Grant Program which includes a supplementary component to replace the former 3 x 3 Council Determined Program.

The Objective of the Repair Program is to provide additional assistance to undertake larger works of rehabilitation, and development on Regional Roads to minimise the long term maintenance costs of these roads commensurate with their function and usage.

Roads and Maritime Services invited applications for 2021/2022 Regional Roads REPAIR Program. The last date for submissions for the 2021/22 program was 5pm Friday, 5 February 2021.

The proposed projects based on Traffic Volume basis in the application are:

1. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Carinda Road (RR333). The proposed section is Ch 0+900 (Bait Street) km to 37+000 km and the estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.
2. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Merrywine bone Road ( RR329) between Kamilaroi Highway and Rowena Road. The estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.
3. Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay with 1.5 % lime stabilisation for 3 km in length x 7 m seal width on Ridge Road (RR426) from Collarenebri Road end. The estimated total cost is \$ 900,000

The total maximum Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) contribution available to each Council is \$ 400,000) and is on 1:1 funding basis.

**Current Position:**

Council recently completed heavy patch works and resealing works on Carinda Road under the Repair Program 2020/2021. The Project cost was \$ 860,000 including \$ 400,000 Repair Program funding.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Request for proposals, Regional Roads REPAIR Program 2021/2022

**Environmental issues:**

Road safety

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, residents and other road users

**Financial Implications:**

Management Plan 2021/2022.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

**Conclusion:**

The cut off score varies every year. It is therefore unlikely, but not impossible, for any of these projects to be successful Projects. If one or more of these projects is similarly submitted in the 2020/2021 funding application, it will attract a 3 point bonus. Hence this submission is beneficial even if it's unsuccessful as it places Council in a better position in next year's funding round.

**RMS Regional Roads Repair Program - Applications for 2021/2022 for February 2021**

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the applications for the 2021/2022 Repair Program funding for the following projects on priority basis (Traffic volume):

1. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % Lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Carinda Road (RR333). The proposed section is Ch. 0+900 (Bait Street) km to 37+000 km and the estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.
2. Rehabilitation of failed geotextile pavement (outer wheel path) by removing and replacing with 200 mm thick road base with 1.5 % lime stabilisation and sealing with two coats on Merrywinebone Road (RR329). The proposed section is between Kamilaroi Highway intersection and Rowena Road. The estimated total cost is \$ 800,000.
3. Reconstruction and sealing with 200 mm thick road base overlay with 1.5 % lime stabilisation for 3 km in length x 7 m seal width on Ridge Road (RR426) near Collarenebri end. The estimated total cost is \$ 900,000.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 10.3.4 VARIATION - WALGETT WEIR 11 A RAISING & FISH CONSERVATION

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

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**Summary:**

This report recommends that Council note and authorise the General Manager to approve the variation recommended.

**Background:**

Council has received variations recommended by the Public Works Advisory for Pensar and variation for Public Works Advisory for their project management works. The Public Works Advisory has recommend following variations that were submitted by Pensar;

|                                                           |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Fish way floor additional works due to design change   | - \$ 95,388.27 |
| 2. Seepage cut off weir and Grid D                        | - \$ 15,468.20 |
| 3. Modification of Handrails                              | - \$12,539.39  |
| 5. Stop log locking mechanism                             | - \$4,034.25   |
| 6. Covid travel restriction claims                        | - \$ 31,979.20 |
| 7. Weir site signage                                      | -\$ 6,202.35   |
| 8. Spare stop board packers supply only                   | - \$ 2,032.00  |
| 9. Tree branch removal                                    | - \$ 2,199.45  |
| 10. Piling obstruction on log deflector and design change | - \$ 6,334.72  |
| 11. Exit gate penstock stem replacement with material     | - \$ 592.00    |
| <b>Subtotal-\$176,769.93</b>                              |                |

Council also has received a variation request from the PWA for their engagement. Following are the variations:

|                                                        |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Tender review PWA fee variation report              | - \$ 14,000   |
| 2. Operation and Maintenance manual                    | - \$ 30,000   |
| 3. Left bank stability analysis / Crane Pad assessment | - \$ 3,500    |
| 4. Archeological assessment of left bank excavation    | - \$ 4,222.60 |
| 5. Weir 10 Removal archeological assessment            | - \$ 5,730    |
| <b>Subtotal - \$ 57,452.60</b>                         |               |

The total variation is \$ 234,222.53 Ex GST.

**Current Position:**

Pensar has completed the project, and there will be further variations lodged in the coming months.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

PWA recommendation  
Pensar's Variation Summary sheet

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council, Water NSW, Residents and other users

**Financial Implications:**

The variation will not impact to Council 2020/2021 budget as this is under Infrastructure NSW funding.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Due to the urgency, the contractor has been advised to proceed with the additional works.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Variation - Walgett Weir 11 A Raising and fish conservation – February 2021</b>                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council note and endorse the actions of the General Manager in authorising the variation of \$234,222.53 (Excl GST).</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

PWA recommendation



Project Name: **Walgett Weir 11A Raising and Fish Conservation**  
 Walgett Shire Council

Principal / Client: **Walgett Shire Council**

TRM file:

Project Manager: **JOJO JOSEPH**

Contractor / Consultant: **Pensar Civil Pty Ltd**

Contract Used: **Other**

Contract Award Date: **30/10/2019**

|                                           | Est. 001    | Est. 001    |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Original Contract Sum:                    | \$6,648,000 | \$7,312,904 |
| Approved Variations To Date:              | \$415,612   | \$457,173   |
| Submitted / Disputed / Future Variations: | \$0         | \$0         |
| Total Variations:                         | \$415,612   | \$457,173   |
| Approved Revised Contract Sum:            | \$7,063,612 | \$7,770,077 |
| Potential Contract Sum:                   | \$7,063,612 | \$7,770,077 |
| Contingency:                              | \$526,310   | \$576,941   |
| Balance of Contingency:                   | \$110,898   | \$121,798   |

Variation Savings:

Contract Price/Funding Request:  Contingency:

### Scope Change Register

Project Name:

Walgett Weir 11A Raising and Fish Conservation

Contract I 1500655

The intent of this register is to provide a running log of changes to the scope of work on the project and to provide a record of their source, their impact on the project and details of the Client's approval for the change.

| PROJECT CHANGE             |                                                                                       | REQUESTED     |                         |                      | APPROVED / RECOMMENDED |                 |                                    | APPROVALS            |                                                                               | Comments |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| No                         | Description                                                                           | By (Name)     | Date                    | Claim Amount INC GST | Amount Incl GST        | Amount Excl GST | PWA Recommendation to WSC          | Client Approval Date |                                                                               |          |
| Contract Variations        |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| 1                          | Access Road to Weir 11 A site from Mead Works                                         | PWA/ Pensar   | 31/01/2020              |                      | \$ 30,490.83           | \$ 30,490.83    |                                    | 6/03/2020            |                                                                               |          |
| 2                          | Fish Rescue to compliance with DPI Fisheries approval                                 | DPI/Fisheries | 31/01/2020              | \$ -                 | \$ 28,802.25           | \$ 28,802.25    |                                    | 6/03/2020            |                                                                               |          |
| 3                          | Surface Radar Scanning over the existing weir to identify the position of sheet piles | PWA/ Pensar   | 15/04/2020              | \$ -                 | \$ 18,731.89           | \$ 17,038.81    |                                    | 20/05/2020           |                                                                               |          |
| 4                          | Bracing Sheet Piles Grid B-15                                                         | PWA           | 17/06/2020              | \$ -                 | \$ 27,447.81           | \$ 24,351.83    |                                    | 16/07/2020           |                                                                               |          |
| 5                          | Additional Sheet Pile on Grid 2                                                       | PWA/ Pensar   | 28/07/2020              |                      | \$ 14,201.83           | \$ 13,183.30    |                                    | 27/07/2020           |                                                                               |          |
| 6                          | Geotechnical issues during Sheet Piling                                               | Pensar        | 30/07/2020              | \$ 31,844.92         | \$ -                   | \$ -            | 17/12/2020                         |                      | Revised PWA may notify in an issue to be resolved between by Executive        |          |
| 7                          | Pathway for additional works due to design change                                     | PWA/Pensar    | 5/08/2020               | \$ 168,839.49        | \$ 104,527.10          | \$ 95,388.27    | 8/09/2020<br>14/09/2020 & 19/01/21 |                      | Interim Approval/ Revised Recommendation (SL 2.2) pending approval by Council |          |
| 8                          | Seepage Cut off Weir and Grid D                                                       | PWA/Pensar    | 3/08/2020               | \$ 33,437.87         | \$ 17,019.82           | \$ 15,488.20    | 28/01/2021 & 18/03/2021            |                      | Interim Approval/ Revised Recommendation (SL 2.2) pending approval by Council |          |
| 9                          | Modifications to Handrails                                                            | PWA/Pensar    | 28/11/2020              | \$ 27,586.65         | \$ 13,793.32           | \$ 12,029.39    |                                    |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending review by PWA                                       |          |
| 10                         | Entry B stop bar and warning signs to Bay 22                                          | PWA           | 30/08/2020              | \$ 4,185.82          | \$ 4,185.82            | \$ 3,925.29     | 28/11/2020                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending approval by Council                                 |          |
| 11                         | Stop Log Locking Mechanism                                                            | PWA           | 6/12/2020               | \$ 4,730.20          | \$ 4,437.58            | \$ 4,034.25     | 18/02/2021                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Recommendation to WSC, pending approval by Council          |          |
| 12                         | Good - Travel Restriction (Chain \$250 K +; Revised to \$83K +; Rev 2 \$35K+)         | Pensar        | 23/10/2020<br>3/02/2021 | \$ 35,177.12         | \$ 35,177.12           | \$ 31,679.20    | 15/02/2021                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Recommendation to WSC, pending approval by Council          |          |
| 13                         | Weir site Storage                                                                     | WaterNSW      | 19/12/2020              | \$ 8,822.59          | \$ 8,822.59            | \$ 8,202.35     | 14/12/2020                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending approval by Council                                 |          |
| 14                         | Spare Stopboard Packers- Supply                                                       | WaterNSW      | 11/12/2020              | \$ 2,235.30          | \$ 2,235.30            | \$ 2,032.00     | 11/12/2020                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending approval by Council                                 |          |
| 15                         | Tree Branch Removal                                                                   | PWA/ Pensar   | 6/11/2020               | \$ 2,410.40          | \$ 2,410.40            | \$ 2,189.45     | 18/12/2021                         |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending approval by Council                                 |          |
| 16                         | Piling obstructions on Log deflector and design change VQ-\$113,906.38                | PWA/ Pensar   |                         | \$ 13,936.38         | \$ 8,988.19            | \$ 8,334.72     |                                    |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending review by PWA                                       |          |
| 17                         | Use of concrete spoil from Weir 10 excavation into weir 11 left bank filling          | Pensar        | 8/12/2020               | \$ -                 | \$ -                   | \$ -            | 13/12/2020                         |                      | Rejected, based on PWA, in advice                                             |          |
| 18                         | Safety Handrails around Mid-River Safety Decking                                      | PWA           |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      | Revised Review - design/contract pending                                      |          |
| 19                         | Access stairs from left bank to upper tier safety decking                             | PWA           |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      | Revised Review - design/contract pending                                      |          |
| 20                         | Exit Gate Penstock Stern replacement with 50 material                                 | PWA           | 3/02/2021               | \$ 951.20            | \$ 951.20              | \$ 952.00       | 3/02/2021                          |                      | Interim Approval/ Pending approval by Council                                 |          |
| 21                         | Stoplog gate lifting gear by devil arm mechanism                                      | PWA           |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      | Revised Review - design/contract pending                                      |          |
| WSC Order No               |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| PWA Variations             |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| 1                          | Tender Review - PWA fee variation request                                             |               |                         | \$ 15,400.00         | \$ 15,400.00           | \$ 14,000.00    | 17/01/2020                         |                      |                                                                               |          |
| 2                          | Q&M Material                                                                          |               |                         | \$ 33,000.00         | \$ 33,000.00           | \$ 30,000.00    | 8/07/2021                          | 15/07/2020           | 18128                                                                         |          |
| 3                          | Left bank Stability Analysis/ Crane RAD assessment                                    |               |                         | \$ 3,500.00          | \$ 3,500.00            | \$ 3,300.00     | 31/08/2020                         | 3/09/2020            | 18404                                                                         |          |
| 4                          | Archaeological Assessment of Left bank excavation                                     |               | 19/05/2020              | \$ 4,844.96          | \$ 4,844.96            | \$ 4,222.00     | 18/08/2020                         | 19/08/2020           |                                                                               |          |
| 5                          | Excavation monitoring by Aboriginal Elders (by Kest)                                  |               |                         | \$ 17,820.00         | \$ 17,820.00           | \$ 16,230.00    | 19/11/2020                         |                      | Council Approved                                                              |          |
| 6                          | Weir 10 Removal Archaeological Assessment                                             |               |                         | \$ 8,303.00          | \$ 8,303.00            | \$ 8,730.00     | 14/10/2020                         | 14/10/2020           | WSC Approved                                                                  |          |
| 7                          | Fishpassage Monitoring (DPI/Fisheries requirements - JRF)                             |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| 8                          | River Gauge Relocation                                                                |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| Contract Variations        |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| 1                          | Site Access Road Roadbase material Supply                                             |               |                         |                      |                        |                 |                                    |                      | WSC to provide costing                                                        |          |
| 2                          | Access right to Right Bank via Sello's Property                                       |               |                         | \$ 31,869.20         | \$ 31,869.20           | \$ 28,972.00    |                                    |                      | Council Approved                                                              |          |
|                            |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      | \$457,173.12           | \$ 815,611.89   |                                    |                      |                                                                               |          |
| Project Contingency Status |                                                                                       |               |                         |                      | BALANCE                | \$121,767.68    | \$103,607.88                       |                      |                                                                               |          |

### 10.3.5 MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY

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

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#### 1. Walgett

##### a. Grey Park

- Installation of new play equipment commenced due for completion 18<sup>th</sup> February.

##### b. Cemetery

- Turfing completed in the beam cemetery
- Turfing of other section of the cemetery has commenced, it is due for completion by the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Pipe from STP to tank in cemetery completed, waiting for pump to use the effluent water.
- Toilet block ordered for cemetery
- Awaiting on a quote from a steel fabrication for the gathering space

##### c. Walgett Weir Raising Project

- Completed (Ref. photo 1, 2 & 3)



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

**d. Desalination Plant**

- The RO Plant operation is on hold due to the Sewerage Treatment effluent pond capacity

**e. Walgett Bore ( New)**

- Hydrological study completed
- Lodgement of an application in progress

**f. Sewer Treatment Plant**

- One new pond in progress
- Trickle Filter Tank 1 - Large Vertical Crack- Awaiting Concrete Remedial Repair Specification to be issued to the council
- Sedimentation Tank 2 Channel - Effluent leaking from channel to surrounding area-completed

**g. Water Treatment Plant**

- Montkeila Pump Station - Cavitation in pumps- completed (manually). Awaiting for quotation to operate automatically

**3. Rowena**

- Installation of 2 x 150,000 L tanks (Behind the pub and near the hall) completed. Awaiting pipework's to be delivered to the site. Estimated arrival in week starting on 8 February 2020.
- Installation of a Flow Meter in Bore head completed. Requires liaising with 360 to integrate the meters into the SCADA.

**4. Collarenebri**

- Sludge study - DPIE is reviewing the final report.
  - Reconstruction and sealing works in Gundabloui Road commenced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020
  - 7 km section completed.
  - Works in 5km section in progress
- Pot holes repair ( Black jack) in Merrywinebone Road in progress
- Repair Fire Hydrants – in progress.
- Engineering surveying for storm water drainage work in progress
- Investigation of trees in Cemetery completed and planning of works in cemetery in progress
- Shade sale in Skate Park has been installed in Feb 2021.

**5. Lightning Ridge**

- Pandora Road extension – Community Consultation will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Bowling Club in Lightning Ridge.
- DPIE is reviewing the tendering documents for water supply upgrade project.
- Construction of box culvert on 3 Mile Road completed
- Opal Street between Morella and Kaolin Street - Box culvert extension project is in progress.
- K/G and Spoon drain in Agate and Morella Street intersection completed
- Project Fred Reece Road Widening completed except the intersection works.
- The Heavy patching work between Opal Street and Gems Street is in process
- Design of the Intersection of Fred Reece way and Lorne Road completed. Construction in progress

- Shermans Way from Bore Bath - 271m west to 325 m west = 352 m completed
- Harlequin St from Opal St to Gem St – 418m completed
- Gem St from Pandora to Harlequin St – 200m constructed with 44m still to be done
- 23 Hydrants across Lightning Ridge conform to specification requirements
- Agate / Morella St T section earthworks & instalment of spoon drain now completed
- Shade sale in Skate Park has been installed in Feb 2021.

**Multi – Purpose Centre – Spider Brown Oval, Lightning Ridge**

- Building concrete foundations constructed late December
- 100mm Water Pipeline re-located from under slab to east side of Multi-Purpose Building

**6. Burren Junction**

- Inspection storm drainage completed and is in planning stage.
- Engineering survey for Kerb extension and concrete blister in North side of the Waterloo Street between Hall and Park completed and design is in progress

**7. Cumborah**

- Three grids on the Cumborah Road (between Cumborah and Castlereagh Highway) completed.
- Cumborah new bore
  - The shed has been built over the bore pump.
  - Fencing to be completed

**8. Grawin**

- Drinking water management plan for Grawin new bore- completed
- Additional works between the first grid and second grid completed. Sealing of 10 m either side of the new grid is in schedule.

**9. Come By Chance**

- Drainage and road works will be carried out in March 2021
- REF study for the Come By Chance Road (54.9 Km) completed, Soil Investigation, Engineering survey / design in Progress and Preparation of tender document (By Arc Blue) in progress.

**10. Carinda**

- Carinda Road repair works under Repair Program funding completed (7.635 KM)
- Installation of a Flow Meter in Bore head completed. Requires liaising with 360 to integrate the meters into the SCADA.
- Carinda Reservoir cleaning completed on 3/2/2021 successfully

**11. RMCC**

Refer to table provided.

| SN                        | WO                   | Start Date | Project Detail                                                                        | Budget          | Expenditure   | Remarks                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RMCC Ordered Works</b> |                      |            |                                                                                       |                 |               |                                                                                                                                                |
| 1                         | 3260                 | 29-09-20   | WP 471.21.01 Castlereagh Highway SH18 Segments 3415, 3425, 3430, 3445, 3450, 3460     | \$ 411,466.03   | \$ 235,827.55 | Work Completed 100% Completed area = 7355.60m2                                                                                                 |
| 2                         | 3261                 |            | WP 471.21.02 Kamilaroi Highway SH29 Segments 6850, 6855                               | \$73,263.71     | \$84,896.21   | completed Area 1401.4 m2                                                                                                                       |
| 3                         | 3298                 | 12-01-21   | WP 471.21.03 and WP 471.21.05 Kamilaroi Highway HW29 Narran Lake Rd Mini Rehab 16.7km | \$ 3,350,092.61 | \$19,236.0    | DA approval of Boorooma Pit Approximately gravel in 6km widening has been finished. Pulvi and Pavement construction planned to start on 15 Feb |
|                           |                      |            | Total                                                                                 | \$ 3,834,822.35 | \$ 339,959.76 |                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>RMCC Routine Works</b> |                      |            |                                                                                       |                 |               |                                                                                                                                                |
| 4                         | 1624,1625, 1626,1627 |            | All Highways                                                                          | \$ 1,542,500.00 | \$522,935.49  |                                                                                                                                                |

Ordered works commenced from 29th September 2020. The expenditure as of 31st January 2021 is 339,959.76 and the Routine works expenditure is \$ 522,935

| Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Matters Generally for Brief mention or Information only from the Director engineering / Technical Services be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### 10.4.1 DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning  
**AUTHOR:** Libby Cumming, Contract Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/434

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#### Summary:

This report is to advise the December 2020 and January 2021 development approvals for the information of Council and to ensure compliance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and Section 124 of the associated Regulation.

#### Background:

To ensure the validity of a development consent in any legal proceedings, all development consents and complying development certificates are to be notified to the public within 3 months of the date of consent. The only exception is any development that may have Court proceedings commenced before the expiration of 3 months from the date on which the public notice was given.

#### Current Position:

To ensure compliance with Section 4.59 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and Section 124 of the associated Regulation, Council publishes a notice each month on/in Council's website, E-Bulletin and Facebook Page in relation to development approvals for the previous month.

For Councillor information purposes, the following development was approved during December 2020.

#### Development Applications

| Applic. No | Address                                                                                                                                            | Title                                            | Development                                                                                                        | Determination          |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| DA2020/18  | Burren Junction                                                                                                                                    | Lot 13<br>DP753926                               | Solar Farm                                                                                                         | Council                |
| DA2020/22  | PCYC<br>Crn Fox &<br>Dewhurst Street,<br>Walgett                                                                                                   | Part Lots 4, 5,<br>6 & 9 Section<br>40 DP 759036 | Community<br>Facility                                                                                              | Council                |
| DA2020/3/2 | 58 – 62 Warrena<br>Street, Walgett                                                                                                                 | Lots 27, 28 &<br>29 DP 228423                    | Demolition of<br>Existing Building,<br>Installation of 3<br>Manufactured<br>Homes &<br>construction of<br>Carports | Delegated<br>Authority |
| Amendment  | Repositioning of carports, connection of driveways of Lot 28 & 29, new concrete path from carport to deck, relocation of hot water units from rear |                                                  |                                                                                                                    |                        |

|           |                                                                                                                                                                         |                  |                                               |                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|           | to side of house, removal of deck & stair to east side of house, deck of Lot 29 to include timber screen at boundary, flashing connection of carport roof to house roof |                  |                                               |                     |
| DA2020/20 | 3 Warrena Street, Walgett                                                                                                                                               | Lot 22 DP 579731 | Conversion of Shed to Dual Occupancy Building | Delegated Authority |

There was no refused development during December 2020.

### Complying Development

Nil

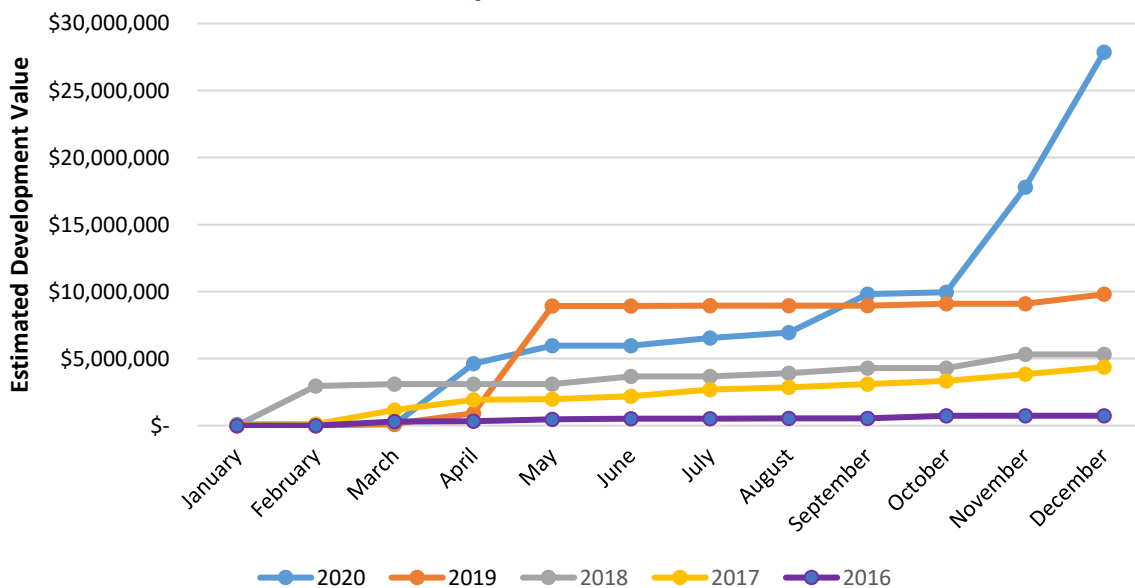
### Estimated Development Value Comparison to Same Period Last Year

|                         | December 2020 | December 2019 | November 2020 | November 2019 | 2020 Year    | 2019 Year   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Application Number      | 4             | 1             | 3             | 1             | 28           | 16          |
| Estimated Project Value | \$10,902,401  | \$708,116     | \$7,840,000   | \$Nil         | \$27,877,440 | \$9,797,541 |

### Estimated Development Value Comparison from 2016 until 2020

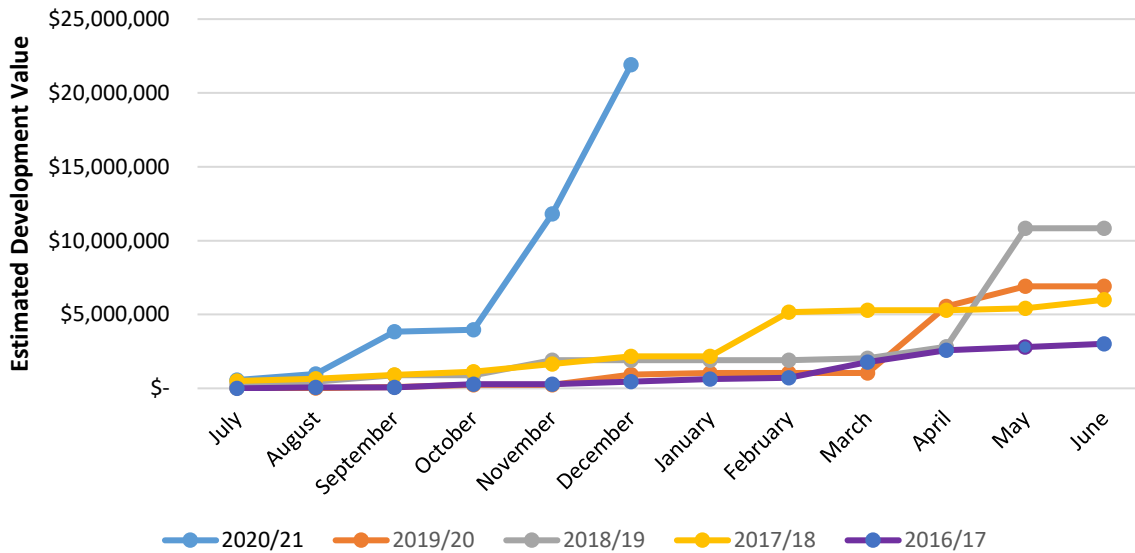
For Councillor information purposes, the following graphs demonstrate the approved Estimated Development Value for the last calendar and financial five year period. The Estimated Development Value is made up of the value for both Development and Complying Development Applications. **Please note, this is only current until 1 January 2021.**

### **Walgett LGA Approved Estimated Development Value Comparison Calendar Year**



| 2020         | 2019        | 2018        | 2017        | 2016      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| \$27,877,440 | \$9,089,425 | \$5,312,593 | \$3,847,658 | \$735,970 |

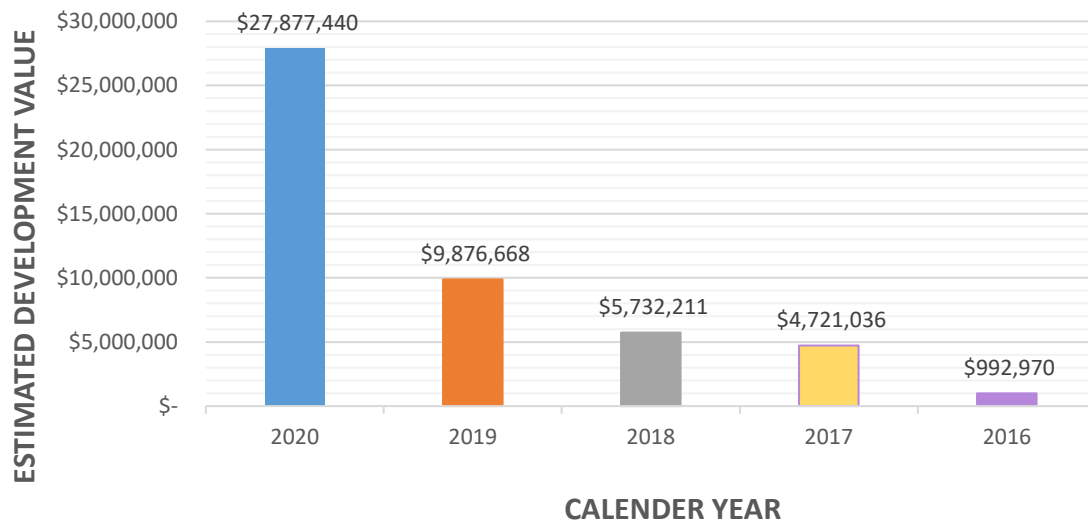
### Walgett LGA Approved Estimated Development Value Comparison Financial Year



| 2020/21      | 2019/20   | 2018/19     | 2017/18     | 2016/17   |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| \$21,909,440 | \$213,457 | \$1,903,423 | \$1,650,960 | \$285,540 |

Below is a graphical representation of the Estimated Development Value approved by Council last five years based on Calendar Years. This shows a 182.26% increase in development in 2020 and a 2707.48% increase over the 5 year period. This does not reflect the value of infrastructure works undertaken such as bridges, roads and the weir upgrade.

### Approved Total Estimated Development Value Calendar Year Comparison



For Councillor information purposes, the following development was approved during January 2021.

Development Applications

| Applic. No  | Address                                                                                                                          | Title            | Development                                                        | Determination       |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| DA2020/27   | 44361 Kamilaroi Highway, Walgett                                                                                                 | Lot 602 DP633006 | Aggregate Quarry                                                   | Council             |
| DA2018/22/2 | 55 Namoi Street, Walgett                                                                                                         | Lot 1 DP513882   | Residential Occupancy Building                                     | Council             |
| Amendment   | Modification to building's facade: inclusion of brickwork on lower part of the building, upper part to remain as metal cladding. |                  |                                                                    |                     |
| DA2020/20   | 110 Fox Street, Walgett                                                                                                          | Lot 2 DP511835   | Installation of Above Ground Fuel Tank & Replacement Pylon Signage | Delegated Authority |

There was no refused development during January 2021. There was one application withdrawn.

| Applic. No | Address                               | Title                     | Development | Reason             |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| DA2020/25  | 2777 Old Burren Road, Burren Junction | Lots 8,9,14 & 23 DP753935 | Subdivision | Exempt Development |

Complying Development

Nil

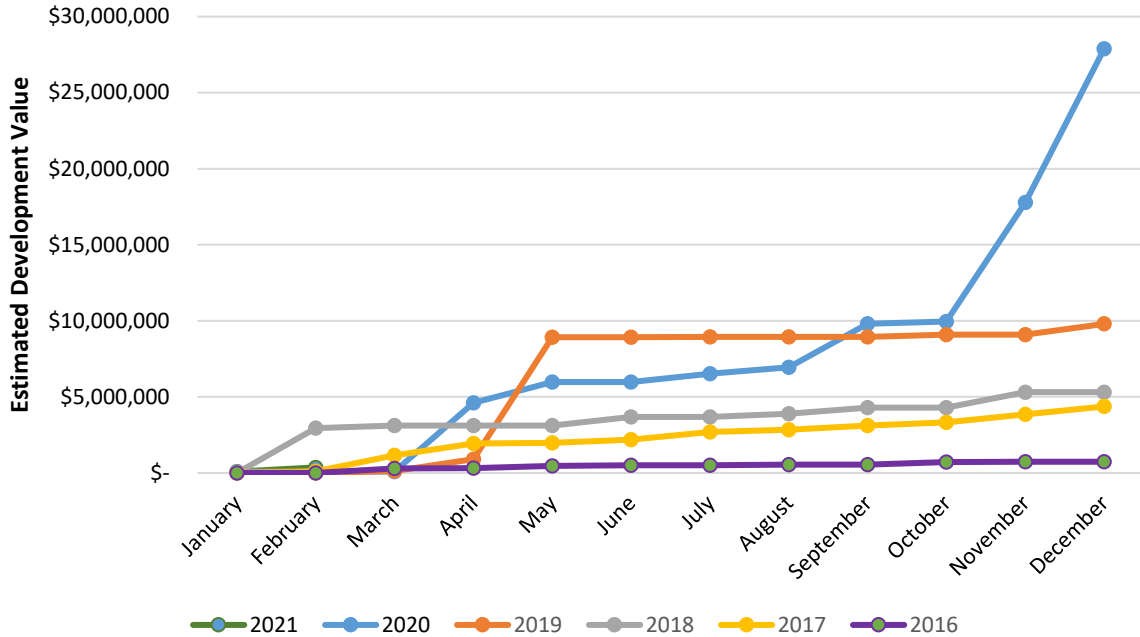
Estimated Development Value Comparison to Same Period Last Year

|                         | January 2021 | January 2020 | December 2020 | December 2019 | 2021 Year | 2020 Year |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Application Number      | 3            | 1            | 4             | 4             | 3         | 1         |
| Estimated Project Value | \$90,000     | \$90,000     | \$10,092,401  | \$708,116     | \$90,000  | \$90,000  |

Estimated Development Value Comparison from 2016 until 2021

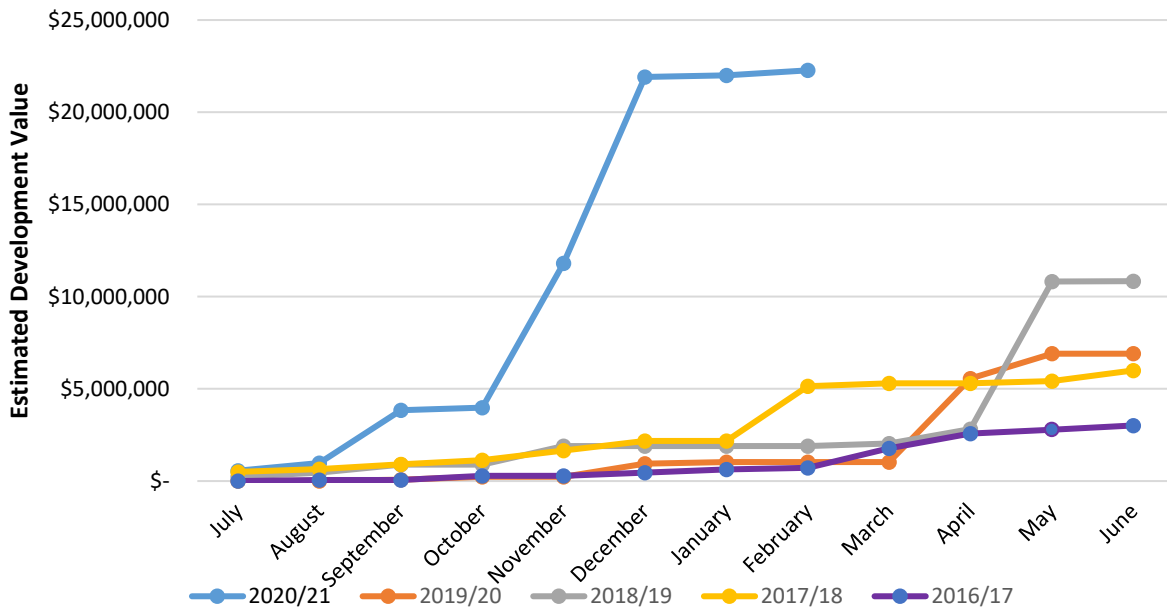
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### Walgett LGA Approved Estimated Development Value Comparison Calendar Year



| 2021     | 2020         | 2019        | 2018        | 2017        | 2016      |
|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| \$90,000 | \$27,877,440 | \$9,089,425 | \$5,312,593 | \$3,847,658 | \$735,970 |

### Walgett LGA Approved Estimated Development Value Comparison Financial Year



| 2020/21      | 2019/20   | 2018/19     | 2017/18     | 2016/17   |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| \$21,999,440 | \$213,457 | \$1,903,423 | \$1,650,960 | \$285,540 |

For Councillor information purposes, the following developments have been lodged and are currently waiting a determination. Please note, this is only current as at 1 February 2020.

#### Development Applications

| Applic. No | Address                               | Title                    | Development                                               | Status                |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| DA2020/26  | Duff Street<br>Walgett                | Lot 7013<br>DP1030416    | Animal<br>Impound<br>Facility                             | Under<br>Assessment   |
| DA2020/28  | 3670 Wilby Wilby<br>Road, Cumborah    | Lot 532<br>DP761570      | Aggregate<br>Quarry (29,000<br>m3/annum)                  | Under<br>Assessment   |
| DA2021/1   | Mining Area,<br>Grawin Opal<br>Fields | MC 38976                 | Verandah on<br>Existing<br>dwelling                       | Under<br>Assessment   |
| DA2021/2   | 12 Opal Street,<br>Lightning Ridge    | Lot 111<br>DP778049      | Café &<br>Alterations/Addi<br>tions to External<br>Facade | Under<br>Notification |
| DA2021/3   | Three Mile Road,<br>Lightning Ridge   | Lot 49<br>DP752756       | Annual Rodeo                                              | Under<br>Notification |
| DA2021/4   | 31 Morilla Street,<br>Lightning Ridge | Lot 7 Sec 10<br>DP758612 | Free Standing<br>Business<br>Identification<br>Sign       | Under<br>Notification |

#### Complying Development

Nil

#### **Acting Director of Environmental Services Comment**

Development Approval numbers and the estimated cost of development has risen since 2016, and is projected to remain steady in the next 6 months.

There are options for amending the current LEP / DCP to improve flexibility and encourage development. There is also a need for a contribution plan to address service requirements associated with major developments.

Having no complying development is disappointing, and Council needs to investigate ways to utilise this manner of approval. Complying Development is currently not permissible in Western Lease Lands, and this is a major impact on the use of complying development within the Local Government Area.

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

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 & Regulations

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council

Developer

Residents of Walgett Shire Council

**Financial implications:**

Nil

**Alternative solutions:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The above development approval information for December 2020 and January 2021 has been presented for Councillor information purposes.

| Development Approvals December 2020 & January 2021                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council note the information contained within this report.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## 10.4.2 POLICY REVIEW – CEMETERY POLICY

**REPORTING SECTION:** Development Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris – Director of Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 16/147

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**Summary:**

The attached policy was previously submitted to Council’s meeting in October 2020 and was adopted by Council as a draft Policy for the purpose of advertising. The draft Cemetery Policy was advertised for a period of 42 days in accordance with the Local Government Act 193. No submissions were received.

It is presented to Council unchanged for adoption.

**Background:**

The policy has been developed by a number of Council staff over several years and is a result of combined effort by Council staff in order to properly address enquiries from the public.

**Current Position:**

Council regularly receives enquiries from the Funeral industry and members of the community about what is and is not permitted.

**Governance issues:**

Without written policy direction Council staff are required to make decisions on an individual merit basis without written guidance.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
 Walgett Community  
 Walgett Shire Council Staff

**Financial Implications:**

The policy does allow for Council to require compliance with minimum standards of design and construction. As a result additional staff time may be required in dealing with these issues.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Council not adopt the policy or adopt the policy as an unenforceable guide only.

**Conclusion:**

The Director Environmental Services is recommending Council adopt the policy.

| Policy Review – Cemeteries Policy                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>Council adopt the attached Cemeteries Policy noting that no submissions were received.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/> <b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Cemeteries Policy – Final. (Refer to Attachment Document – Part A).

### 10.4.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/26 – WALGETT ANIMAL POUND

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning  
**AUTHOR:** Libby Cumming, Contract Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** DA2020/26

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**Summary:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/26 for the construction of an animal impound facility on Lot 7013 DP1030416 being the old Walgett Works Depot, Bates Street, Walgett.

This application is being considered by Council, as they are owner operator of the land and facility.

**Background:**

Council resolved to construct the Walgett Animal Pound and engaged Barnsons to undertake architectural and structural designs.

**Current Position:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/26 for the construction of an animal impound facility on Lot 7013 DP1030416 being Walgett Works Depot, Bates Street, Walgett. The proposed Plans are attached to this report.

The land is zoned RU1 Primary Production under the WLEP and is considered to be permissible development. It complies with the intent of the zone objectives. It is proposed to construct the facility on the same land utilised by the old Walgett Council Works Depot.

The application was notified and this is in accordance with the provisions of the *Walgett Community Participation Plan 2020* for the period 15 December 2020 until 18 January 2021. There were no submissions received.

As Council is the land manager, consideration before an Ordinary Meeting of Council is considered necessary rather than the utilisation of a determination by delegation.

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

**Relevant reference document/policies:**

Local Government Act (NSW) 1993

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

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
NSW Planning, Industry & Environment – Crown Lands

**Financial implications:**

The utilisation of funding from Reserves as budgeted for by Council.

**Alternative solutions:**

The alternative solution is to refuse the application. The 'do -nothing' option would mean that the community would not benefit from the proposed upgrade works as proposed.

**Conclusion:**

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

**Development Application 2020/26 – Walgett Animal Pound**

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2020/26 for the construction of an animal impound facility on Lot 7013 DP1030416 being Walgett Works Depot, Bates Street, Walgett, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Division Decision**

**Attachments:**

1. Plans
2. Statement of Environmental Effects
3. Development Assessment
4. Aboriginal Heritage Inventory Search

*(Refer to Attachment Document- Part B)*

## **10.4.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/28 – BREWARRINA QUARRY**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning  
**AUTHOR:** Libby Cumming, Contract Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** DA2021/28

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### **Summary:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/28 for quarry on Lot 523 DP 761510 being 3670 Wilby Wilby Road Cumborah.

This application requires the consideration of 4 submissions.

### **Background:**

The material will solely be used in road construction. Material extracted from the quarry will be used by the operator for road construction and upgrade of the Brewarrina - Goodooga Road.

### **Current Position:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/28 for quarry on Lot 523 DP 761510 being 3670 Wilby Wilby Road Cumborah. The Statement of Environmental Effects is attached to this report.

The extraction of quarry material can be deconstructed into the following list of the activities:

- Clearing of surface vegetation
- Stripping of topsoil and overburden material to be stockpiled
- Pushing and crushing of underlying material
- Stockpiling of crushed material
- Benching pit as per NSW Resource Regulator requirements
- Erosion and sedimentation control for the duration of the works
- Carrying out all works in accordance with regulatory licenses
- Formation grading of access roads
- Transport of materials

The hours of operation of the quarry site are listed below:

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| 7:00am to 5:00pm | Mondays to Fridays |
| 8:00am to 5:00pm | Saturdays          |

No work shall be undertaken on Sundays or Public Holidays.

It is anticipated that the quarry will be in operation for 18 months.

The purpose of the proposed quarry site is to extract material for use in the construction of the pavement layer of the upgrade of the Brewarrina - Goodooga Road. The material located in Barneys Ridge quarries are central to the project and have been tested, yielding results representative of positive road building characteristics.

Construction of the quarry will consist of the removal of the surface vegetation (regrowth) and overburden. The overburden will be stockpiled to be used in rehabilitation operational

works. There is no planned infrastructure onsite, only the required equipment for the use in the operation and maintenance of the quarry.

The land is zoned RU1 Primary Production under the *Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2012* and complies with the intent of the zone objectives.

The relevant issues outlined in the *Walgett Development Control Plan 2016* have been sufficiently addressed.

The application was notified as per the provisions of the *Walgett Community Participation Plan 2020* for the period 15 December 2020 until 18 January 2021. Four submissions were received. The applicant was given an opportunity to respond to the issues raised within the submissions. The submissions and the applicant response is attached to this report.

The issues raised in the submissions are:

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| <b>Submission Maker:</b> | <b>Wedgetail Project Consulting on behalf of Charles Carpenter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location to existing pit owned by Carpenter.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | The distance between the pits complies as it is below the designated development thresholds as listed under <i>Western Division Regional Plan No 1 – Extractive Industries (1989 EI 827)</i> . There is no minimum distance between gravel pits. There will be approximately 700 metre between the boundary of each pit. |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pit areas including access roads is to be under 2 ha to be local development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | The area of the pit including access roads complies as it is below the designated development thresholds of 4 ha as listed under <i>Western Division Regional Plan No 1 – Extractive Industries (1989 EI 827)</i> . This development will cover an area of just over 2 ha.                                               |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extraction rate is unclear</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | It will be conditioned that all extraction will be below the designated development thresholds of 4 ha as listed under <i>Western Division Regional Plan No 1 – Extractive Industries (1989 EI 827)</i> being 15000m <sup>3</sup> /annum and 40,000m <sup>3</sup> in total.                                              |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The quarry has the possibility becoming inundated during flooding based on its elevation.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | It is conditioned this issue is to be addressed in regards to the suspension of works and soil and sediment management during flooding in the Quarry Management Plan.                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The impact on vegetation and fauna has not been adequately assessed, in particular the incidental incursions into a nearby endangered ecological community.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | The quarry area is excluded from the nearby endangered ecological community. It will be addressed that the Quarry Management Plan address how the proposed operations will not impact the nearby ecological community.                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Submission Maker:</b> | <b>Jonny Bishop</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The access is through a sensitive aboriginal area</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | <p>Mr Bishop was unable to be contacted to investigate this further. He provided no address or phone number, and enquiry was unable to find an alternative contact.</p> <p>The quarry itself is noted as having no sensitivity, but the access track, which is existing does. As the access track is existing, it is considered that its utilisation will not have any further impact.</p>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Submission Maker:</b> | <b>Charles Carpenter</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners consent being the Crown has not been provided.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | Crown Land consent was submitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Local Lands Service has not given their consent if the quarry is within the TSR</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | The quarry is not within the TRS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The area of the proposed quarry including access tracks is more than the designated development provisions.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | See comments above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental management has not been considered within the Statement of Environmental Effects</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | <p>The quarry site is not shown as having any particular biodiversity value in the NSW Biodiversity Values Map, and the biodiversity assessment has per s7.3 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act contained within the Statement of Environmental Effects, though sparse, contains all relevant information. Further it will be conditioned that the Quarry Management Plan address the management of this area, and in particular the area adjoining the nearly sensitive ecological community.</p> |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lightning Ridge and Rosella Land Systems as mapped have not been addressed.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | The NSW Biodiversity Threshold Maps as referred to within the Statement of Environmental Effects includes information from both mapped areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information as to the identity of the person who undertook the aboriginal survey has not been provided.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | <p>An Aboriginal heritage Information Management Search was carried out with no records of any sites being noted within 50 metres of land title. Further it will be conditioned that if any Aboriginal archaeological relics are found or uncovered during the course of the work, then all works shall cease immediately in that area and the applicant shall contact NSW Environment &amp; Heritage, and Council.</p>                                                                              |

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| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Core legal context for the operation of the quarry should have been noted within the Development Application, specifically Work Health &amp; Safety.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | This is not the case, and a condition has been placed recommended that the applicant make contact with the local 'Inspector of Mines', NSW Department of Industry and Investment, Mine Safety Operations Branch, prior to the commencement of operations or activities at the quarry. This is to ensure registration through the NSW Resource Regulator |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reference is made within the Statement of Environmental Effect to the Walgett Development Control Plan.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | This is correct, though the relevant issues were sufficiently addressed. Those not adequately addressed can be covered by relevant conditions as noted above and contained within the recommendations.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Error! Reference source not found" suggests the document is in a rough draft stage.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | This is a formatting error relating to the table and contents at the front of the document. This gives no suggestion that the Statement of Environmental Effects is a "rough draft".                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The access to the quarry has not been given to use the "homestead" access road.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | Brewarrina have provided an email as evidence that the land occupier has given approval for the quarry to operate in the form as submitted to Council, and this includes the use of the "homestead" road.                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no amenities block onsite.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | An amenities block is not a requirement. The nature of the operations for this site, will be that an amenities block would be contained on the road works site itself.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Submission Maker:</b> | <b>David Currey</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability of Wilby Wilby Road to handle the traffic.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | A contribution will be taken from the operator of the pit and will be put towards the maintenance of Wilby Wilby road.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact on Koalas which has a greater population on the lower side of the ridge</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | Assessment as per the Koala Habitat SEPP does not require a Koala plan of management. The clearing involved does not relate to any koala feed trees and neither will it fragment and fauna corridor that may exist.                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Issue:</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dishonesty and abuse of power by Brewarrina Shire</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Comment:</b>          | These issues contain no planning merit and cannot be considered as part of this assessment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Issue:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legitimate reason to have two quarries so close together when 1 would be plenty.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Comment:</b> | Again this is not a reason with planning merit. The number and location of quarries will depend upon the location of the resource and the demand for the resource. Both quarries are operated by different operators. To have a cluster of quarries operated by different operator is not unusual. |

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

**Relevant reference document/policies:**

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

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

There are no issues that cannot be addressed by the use of a Quarry Management Plan.

**Stakeholders:**

Developer  
 Walgett Shire Council  
 Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
 NSW Planning, Industry & Environment – Crown Lands

**Financial implications:**

Nil

**Alternative solutions:**

The alternative solution is to refuse the application.

**Conclusion:**

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

**Development Application 2020/28 – Brewarrina Quarry**

**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2020/28, being for a quarry on Lot 523 DP 761510 being 3670 Wilby Wilby Road Cumborah, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Division Decision**

**Attachments:**

Statement of Environmental Effects

Development Assessment

Submission – Wedgetail Eagle Consulting

Submission – Johnny Bishop

Submission – Charles Carpenter

Submission – David Currey

Submission Response from Brewarrina Council

*(Refer to Attachment Documents – Part B)*

## **10.4.5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2021/1 – I BOWYER - VERANDAH**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning  
**AUTHOR:** Libby Cumming, Contract Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** DA2021/1

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### **Summary:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2021/1 for the erection of a verandah on an existing dwelling on Mining Claim 38976 Grawin Opal Fields.

This application has a variation to the *Walgett Development Control Plan 2016* and has sole access off Council controlled land.

### **Background:**

The land has an existing dwelling.

### **Current Position:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2021/1 for the erection of a verandah on an existing dwelling on Mining Claim 38976 Grawin Opal Fields. The proposed Plan and accompanying Statement of Environmental Effects is attached to this report.

The land is zoned SP1 Special Activities under the WLEP and complies with the intent of the zone objectives.

Neighbour notification was not required under the *Walgett Community Participation Plan 2020*.

There is one issue for Council consideration:

#### **1. Variation to the *Walgett Development Control Plan 2016***

The proposed development does not comply with *Clause 4.4.3 – Dwellings and ancillary structures* and specifically:

- *Must be located at least 5m from the boundary of any land title for a mining camp dwelling.*

The verandah will be 3 metres from the edge of the boundary. This is still compliant with the provisions of the *Building Code of Australia*. There will be no impact on any adjacent dwellings or structures.

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

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

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

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Developer  
Walgett Shire Council  
Residents of Walgett Shire Council  
NSW Planning, Industry & Environment – Crown Lands

**Financial implications:**

Nil

**Alternative solutions:**

The alternative solution is to refuse the application.

**Conclusion:**

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

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| <b>Development Application 2021/1 – I Bowyer - Verandah</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2021/1, being the construction of a verandah on an existing dwelling on Mining Claim 38976 Grawin Opal Fields, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Division Decision**

**Attachments:**

1. Plans
2. Statement of Environmental Effects
3. Development Assessment

*(Refer to Attachment Document- Part B)*

**10.4.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2021/5 RURAL AND REMOTE  
MEDICAL CENTRE COLLARENEBRI**

*Supplementary report to be tabled*

## 10.4.6 MATTERS FOR BRIEF MENTION OR INFORMATION ONLY

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Bob Harris, Acting Director Environmental Services  
**FILE NUMBER:** 10/434

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This report provides notes from the Director of Environmental Services (DES) on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Planning & Regulatory Services Division.

### **Return and Earn – Lightning Ridge**

Return and Earn is now operating in Lightning Ridge on Thursday 12am to 5pm and Saturday 8am to 2pm.

Greg Mackay from Return and Earn Lightning Ridge has been invited to attend the Council Meeting and provide Councillor's with an update on progress and issues affecting this service.

An update on negotiations in relation to Walgett Return and Earn will be provided at the meeting.

### **Commercial Waste Fees and Charges**

David Lane contractor for Lightning Ridge and Walgett Landfills and Greg Bateup of LR Waste management that provide yellow bin service in Lightning Ridge have been invited to address Council.

A preliminary discussion with Council waste staff and contractors has turned up a number of issues that need to be considered in conjunction with a review of waste fees and charges. Consequently, I have invited the waste contractors to address Councillor's so that the matters can be considered around the table prior to a final report coming to the next Council meeting.

Of particular concern is how we can set our fees to promote recycling or at least promote separation of wastes. In LR at least, Walgett to a lesser extent, if council puts a charge on anything, like tyres, mattresses, etc. the next day it is going into the yellow bins around town or into the scrub free of charge.

When the yellow skip bin is delivered to the landfill, staff have to extract the material (tyres etc) and separate it into the correct piles. It is not pleasant because it is now covered in food scraps and other detritus.

It is easier to handle and separate the recyclables if they come direct to the Landfill where staff can direct where it goes.

How much should we charge and how do the yellow skip bins facilitate separation of wastes?

### **Village Landfill Operation and Recycling - Presentation**

- a) A presentation has been prepared and will be delivered by Sushant Uppal Council's Environmental Waste and Compliance officer to provide an overview of operational planning for the village landfills.
- b) Landfill Attendant – The position is likely to be filled shortly with a preferred candidate being selected. It is intended the landfill attendant will attend each village landfill fortnightly and Collarenebri weekly.

- c) Opening Hours - Following appointment of a Landfill attendant for each village it is intended to recommence negotiations with local residents on opening hours of village landfills.
- d) Recycling pods (Modified IBC) will be rolled out to the village Landfills in an effort to promote recycling and stimulate the trash to treasure economy. This process has been delayed due to availability of contractors.

**Telstra Tower Upgrade – Six Mile Tank, Walgett.**

Details are provide in the attachments regarding upgrade of the existing approved Telstra Telecommunications Facility at 44361 Kamilaroi Highway Walgett 2832. The location is adjacent the Brewarrina Shire / Walgett Shire Boundary.

The upgrade comprises replacing and installing 4 x Omni Antenna on existing tower. Proposed 2 x twin mounted amplifiers to be installed on existing mounts. Addition of ancillary equipment including radios, cabling and signage.

This proposal does not require Council approval and consultation is being undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2020.

Details are provided in the attachment.

**Liquor license: Coolabah Motel - Walgett**

Council has received advice from NSW Liquor and Gaming regarding a small bar licence for Coolabah Motel Walgett.

The applicant seeks to provide packaged liquor to patrons of the motel.

Details of the proposal are included in advice from NSW Liquor and Gaming included in the attachments to this report.

**Commercial release of GM canola – application no: DIR 17**

The Gene Regulator has notified Council of licence application (DIR 178) from BASF Australia Ltd for commercial cultivation of genetically modified (GM) canola. The department is seeking advice from jurisdictions and organisations on matters relevant to the preparation of a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP), in accordance with the Gene Technology Act 2000 (the Act).

The purpose in consulting Council is to raise awareness of the application and to seek comment from people who are familiar with the areas where the proposed release could take place.

The Application is for a Licence application DIR 178 is for commercial release of GM canola lines modified for herbicide tolerance and a hybrid breeding system.

A summary of the application is attached along with a set of 'Questions and Answers' that provide an overview of the application and an outline of the assessment process. A copy of the application is available to Councillors and the community by contacting the regulator.

**Walgett Shire Council – Pound**

In accordance with Council's resolution consultants Barnsons of Dubbo have been engaged to undertake design drawings, specifications and engineering certification.

Subject to contractor availability Water, Sewer and Electrical connections hopefully can be installed in the next month.

**Dilapidated and Dangerous Building – Come By Chance**

The Trustee have confirmed they intend to demolish the building as soon as possible and are currently seeking quotations for completion of the work.

Recent discussions with the trustee have confirmed difficulties with getting quotations and an update will be provided at the meeting.

**Walgett & Lightning Ridge – Recycling Shed**

Work on these projects had been suspended pending the identification of suitable candidates to manage the facilities.

It is however proposed to continue with approvals to ensure the projects are spade ready when required to proceed.

**Animal Control Matters**

Council's Ranger has recently attended a truck roll over on the Castlereagh Hwy near Dick O'Brien Bridge affecting the driver and passenger plus 867 sheep. Council Ranger assisted the NSW Police and Local Land Service veterinary in care and control of the animals with 614 live sheep being eventually trucked out.

Council Engineering Services were also involved with disposal of animal carcasses.

A dramatic increase in animals being rehomed this month with 49 animals including 16 cats and 33 dogs being sent to Pets Haven Foundation in Melbourne.

A further report will be provided to the next meeting.

**Clean Up Australia**

Registrations are now open for Australia's largest community based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day, on Sunday 7 March 2021. Celebrating its 31st year, Clean Up.

An initial meeting of Council staff identified the following ideas for projects to promote within the Walgett Shire.

This year three Clean Up Days are being promoted with the theme of Trash to Treasure;

1. Business Clean Up Day on Tuesday 2 March,  
Business are being invited to collect and recycle plastics and x-rays.
2. Recycling ideas and projects – Theme "Trash to Treasure"

Council to award prizes for the best recycling ideas and projects in five categories.

3. Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March - Individuals and Groups  
Invited to organise a garage sale on the theme of trash to treasure.  
Sales to be advertised on Council Facebook page and Walgett Area Notice Board  
Options will be available to recyclers to attend and pick up surplus materials.

This is not a kerbside pickup but an opportunity for the community to work together and get our ship together!

**Overgrown Lots in Villages**

Work is continuing in advising owners and where necessary enforcing statutory requirements for allotments that are a fire and vermin hazard to be mowed.

**Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services**

**Recommendation:**

Receive and note the report by the Director of Environmental Services on matters for brief mention, or information only.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**



## **AGENDA FOR CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING**

### **23 February 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to clause 7 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that the Closed Council Meeting of Walgett Shire Council will be held at Walgett Shire Council Chambers on **23 February 2021** to discuss the items listed in the Agenda.

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## Agenda

### 11. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

#### MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Time: .....

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

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors)
- (c) That information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting business (or proposed to conduct business)
- (d) That the matter and information is commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved:

Seconded:

### 12. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS/CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

#### 12.1 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

##### *12.1.1 TENDERS FOR SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF BITUMEN EMULSION*

#### 12.2 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

##### *12.2.1 PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL*

##### *12.2.2 PROVISION OF LINEMARKING*

### 13. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

### 14. ADOPTION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

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

## 15. CLOSE OF MEETING

Time: .....