



AGENDA FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 24 November 2020

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 **24 November 2020** 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>Inspector Trent Swinton - NSW Police Force</b> | <b>Policing activities in the Shire</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 27 OCTOBER 2020**

| <b>Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 27 October 2020</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 27 October 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 27 October



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

**Tuesday 27 October 2020**

Michael Urquhart  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

27 October 2020

Ordinary Council Meeting

Council Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE WALGETT SHIRE CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020 AT 11:00 AM**

**OPEN FORUM**

**Public Presentations:**

- Stuart Reeve from Micromex Research presented the community survey results
- Mark Burdack, CEO of RARMS discussed the medical services in rural and remote community in particular the Walgett LGA
- Scott Bailey, CEO of the Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club provided a brief report on the alterations and additions to the Club.
- Andrew Fenwick, Senior Project Manager of Lyons Advantage provided a brief report on the Walgett Roads to Home project.

*The Mayor declared the meeting open at 12.45pm.*

**PRESENT**

Cllr Ian Woodcock (Mayor)  
 Cllr Manuel Martinez (Deputy Mayor)  
 Cllr Jane Keir  
 Cllr Lawrence Walford  
 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)  
 Elizabeth Cumming (Contract - Town Planner)  
 Bronte Kerr (Minute Secretary)

**Note:** *Cllr Tanya Cameron and Elizabeth Cumming attended the meeting via zoom*

**12/2020/1 Leave of Absence**

**Resolved:**

That the leave of absence received from Cllr Bill Murray, Cllr Kelly Smith and Cllr Robert Turnbull are accepted and leave of absence granted.

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

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

| Councillor    | Item No. | Report title                                                                                | Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary | Reason                               |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cllr Martinez | 10.3.2   | Service Progress Report, page 86. Information relating to the Gundabloui Rd.                | Pecuniary               | Business interest                    |
| Cllr Martinez | 12.3.2   | Tender for the construction of footpaths and shared cycleways in Lightning Ridge RFT 20/010 | Non-pecuniary           | Former sub-contractor to PW Concrete |
| Cllr Keir     | 10.3.1   | Monthly Maintenance Grading Report                                                          | Pecuniary               | Family Business interest             |

**12/2020/2 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting – 22 September 2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held 22 September 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings on the meeting.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/3 Development Application 2020/16 – Alterations and Additions To The Lightning Ridge Bowling Club****Resolved:**

That Council give delegation to the General Manager to:

a) Consider the final comments from the NSW Police and apply the appropriate conditions as requested by the NSW Police or to address their concerns, and

b) Approve Development Application 2020/16, being alterations and additions to the Lightning Ridge Bowling Club on Lots 1, 3 & 11 Section 10 DP 758612, Lots 13 & 14 DP 39979, Lot 1 DP 1121552 and Lot 94 DP 823890 being 25-29 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**Division Decision**

**For**  
 Cllr Woodcock  
 Cllr Martinez  
 Cllr Keir  
 Cllr Walford  
 Cllr Taylor  
 Cllr Cameron  
**CARRIED**

**Against**  
 Nil

**Absent**  
 Cllr Smith  
 Cllr Murray  
 Cllr Turnbull

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45pm  
 The meeting resumed at 1:15pm*

**12/2020/4 Minutes of Local Area Traffic Committee – 1/10/2020****Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Local Area Traffic Committee Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/5 Mayoral Report****Resolved:**

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

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

**12/2020/6 Council's Decision Action Report****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/7 Circulars Received From the NSW Office of Local Government****Resolved:**

That the information contained in the following Departmental circular 20-37 from the Local Government Division Department of Premier and Cabinet be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/8 Important Dates for Councillors - Upcoming Meetings & Events****Resolved:**

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

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

**12/2020/9 Closedown of Administration over Festive Season 2020/2021****Resolved:**

1. Council operations (Administration Buildings) close for a period of 2 weeks from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 inclusive and the General Manager and Directors make satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of essential services and provision of emergency call out services.
2. The closedown period be effectively notified to residents along with details of essential service and emergency call out arrangements.
3. Note the shutdown period for all outdoor Staff will be put in place to coincide with the commencement of the skeleton crews.



**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/10 Pecuniary Interest Returns**

**Resolved:**

That the General Managers report be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/11 Community Satisfaction Survey Results**

**Resolved:**

That Council receive and note the General Managers report detailing the results of the community satisfaction survey.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/12 Monthly Outstanding Rates Report**

**Resolved:**

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

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

#### **11/2020/14 Cash and Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Resolved:**

That the Investment report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be received and noted.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/15 Government Information Public Access Act – Annual report****Resolved:**

That:

1. That the Chief financial Officer's report be received
2. Council adopt the attached GIPA Annual Report for 2019/2020.
3. The Information Commissioner be sent a link to Council's 2019/2020 Annual Report

**Moved: Cllr Walford****Seconded: Cllr Keir****CARRIED****12/2020/16 Public Interest Disclosure – Annual Report****Resolved:**

That the Chief Financial Officer's report be received and Council adopt the 2019/2020 Public Interest Disclosures Annual Report.

**Moved: Cllr Martinez****Seconded: Cllr Taylor****CARRIED****12/2020/17 Annual Financial Statements 2019/2020****Resolved:**

1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2019/2020 be referred to Council's Auditor.
2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.
3. On receipt of the Audit Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and any other relevant statutory body.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public, additionally be reviewed/adopted by Council formally as required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993 and its requirements.

**Moved: Cllr Keir****Seconded: Cllr Walford****CARRIED**

*Cllr Keir declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting room at 1:32pm.*



**11/2020/15 Monthly Maintenance Grading Report – September 2020****Resolved:**

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

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

*Cllr Keir returned to the meeting room at 1:33pm.  
 Cllr Martinez left the meeting room at 1:33pm*

**12/2020/16 Monthly Progress Report – As at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020****Recommendation:**

That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report for October 2020.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Cameron  
**CARRIED**

*Cllr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 1:34pm.*

**12/2020/17 Numbering the Woodlands Road****Resolved:**

That Council note and accept the proposal to number to the Woodlands Road as 130 Woodlands Road.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Taylor  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/18 Proposed of sale of the Crown Public Road – October 2020****Resolved:**

That Council note and accept the proposal for the sale of the Crown Public Road at Walgett within and adjoining the property known as 'Glendale' 1319 Brewon Road (File ref: 20/02579, Cluster: 618716).

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only****Resolved:**

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

**Moved:** Clr Cameron

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**12/2020/19 Development Approvals - September 2020****Resolved:**

That Council note the information contained within the development approvals report for September 2020.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**CARRIED**

**12/2020/20 Western Regional Planning Panel Walgett Council Member Appointment****Resolved:**

That Council appoint Michael Urquhart and Elizabeth Cumming as Walgett Council member representation to the Western Regional Planning Panel and Mervyn Prendergast as an alternate member.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Taylor

**Division Decision****For**

Clr Woodcock

Clr Martinez

Clr Keir

Clr Walford

Clr Taylor

Clr Cameron

**CARRIED**

**Against**

Nil

**Absent**

Clr Smith

Clr Murray

Clr Turnbull

**12/2020/21 Policy Review – Cemeteries Policy****Resolved:**

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.
2. That Council further consider public submissions and staff comments at a future meeting of Council.

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

**12/2020/22 Development Application 2020/12 – Subdivision – 18-20 Colin Street, Carinda****Resolved:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2020/12, being a 2 lot subdivision on Lot 6 Section 40 DP 758227 being 18-20 Colin Street, Carinda, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report, noting the amendment to condition 6; storm water to be disposed to the satisfaction of Council.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir

**Seconded:** Cllr Walford

**Division Decision****For**

Cllr Woodcock  
Cllr Martinez  
Cllr Keir  
Cllr Walford  
Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Cameron

**Against**

Nil

**Absent**

Cllr Smith  
Cllr Murray  
Cllr Turnbull

**CARRIED**

*Report 10.4.5 Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Grants 2020/21 deferred till next Council Meeting.*

**12/2020/23 Memorandum of Understanding – NSW Police Force****Resolved:**

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.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez

**Seconded:** Cllr Keir

**Division Decision****For**

Cllr Woodcock  
Cllr Martinez  
Cllr Keir  
Cllr Walford  
Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Cameron

**Against**

Nil

**Absent**

Cllr Smith  
Cllr Murray  
Cllr Turnbull

**CARRIED**

**12/2020/24 Development Application 2020/19 - Quarry****Resolved:**

That Council approve Development Application 2020/19, being for the operation of a quarry Part Lot 523 DP 761510 Western Lands Lease 2486 being 3600 Wilby Wilby Road, Lightning Ridge, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

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| <b>Moved: Clr Martinez</b>   |                |               |
| <b>Seconded: Clr Walford</b> |                |               |
| <b>Division Decision</b>     |                |               |
| <b>For</b>                   | <b>Against</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
| Clr Woodcock                 | Nil            | Clr Smith     |
| Clr Martinez                 |                | Clr Murray    |
| Clr Keir                     |                | Clr Turnbull  |
| Clr Walford                  |                |               |
| Clr Taylor                   |                |               |
| Clr Cameron                  |                |               |
| <b>CARRIED</b>               |                |               |

**12/2020/25 Development Application 2020/17 – 10 Shaw Street Rowena****Resolved:**

That Council approve the Development Application 2020/17, being for the demolition of existing sheds and the construction of a storage shed on Lot 11 Section 1 DP 758889 being 10 Shaw Street, Rowena, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved: Clr Keir****Seconded: Clr Cameron****Division Decision****For**

Clr Woodcock

Clr Martinez

Clr Keir

Clr Walford

Clr Taylor

Clr Cameron

**CARRIED****Against**

Nil

**Absent**

Clr Smith

Clr Murray

Clr Turnbull

**12/2020/26 Matters for Brief Mention, Environmental Services****Resolved:**

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

**Moved: Clr Keir****Seconded: Clr Walford****CARRIED****12/2020/27 Move into Closed Session****Time: 1:52pm**

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:** Clr Taylor

**Seconded:** Clr Keir

**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/28 Purchase of Staff Housing**

**Resolved:**

1. Council register an interest in purchasing the property at 21 Wee Waa Street Walgett being described as Lot 2 DP 507646, and the General Manager be authorised to enter into negotiations with the vendors.
2. Council allocate funds from its Property Development Reserve for the purchase of a suitable property for staff housing.

**Moved:** Clr Walford

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/29 Tenders Spider Brown Multi-Purpose Centre**

**Resolved:**

1. Council accept the revised tender submitted by MAAS Constructions for the amount of \$1,507,731.10 (Including GST).
2. Council make available an additional \$277,795 from Accumulated Working Capital to fund the project shortfall.

**Moved:** Clr Taylor

**Seconded:** Clr Walford

**CARRIED**

#### **12/2020/30 Walgett District Sporting Club**

**Resolved:**

1. Council write-off an additional amount of \$64,782.89 being 100mm raw water access charges for the rating years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and interest for the rating years 2015 to 2021 inclusive
2. Council levy an additional amount of \$3,103.00 being 25mm Walgett non-residential raw water access charges for the rating years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021

**Moved:** Clr Keir

**Seconded:** Clr Martinez

**CARRIED**



**12/2020/31 Goangra Bridge Location for Construction****Resolved:**

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.

**Moved:** Cllr Martinez  
**Seconded:** Cllr Keir  
**CARRIED**

Cllr Martinez left the meeting room at 2.09pm

**12/2020/32 The Tenders for Construction of Footpaths and Shared Cycle Ways in Lightning Ridge - RFT 20/010****Resolved:**

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.

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

Cllr Martinez returned to the meeting room at 2.10pm

**12/2020/33 Return to open session****Time: 2:11 pm****Resolved:**

That Council return to open session.

**Moved:** Cllr Keir  
**Seconded:** Cllr Walford  
**CARRIED**

**12/2020/34 Adoption of closed session reports****Resolved:**

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Closed Committee Reports.

**Moved:** Cllr Taylor  
**Seconded:** Cllr Martinez  
**CARRIED**

**Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 2.11pm

To be confirmed at the next meeting of Council.

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

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

### **6.1 MINUTES OF THE FAR NORTH WEST JOINT ORGANISATION HELD 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

| <b>Minutes of the Far North West Joint Organisation held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the Far North West Joint Organisation held 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, having been circulated be received and noted and the recommendations contained therein are adopted as resolutions of Council.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachment**

Minutes attached of Meeting below



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE  
HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2020 IN THE COBAR SHIRE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, 36 LINSLEY ST, COBAR, NSW.**

**PRESENT - VOTING BOARD MEMBERS**

| Name                   | Organisation                                        |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Clr Lilliane Brady OAM | Mayor, Cobar Shire Council (Chair)                  |
| Clr Barry Hollman      | Mayor, Bourke Shire Council                         |
| Clr Ian Woodcock OAM   | Mayor, Walgett Shire Council-joined meeting 10.40am |

**PRESENT - NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

| Name              | Organisation                                    |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Mrs Leonie Brown  | A/General Manager, Bourke Shire Council         |
| Mr Peter Vlatko   | General Manager, Cobar Shire Council            |
| Mr Mike Urquhart  | General Manager, Walgett Shire Council          |
| Mr Greg Lamont    | Executive Officer, FNWJO                        |
| Mr Peter Evans    | OLG Central West & Orana Council Engagement Mgr |
| Mr Ashley Albury  | RNSW Central & Far West Director                |
| Mr Alex Hardy     | FNWJO Auditor Prosperity Advisers Group         |
| Mr Unaib Jeoffrey | Audit Office of NSW                             |

**PRESENT – OBSERVERS –** Cr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor, Cobar Shire Council & Mark Riley (Bourke Shire Council).

**MEETING OPENING – CHANGE OF MEETING VENUE DUE TO COVID-9 VIRUS**

The meeting was opened at 10.05am by the Chair, Clr Lilliane Brady OAM. The Chair also noted that the Ordinary meeting was being conducted via Cobar Shire Council using FNWJO Zoom and their video conferencing facilities.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES**

Nil

**AGENDA ITEM 2 - DECLARATIONS ON INTEREST**

Mark Riley declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in the Western Airlines contract item in Committee of the Whole as a regular passenger on Air Link flights Dubbo/Bourke/Dubbo.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Brady) that the declaration of interest by Mark Riley be noted.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIRPERSON

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Brady) that the meeting be suspended at 10.05am to allow the Election of the Chair to take place and to receive the presentation from the Auditor & Audit Office of NSW who were present by zoom at 10am. **CARRIED**

### AGENDA ITEM 3 – ELECTION OF CHAIR & DEPUTY CHAIR

#### Chair

The Executive Officer (as Returning Officer) indicated that only one nomination had been received for the position of Chair, that being Clr Lilliane Brady, who was duly nominated by Clrs Woodcock and Brady and accepted by Clr Brady. The Executive Officer then declared Clr Lilliane Brady to be the Chair of the Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils for the ensuing twelve months.

The Chair thanked the Board for their confidence in her leadership and support as Chair.

#### Deputy Chair

The Returning Officer declared that there were no nominations for the position of Deputy Chair however it is noted that it is the intention of the Board to alternate the role when an election for an Acting Chair is required.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Martinez) that it be noted when an Acting Chair election is required, the appointment is to be alternated between the Mayors of Walgett and Bourke. **CARRIED**

### PRESENTATIONS in relation to Item 7(c) AUDITORS REPORT FNWJO ACCOUNTS

Presentations by Alex Hardy (Auditor- Prosperity Adviser Group) and Unaib Jeoffery (Audit Office NSW) at 10.10am until 10.20am on the FNWJO Audit. Key points raised were – Auditors declared an unqualified Audit Report for the 4/7/18 – 30/6/20 Audit period; their focus was on grants being properly allocated and records of them; balance sheet/profit and loss were looking healthy; thanked Sandra Davey (Financial Accountant) at Cobar Shire Council and the Greg Lamont (Executive Officer) for their assistance. No questions were raised by the Board members.

The Chair thanked the Auditor and Audit Office for their presentation & attendance.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Brady) that the presentation from the Auditor & Audit Office NSW be noted and considered as part of Item 7(c). **CARRIED**

Clr Woodcock joined the meeting at 10.40am

Clr Hollman advised the meeting that with Ross Earl leaving Bourke Shire Council in October 2020, Leonie Brown will be Acting General Manager until February 2021 when Mark Riley will take over the role until the new Council is elected in September 2021 and determines the appointment of a General Manager.

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**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the meeting be resumed at 10.41am

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 4 - CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020**

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the minutes of the Far North West Joint Organisation Ordinary meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 5 - MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Nil.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – CHAIRPERSONS MINUTE**

Chair submitted a late verbal address to the meeting thanking everyone involved in the establishment of the Joint Organisation noting the achievements and progress to date. The Chair also noted the recent retirement of the former General Manager Ross Earl from Bourke Shire Council and thanked him for his contribution to the Far North West Joint Organisation of Council's Board in being part of it since inception from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that a letter of appreciation from the Chair be sent to Ross Earl thanking him for his contribution to the FNWJO since inception from 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS – PART A (ACTION)**

a) 2020/2021 Budget Review as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the budget review of the FNWJO as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 be noted.

**CARRIED**

b) Monthly Investment Report for July, August & September 2020

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the Investment Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be noted.

**CARRIED**

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c) FNWJO Auditors Report 4/7/18 – 30/6/20

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the FNWJO Board:

1. Receive and adopt the Engagement Closing Report;
2. Endorse the Financial Statements and Management Representation letter for signature by the delegated officers.

**CARRIED**

(d) Adoption of FNWJO Financial Statements 4/7/18-30/6/20.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that

1. It be noted the Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils (FNWJO) Financial Statements for the period 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were referred to the Independent Auditor and the NSW Audit Office as per the adopted Audit Engagement Plan timetable;
2. FNWJO resolves that the Financial Statements for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is presented in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations made thereunder (as amended), the Accounting Standards, the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice & Financial Reporting and presents fairly the FNWJO's operating result and financial position for the period;
3. It be noted the Financial Statements for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 are presented in accord with the FNWJO's accounting and other records and that the FNWJO Board and/or Management is not aware of any matter that would render this report false or misleading in any way;
4. FNWJO adopt the Statement by Members of the Board and Management pursuant to Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and resolve that they be signed and attached to the year-end accounts by the Chair, Clr Hollman and the Executive Officer;
5. The Executive Officer as the Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Representation Letter from the Independent Auditor on behalf of the FNWJO.

**CARRIED**

(e) Adoption of the FNWJO Annual Performance Statement Report 1/7/2019-30/6/2020.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the FNWJO adopt the Annual Performance Report 2019/2020 and Executive Officer submit to the Office of Local Government.

**CARRIED**

(f) FNWJO Adoption Model Code of Conduct & Administration Procedures.

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the FNWJO adopt the amended Model Code of Conduct and Administration Procedures as attached to the report.

**CARRIED**

g) Contaminated Land Management Officer EPA Project

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the FNWJO request a contract variation to the EPA CLM Project for the following changes:

- (a) to extend the engagement of the current contractors until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022, subject to satisfactory performance, to fulfil the role of "Project Officer" until the completion of the CLM EPA Project in lieu of the employment of a Project Officer from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020;

- (b) to request the EPA to fund the second year of the CLM Project for \$140,000 as per the original three (3) year project grant approval;
- (c) to request the EPA to utilise the underspend of the first year of funding for the acquisition of a suitable industry property data base system for the three councils in the FNWJO
- (d) the extension of the engagement in (a) is subject to ongoing funding by the EPA for the second year in (b).

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 8 – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS – PART B (INFORMATION)**

- a) Pathways & Compliance Calendar Status Update.

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

- b) Statement of Strategic Regional Priorities Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

- c) Joint Organisation Chairs Forum Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted.

**CARRIED**

- d) JO Capacity & Capability Building OLG Grant \$150k Update

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock).

1. That the FNWJO proceed to engage an appropriate consultant, as a matter of urgency, for the development of a Tourism Marketing Strategy for submission to the Board in December 2020 at the latest, for implementation commencing 1 March 2021.
2. That funding of the expected \$20,000 for the Consultancy be sourced from the FNWJO General funds.
3. That Bourke Shire Council (BSC) take the lead in engaging a suitably qualified consultant to develop the Strategy, in consultation with both Cobar and Walgett Shire Council Tourism Officers undertaking the following actions:-
  - a) BSC will engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake the project within the required timeframe ie a meeting of the FNWJO Board in December 2020;
  - b) BSC will engage with both Walgett and Cobar Tourism Officers for input;
  - c) BSC will copy the Executive Officer into correspondence in regards to the engagement of the consultant and progress with the Strategy;
  - d) BSC in conjunction with the Executive Officer will complete the necessary engagement documents required by the Contractor;
  - e) BSC will undertake the Project Management of this project as an in-kind contribution to the project – there will be no fees payable to BSC;
  - f) BSC expects that the Strategy will be available to present to the FNWJO at a meeting in December 2020;
  - g) The Strategy will determine the opportunities and processes required to market the three Councils to achieve the best outcomes from the \$150,000 funding received for Capacity and Capability Building; and

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- h) The Strategy is to be implemented by the commencement of the 2021 tourist season – March 2021. **CARRIED**

e) Cross Border Tourism Promotion Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted. **CARRIED**

f) Regional Roads Review Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted. **CARRIED**

g) Western Region Water Update

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the information be noted. **CARRIED**

h) Service Agreement with Cobar Shire Council Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted. **CARRIED**

i) Western Sport Steering Committee Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted and Executive Officer to request the Steering Committee to pursue appropriate high profile male and female National Rugby League (NRL) player/s to visit the Far Western Regions and to conduct NRL games in the region to promote the involvement of youth, men and women in a sport such as Rugby League and for community resilience. **CARRIED**

j) Far West Regional Leadership Executive Update

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the information be noted. **CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 9 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS - PART C (CONFIDENTIAL)**

To be dealt with in conjunction with Item 12

**AGENDA ITEM 10 – MATTERS OF URGENCY**

- (a) Western Area Health Services Proposed Changes – Concerns were raised by the Board members with changes proposed to the Visiting Medical Officer (VMO's) service to hospitals with a shift to the "Virtual Rural Generalist Service" (VRGS) proposing after hours consultation to be by tele health means when there are issues with the unreliability of the internet, poor mobile phone service and the impracticality of it to an ageing population with a high level of chronic disease and low level of life expectancy, the socio economic demographic etc., in the Far Western Regions of NSW .

Discussion also revolved around the unique issues that the Far Western

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communities face, the lack of understanding by the politicians and bureaucrats of the issues and need to retain the existing VMO's service levels with face to face consultations and to involve the mayors of the FNWJO, Bogan, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Warrumbungle, Gilgandra, etc., in the delegation to the Minister.

Other issues raised were the nurses were overworked, are being asked to do more and are concerned they are doing tasks that they are not qualified or insured for.

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that as a matter of urgency, the FNWJO Board:

- (a) Forward a letter to Mark Spittal, Acting CEO, Western NSW Area Health District outlining the concerns of the FNWJO Board in relation to the proposed changes to the Visitor Medical Officer (VMO's) system with a shift to the 'Virtual Rural Generalist Service' (VRGS), with the lack of consultation, the reduction in service levels, the unreliability of the internet, poor mobile phone service and the impracticality of the proposed changes to an ageing population with a particular socio economic demographic, etc., in the Far North Western region;
- (b) Organise a meeting with the Minister for Health, Hon Brad Hazzard, in either Sydney or the Central West, to outline the concerns that the proposed system won't work in Far Western NSW;
- (c) Issue a media release from the Chair outlining the support of the three mayors of Cobar, Bourke and Walgett Shire Councils for the concerns raised on behalf of their communities with the proposed changes outlined;
- (d) Copies of the correspondence (a-c) be forwarded to the Deputy Premier, Hon John Barilaro; Minister for Western NSW, Hon Adm Marshall; Member for Barwon, Roy Butler and Federal Member for Parkes, Hon Mark Coulton.

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 11 – CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that correspondence be noted

**CARRIED**

**AGENDA ITEM 12 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MOVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AS AT 11.30am**

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that the Board resolves into a Committee of the Whole, to consider item 9, Part C (Confidential) of the Executive Officer's Report, as per the Agenda, the following item:

**9(a) Management of Western Airline Services Contracts – Review and Update.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 9 (2A) of the Local Government Act, the Executive Officer is of the opinion that consideration of this item is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: Section 10A(2)(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the councils conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**CARRIED**

**Public Requests:** Pursuant to section 10A (2) (a) & (c), Local Government Act 1993, there were no public present or submissions received for anyone to make representations to



the Board Meeting before the meeting was closed, as to whether the meeting should be closed to consider the identified reports or they be dealt with in open session.

**RESUME ORDINARY MEETING OPEN SESSION AS AT 12.25PM**

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the Board move out of Committee of the Whole and resume the Ordinary meeting to consider the Executive Officer's report, in open session, on the decisions made in the Committee of the Whole. **CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING**

**MOTION** (Clr Hollman/Clr Woodcock) that the report of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole Board held on 28th Oct 2020 as advised to the Ordinary meeting, in open session, by the Executive Officer, the motions be adopted as follows:

**Item 9(a) – Management of the Airlines Services Contracts Update**

**MOTION** (Clr Woodcock/Clr Hollman) that

1. The revised Air Link Monday/Thursday/Friday schedule on the Dubbo-Bourke route be approved;
2. The revised Air Link Monday/Tuesday/Friday schedule on the Dubbo-Walgett route be approved;
3. The revised Air Link Monday/Friday 'tag' schedule on the Lightning Ridge route be approved;
4. The use, as required, of a Cessna C310, 2 engine aircraft, as proposed by Air Link on each of the existing Air Link routes be approved on the basis of their being no additional costs to the FNWJO;
5. The revised fare structure for all existing Air Link routes be approved as follows: Community Fare - \$150, Discount Fare - \$250 & Base Fare - \$350 as detailed in the report of the Executive Officer;
6. Air Link be advised that FNWJO does not support their proposals for the operation by Air Link of a Dubbo-Cobar route;
7. The proposed schedule, fare changes and fare allocations for the Fly Pelican Sydney-Cobar route as identified in the Executive Officer's report below be approved

\*(1) Fly Pelican's request to have 4 services and add Monday to Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday;

- (2) Fly Pelican's request to have fares changed by:
- a) Lifting the geographical restrictions so they can be used by non locals;
  - b) Make more local fares available on Mondays and Fridays by increasing the 6 seats to 10 available;
  - c) Change Fares:
    - i. Base Fare ex GST one way to \$599;
    - ii. Discount Fare 1 ex GST one way to \$499;
    - iii. Change Discount Fare 2 ex GST one way to \$299;
    - iv. Change Local Fare ex GST one way to \$199;
  - d) Adjust the Fare Allocations as per the tables:

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| SYD – CAZ [current fare allocation] | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Base Fare [3 seats]                 | 1      | 1       | 1         | 1      |
| Discount Fare 1 [4 seats]           | 2      | 2       | 2         | 2      |
| Discount Fare 2 [6 seats]           | 6      | 16      | 6         | 6      |
| Local Fare [6 seats]                | 10     | 0       | 10        | 10     |

| CAZ- SYD [current fare allocation] | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| Base Fare [3 seats]                | 1      | 1       | 1         | 1      |
| Discount Fare 1 [4 seats]          | 2      | 2       | 2         | 2      |
| Discount Fare 2 [6 seats]          | 6      | 6       | 16        | 6      |
| Local Fare [6 seats]               | 10     | 10      | 0         | 10     |

- e) Keep the current Terms of the local fare in place ie all remaining seats unsold within 24 hours of departure will be available at the Local Fare class pricing (\$199)”

8. The above revised Air Link flight schedules/ fares and the above Fly Pelican schedules, fares and fare allocations be undertaken on the basis of them being a 4-month trial with these matters being again reviewed by the Board thereafter;
9. Hickson's Lawyers be requested to negotiate with Fly Pelican in respect of the Sydney – Cobar route regarding an improved price regime for daily flights for a report to an Extraordinary meeting of the Board in November 2020.
10. The Executive Officer liaise with Hickson's Lawyers to take the necessary action to implement the various contractual changes, as a result of the Boards decisions, with a view to such changes being made as soon as practicable.
11. The matter of local fares be further considered by the Board as part of its discussions following the upcoming 4-month trial of revised schedules and fares.
12. The FNWJO to not financially contribute to the proposed television marketing campaign being considered by Airlink and Fly Pelican.
13. The FNWJO Executive Officer to liaise with both airlines with a view to the development and implementation of marketing campaigns, at the Airlines expense, noting that as part of the contract with the airlines, there is already an allocation for 'marketing and promotion' under each routes' fixed costs, with advice as to such campaigns being provided to the Board at the Extraordinary meeting proposed for November 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### AGENDA ITEM 15 – NEXT MEETING DATE

That the Executive Officer liaise with the Chairperson to determine a date/time of the next meeting and attendees advised accordingly in November & December

**The meeting closed at 12.30pm.**

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## 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 month.

**Background:**

In the past month I have completed the following activities:

- Attended the FNWJO on the 28th October
- 9th November travelled to Walgett for opening of NAIDOC Week
- 11th November the General Manager and I attended Remembrance Day at Walgett RSL Park
- The Deputy Mayor and General Manager travelled to Coonamble for the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council quarterly meeting. Peter Shinton was elected Chairperson and Ray Lewis Deputy Chairperson.
- I travelled to Collarenebri on the 8th November to look at the town facilities

| Mayoral Report                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That the Mayor report for October/November be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

Nil

## **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 – NOVEMBER 2020**

**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 November 2020 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>16.06.19 Community Consultation has been organised on 18.06.19 by PEECE Pty Ltd</p> <p>9.09.2019 work in progress</p> <p>22.10.2019 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 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> <p>9.09.2019 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.                                                                                                                                                   |      | 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<br>16/11/2020 " " "                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                  |
| 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<br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  |

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|          |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |      | <p>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,</p> <p>11.7.19 Council is planning to carry out second community consultation</p> <p>20.08.19 Deed agreement is in progress</p> <p>9.09.2019 Physical works will be commenced from Jan 2020</p> <p>12.11.2019 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the existing bridge alignment.</p> <p>14.02.20 Bridge construct starts March 2020</p> <p>17.03.2020 Project is on hold due to weather</p> <p>20.04.2020 work in progress</p> <p>20.05.2020 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the old alignment.</p> <p>9.6.2020 Waiting for contractors' new schedule.</p> <p>22/7/2020 Report will be tabled on July 2020 Council meeting</p> <p>16/9/2020 awaiting a response from legal advisor</p> <p>21/10/2020 Report will be tabled on October 2020 Council meeting for an approval to build the bridge along the existing alignment.</p> <p>16/11/2020 Resolved to build a 80m bridge in the existing alignment</p> |  |
| 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  | <p>November 2019 Final DRAFT to be reviewed by DoPE. Bridging document is currently being drafted by TP consultant.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 25.06.19 | 5/2019/29 | RFT 18/003 Design and Construction of Goangra Bridge                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | DETS | <p>11.07.19 Council resolution to construct the bridge upstream of the existing bridge. Site visited planned for 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019</p> <p>20.08.19 Waiting for deed agreement</p> <p>9.09.2019 Construction will be started from Jan 2020.</p> <p>11.12.2019 Contractor has confirmed that the project will be commenced from March 2020</p> <p>14.02.20 Construction starts from March 2020</p> <p>17.03.2020 work is on hold due to river water</p> <p>20.04.2020 work is on hold due to river water</p> <p>20.05.2020 Contractor has been notified about the change of bridge alignment. The bridge will be built on the old alignment.</p> <p>9.6.2020 Waiting for contractor's updated schedule</p> <p>22.7.2020 Supplementary report will be tabled on July 2020 Council Meeting.</p> <p>16/9/2020 Report will be submitted in October 2020 meeting as council waiting for legal advisor on the tendering matter.</p> <p>21/10/2020 Submitted report for October 2020 Council meeting.</p> <p>16/11/2020 Resolved to build a 80 m bridge along the existing alignment</p>                                                                                                  |  |
| 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 | <p>1. Council participate in the Museums &amp; Galleries of NSW – Museum Advisors Program.</p> <p>2. The Chief Financial Officer arrange to engage a suitably qualified and highly recommended advisor for the program.</p> <p>3. Other organisations in the shire having heritage/cultural and museum collections and facilities be invited to participate in the program</p> <p>4. Funding of \$10,000 be allocated annually and indexed for the next six (6) years.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | GM   | Awaiting information for advisors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| 24.03.20 | 2/2020/11 | <p>(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</p> <p>(2) Council proposes the naming of the road corridor in its entirety as being Wimbledon Road (SR 64).</p> <p>(3) Council undertake the notification/consultation and associated processes as per applicable legislation and Geographical Names Board of NSW policy and guideline documentation</p> <p>(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</p> | DETS | <p>20.04.2020 Preparation for Community Consultation is in progress</p> <p>20.5.2020 Due to Covid 19, it has not been done</p> <p>9.6.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>22.7.2020 Work in progress</p> <p>16.9/2020 Work on hold due to some other urgent commitments</p> <p>16.11.2016 "</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 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,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DES  | In action.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |



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|          |            | but offsetting travel and accommodation costs for active community Business Owners whom wish to part of the process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 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 Eureka 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 | 12/2020/30 | 1.Council write-off an additional amount of \$64,782.89 being 100mm raw water access charges for the rating years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and interest for the rating years 2015 to 2021 inclusive<br>2.Council levy an additional amount of \$3,103.00 being 25mm Walgett non-residential raw water access charges for the rating years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CFO  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

### **10.1.2 CIRCULARS RECEIVED FROM NSW OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Nil**

*No new circulars published from The NSW Office of Local Government at the time of collating the Council agenda.*

### 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                                         |
|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 24 November 2020 | Plant Committee              | Chambers              | Representatives                               |
| 3 December 2020  | Local Area Traffic Committee | Chambers              | Representatives                               |
| 15 December 2020 | Council Meeting              | Chambers              | Councillors, GM and Executive Staff to attend |
| 17 December 2020 | Staff Xmas Luncheon          | Walgett Sporting Club | Councillors, GM and Staff invited             |

## **10.1.4 DELEGATES, REPRESENTATIVES AND/OR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES, REFERENCE GROUPS AND EXTERNAL BODIES**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Executive Department  
**AUTHOR:** Michael Urquhart  
**FILE NUMBER:** 18/260

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### **Summary:**

The term of appointment of Council representatives and delegates is one year, terminating in September 2021. This report identifies those committees, reference groups and external organisations which require the appointment of Councillor Representatives.

### **Background:**

The participation on a range of local, specific issues, committees established by Council including Section 355 Committees, peak body/sector associations, and local and regional forums, is an essential part of the representative role Council plays.

Council nominates delegates and representatives to these committees annually. Given the extension of Councillors term to September 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic postponing the Local Government elections, it is recommended to appoint Councillor Representatives to the Committees/Reference Groups and external bodies.

The role, as the delegate or Council representative on these committees, is to represent the position of Council, and where appropriate, report back to Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting on the issues or progress of the committees, and any recommendations made by the committees.

### **Current Position:**

Attached is a schedule identifying Councillors and staff who were currently involved in external bodies on behalf of Council.

It should be noted that Councillors Woodcock and Martinez were elected to the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council for a term of four years and appointments to the County Council are expected to be for the duration of Council.

It is suggested to consider nominating an alternative Council delegate to cover those occasions when the nominated delegate may be unavailable.

### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Code of Conduct

### **Stakeholders:**

Councillors and Council Staff

### **Financial Implications:**

The costs associated with travel and accommodation have been budgeted in Council's annual budget to allow Councillors to attend such meetings in person that are held at various locations throughout NSW.

### **Conclusion:**

Council should proceed to appoint Councillor Representatives to the Council Committees and Reference Groups listed in the attached schedule.

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Delegates, Representatives and/or Members of Committees, Reference Groups and External Bodies</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That members, representatives and delegates be appointed to the committees, reference groups and external organisations as outlined in the schedule for one year, terminating September 2021.

*(To be determined at meeting)*

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Attachments:**

Schedule of representatives and delegates for one year, terminating September 2021.

### Representatives and Delegates for one year, terminating September 2021

| COMMITTEE                                                                           | OFFICER                                                             | COUNCILLOR                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Australian Airports Association                                                     | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Not required                      |
| Bushfire Management Committee                                                       | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Clr                               |
| Castlereagh Macquarie County Council<br>4 year Term                                 | General Manager                                                     | Clr Woodcock<br>Clr Martinez      |
| Collarenebri Community Working party                                                | General Manager                                                     | Mayor<br>Clr                      |
| Community Safety Precinct Committee                                                 | General Manager                                                     | Mayor and Deputy Mayor            |
| Lightning Ridge & Surrounding Opal Fields Management<br>Crown Reserve 1024168 Trust | Director Environmental Services                                     | Mayor<br>Deputy Mayor             |
| Kamilaroi Highway Group                                                             | General Manager                                                     | Not Required                      |
| Lightning Ridge Community Working Party                                             | General Manager                                                     | Mayor<br>Clr                      |
| Local Emergency Management Committee                                                | General Manager as LEMO and Chief Financial Officer as<br>alternate | Mayor                             |
| Local Traffic Committee                                                             | Director Engineering/Technical Services and General Manager         | Mayor<br>Clrs                     |
| Netwaste                                                                            | Director Environmental Services                                     | Not Required                      |
| Big Sky Libraries                                                                   | Director Chief Financial Officer                                    | Clrs                              |
| Regional Development Australia - Orana                                              | General Manager                                                     | Mayor                             |
| Orana Regional Organisations of Council – GMAC                                      | General Manager                                                     | Not Required                      |
| Orana Regional Organisations of Council (OROC)                                      | General Manager                                                     | Mayor and Deputy Mayor            |
| Outback Arts Incorporated                                                           | Director Chief Financial Officer                                    | Clr<br>Alternative Clr            |
| Plant Committee                                                                     | Director Engineering/Technical Services and General Manager         | Mayor<br>Clrs                     |
| Regional Procurement Initiative                                                     | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Not Required                      |
| Rural Bush Fire Management Group                                                    | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Clr                               |
| Saleyards Advisory Committee                                                        | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Clr                               |
| Western Division of the Shire's Association                                         | General Manager                                                     | Mayor & Deputy Mayor              |
| Walgett Community Working Party                                                     | General Manager and Manager Community Services                      | Mayor                             |
| Water Utilities Group                                                               | Director Engineering/Technical Services                             | Not required                      |
| Local Government NSW – Voting Delegate                                              | General Manager                                                     | Mayor                             |
| Far North West Joint Organisation                                                   | General Manager as advisor                                          | Mayor<br>Alternative Deputy Mayor |
| Hudson Pear Taskforce                                                               | General Manager                                                     | Mayor and Deputy Mayor            |
| Far West Academy of Sport                                                           | General Manager                                                     | Mayor                             |
| Western Division Councils of NSW                                                    | General Manager                                                     | Mayor                             |
| Tourism Advisory committee                                                          | General Manager                                                     | Mayor<br>Clr<br>Alternative Clr   |
| Economic Development Committee                                                      | General Manager                                                     | Mayor<br>Clr<br>Alternative Clr   |

### 10.1.5 FIRST QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN 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 First Quarter Operational Plan Targets for 2020/2021.

**Background:**

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to adopt an Operational Plan. This report comments on the status of the Operational Plan as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the extent to which the performance targets have been achieved.

**Current Position:**

The First Quarter Operational Plan Status Report is attached for Council's information.

At this time a majority of the performance targets are generally incomplete while a number of projects that are on-going or in progress are expected to be completed at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**Governance issues:**

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

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Community

**Financial Implications:**

Nil to report

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council should note the progress made during the first quarter of the Operational Plan 2020/2021.

| First Quarter Operational Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the General Managers report be received.</li><li>2. That Council accept the progress made on the 2020/2021 Operational Plan as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

First Quarter Operational Plan Status Report. (Refer to Attachment Document).



## 10.2 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

### 10.2.1 MONTHLY OUTSTANDING RATES – AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2020

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kevin Dunshea – Rates Clerk  
**FILE NUMBER:** 12/14-03

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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 prior years levy and arrears as at 31st October 2020 is 38.47% which is 2.91% less than the previous year's collection at 31st October 2019 of 41.38%. Collections have increased in the first week of November with a total of 39.76% 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 October 2020                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 outstanding rates report be received and noted.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

Monthly Report - Outstanding Rates Report

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

Report on Rates and Annual Charges - 31 October 2020

|                                                         | 8 November 2020       | 31 October 2020       | 31 October 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)              | 12,079.20             |
| Adjusted Levy                                           | 9,827,064.43          | 9,827,064.43          | 9,650,051.73          |
| Interest (Including write off's)                        | (284.76)              | (284.76)              | 18,747.66             |
| Adjustments (Including Write Off's)                     | (1,857.31)            | (1,857.31)            | 1,193.81              |
| Sub Total                                               | 9,824,275.36          | 9,824,275.36          | 9,682,072.40          |
| <b>Total Arrears and Adjusted Levy</b>                  | <b>10,897,398.38</b>  | <b>10,897,398.38</b>  | <b>10,587,206.58</b>  |
| Payments                                                | (4,136,016.72)        | (3,996,050.00)        | (4,190,191.09)        |
| Pensioner Concessions - Govt                            | (96,480.77)           | (96,480.77)           | (94,316.35)           |
| Pensioner Concessions - Council                         | (78,942.96)           | (78,942.96)           | (77,171.93)           |
| Discount                                                | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| Special Rebate Council                                  | (21,212.50)           | (21,212.50)           | (18,806.00)           |
| Sub Total                                               | (4,332,652.95)        | (4,192,686.23)        | (4,380,485.37)        |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$6,564,745.43</b> | <b>\$6,704,712.15</b> | <b>\$6,206,721.21</b> |
| Current                                                 | 5,580,931.26          | 5,709,840.35          | 5,383,149.32          |
| Arrears                                                 | 648,933.62            | 659,835.40            | 566,513.65            |
| Interest b/f from previous years                        | 190,059.02            | 190,154.87            | 78,339.44             |
| Current year interest                                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 17,317.05             |
| Legals                                                  | 144,821.53            | 144,881.53            | 161,401.75            |
| <b>Total Remaining Levy</b>                             | <b>\$6,564,745.43</b> | <b>\$6,704,712.15</b> | <b>\$6,206,721.21</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 | 39.76%                | 38.47%                | 41.38%                |
| Collected YTD % of Levy                                 | 42.10%                | 40.68%                | 43.28%                |

\*\*\* 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)

## **10.2.2 CASH & INVESTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2020**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Corporate Services  
**AUTHOR:** Shirley Burraston – Management Accountant  
**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 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 \$31,937,514.44 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 \$31,937,514.44. There is a decrease of \$784,328.44 from the previous month. This decrease in the portfolio can be attributed to continuing work on grant funded projects where the government has not paid the grant funds in advance.

**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**

| <b>Cash and Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.</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).

### **10.2.3 PAYMENT OF EXPENSES & PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS - POLICY**

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

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**Summary:**

The revised policy is presented to Council for consideration.

**Background:**

Each year Council must review its “Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors” policy. The revised policy is then placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for public comment. When adopted a copy shall be placed on Council’s web site.

**Current Position:**

The writer has reviewed the policy to ensure the various provisions comply with the Office of Local Government (OLG) guidelines. Proposed amendments to the policy are predominately re-wording or formatting and have no financial impact.

**Governance issues:**

Local Government Act 1993.

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Shire Councillors

**Financial Implications:**

Nil

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors policy is tabled for Council’s consideration.

| <b>Payment of Expenses &amp; Provision of Facilities to Councillors - Policy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Chief financial Officer’s report be received</li><li>2. Council adopt the “Payment of Expenses &amp; Provision of Facilities to Councillors” policy as tabled.</li></ol> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



**Attachments:**

Payment of Expenses & Provision of Facilities to Councillors – Policy (Refer to Attachment Document).

#### **10.2.4 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW**

*Supplementary report and attachment.*

## 10.3 ENGINEERING / TECHNICAL SERVICES

### 10.3.1 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRADING REPORT – 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2020

**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> October 2020.

**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> October 2020, \$157,362.43 has been spent.

**Conclusion:**

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

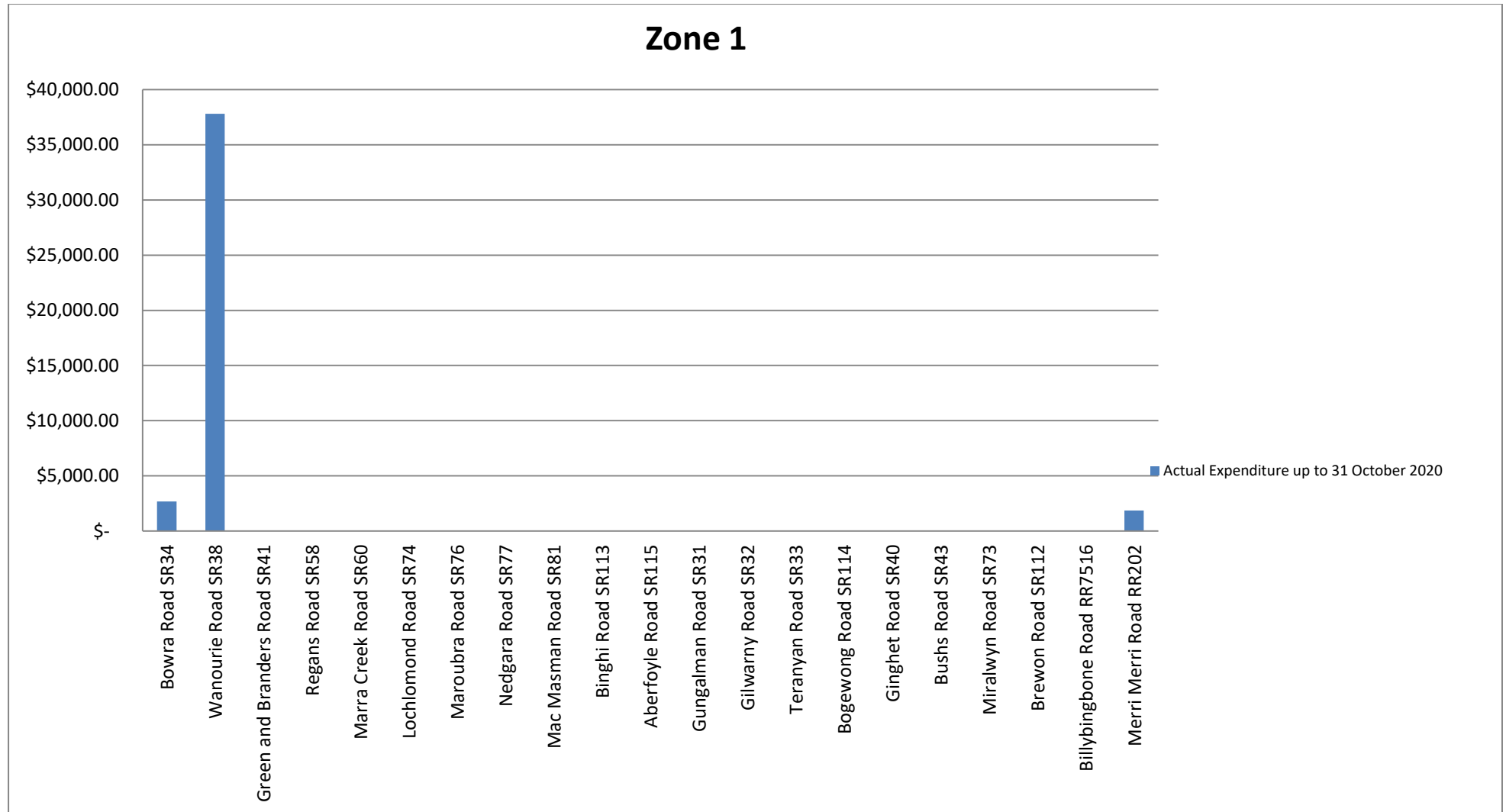
| Monthly Maintenance Grading Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the monthly maintenance grading works report for November 2020.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b><br/><b>Seconded:</b></p> |

**Attachments:**

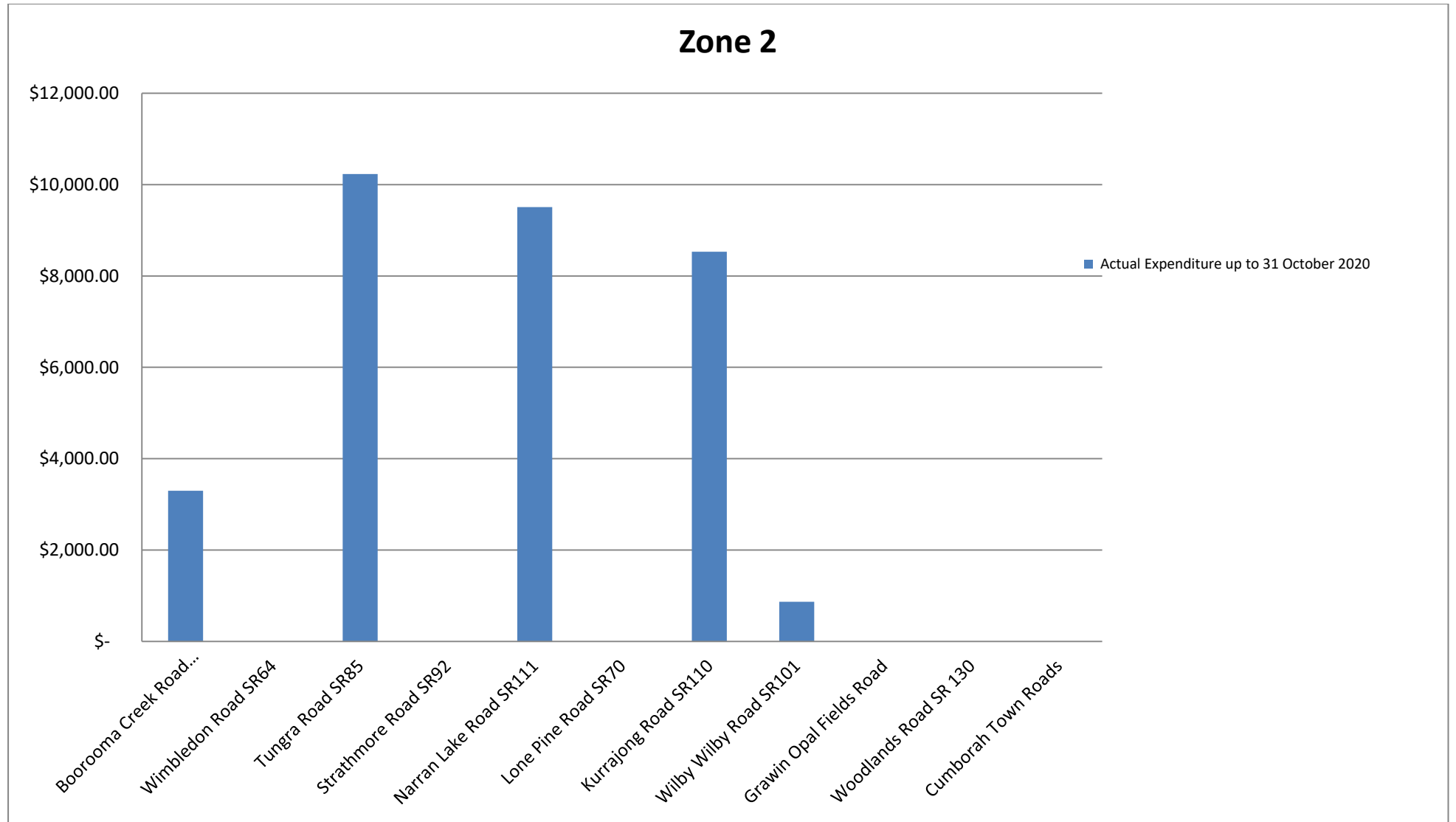
Monthly maintenance grading works.



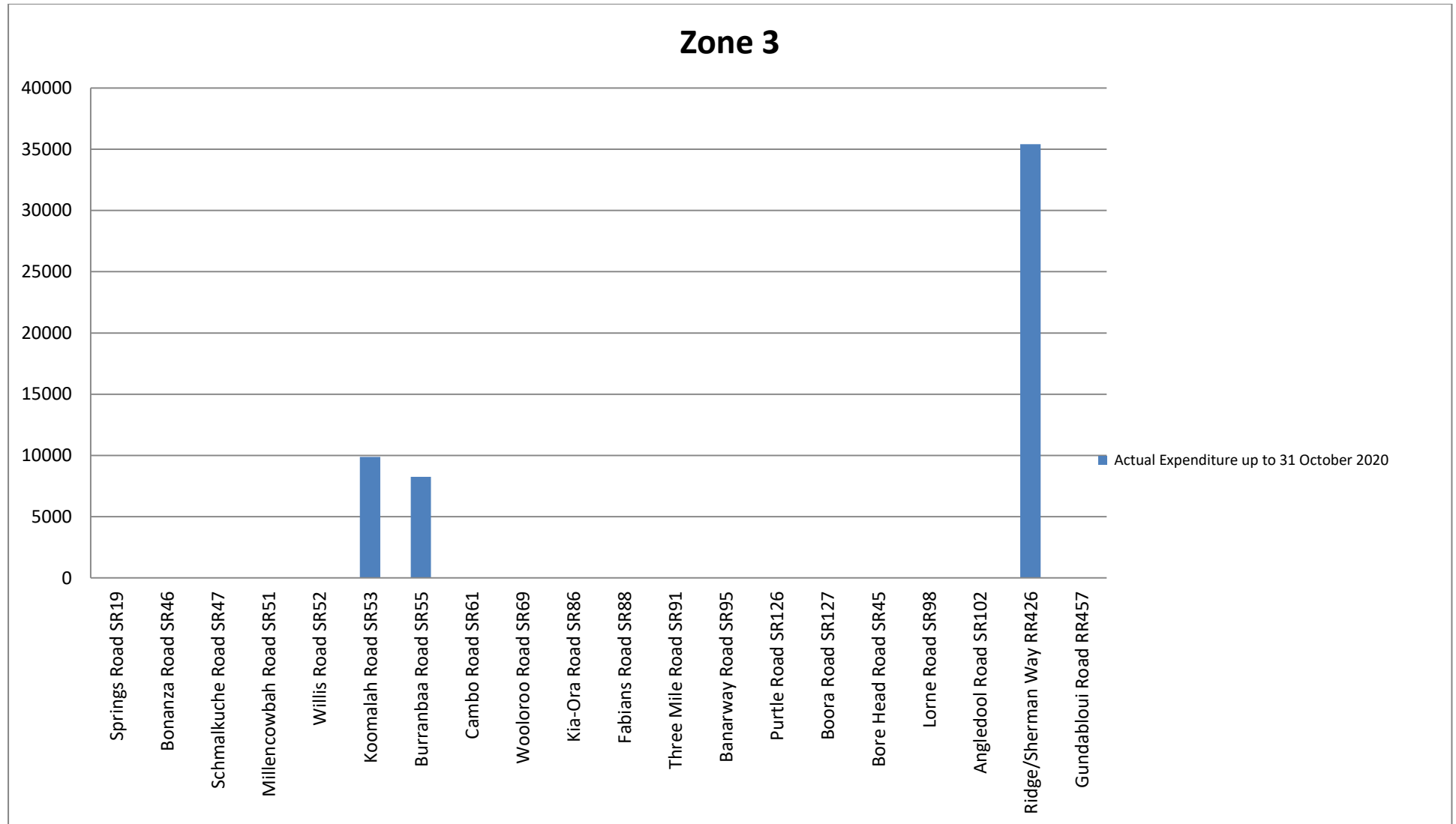
| Road Name                    | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For October 2020 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 October 2020 | Activities                     |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 1</b>                | <b>Km</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 ( Polymer) 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             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Gilwarny Road SR32           | 7.9                  | \$ 4,898.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Teranyan Road SR33           | 13.7                 | \$ 8,494.00                     | D             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Bogewong Road SR114          | 48.7                 | \$ 30,194.00                    | D             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Ginghet Road SR40            | 47.6                 | \$ 29,512.00                    | D             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Bushs Road SR43              | 8.7                  | \$ 5,394.00                     | D             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Miralwyn Road SR73           | 17.9                 | \$ 11,098.00                    | D             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Brewon Road SR112            | 54.7                 | \$ 33,914.00                    | C             |                              |                                          |                                |
| Billybingbone Road RR7516    | 18.67                | \$ 11,532.00                    | C             |                              |                                          | Maintenance on damaged section |
| Merri Merri Road RR202       | 6.57                 | \$ 7,166.00                     | C             |                              | \$ 1,860.89                              |                                |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 1</b>       | <b>392.29</b>        | <b>\$250,640.00</b>             |               | <b>\$ -</b>                  | <b>\$ 42,341.41</b>                      |                                |



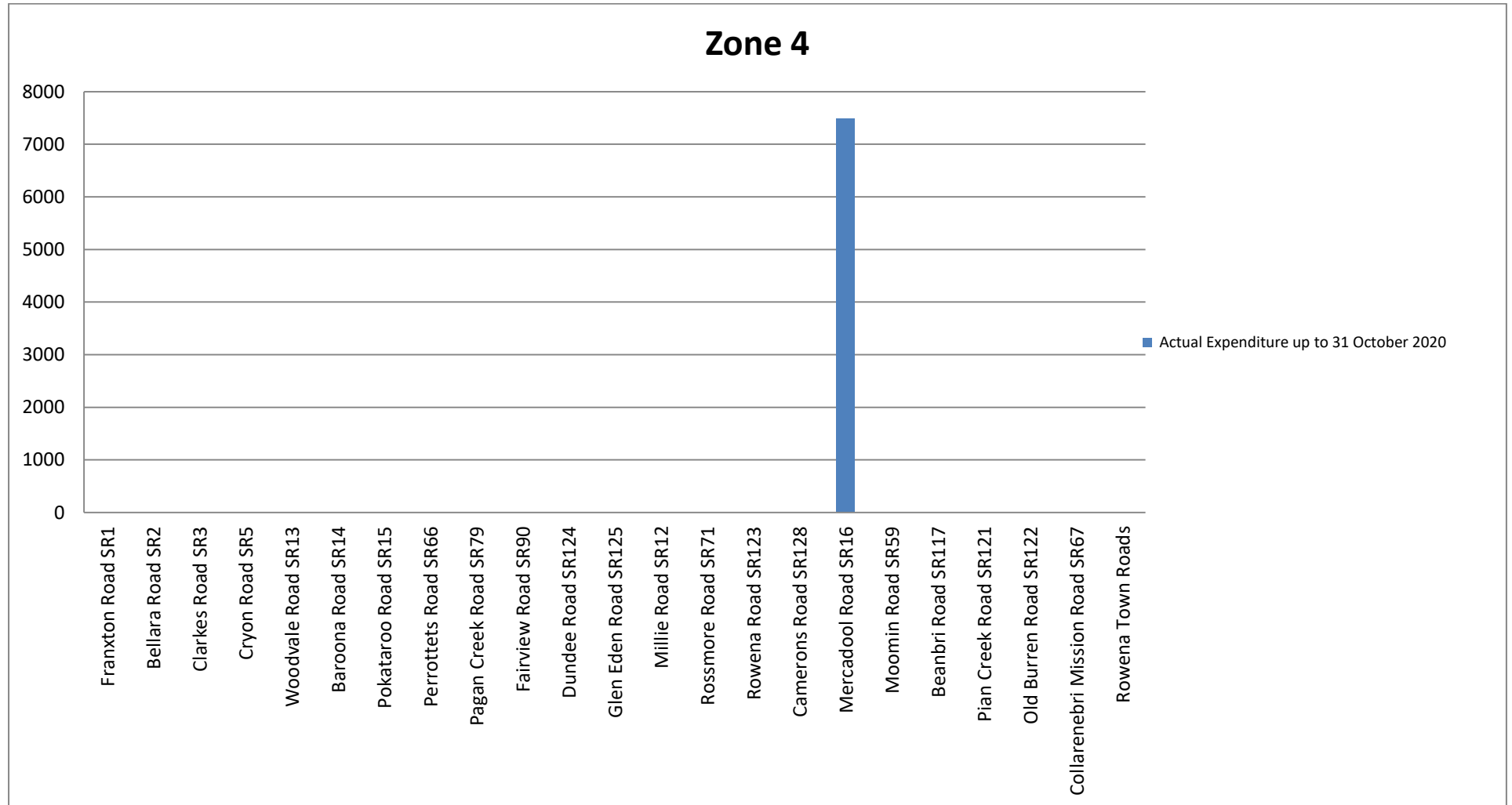
| Road Name                | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For October 2020 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 October 2020 | Activities                           |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 2</b>            |                      |                                 |               |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Boorooma Creek Road SR48 | 19.1                 | \$ 11,842.00                    | E             |                              | \$ 3,299.51                              | Maintenance works in damaged section |
| Wimbledon Road SR64      | 3.4                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Tungra Road SR85         | 12.7                 | \$ 7,874.00                     | F             |                              | \$10,234.83                              | Formation works                      |
| Strathmore Road SR92     | 16.42                | \$11,904.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Narran Lake Road SR111   | 61                   | \$37,820.00                     | D             | \$ 3,525.85                  | \$ 9,507.33                              | Maintenance works in damaged section |
| Lone Pine Road SR70      | 9.6                  | \$ 5,952.00                     | D             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Kurrajong Road SR110     | 27.8                 | \$ 7,236.00                     | D             |                              | \$ 8,530.08                              | Maintenance works in damaged section |
| Wilby Wilby Road SR101   | 28.7                 | \$17,794.00                     | D             | \$ 385.46                    | \$ 867.39                                | Maintenance works in damaged section |
| Grawin Opal Fields Road  | 0.9                  | \$ 557.00                       | C             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Woodlands Road SR 130    | 2.33                 | \$ 1,445.00                     | D             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Cumborah Town Roads      |                      |                                 | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 2</b>   | <b>181.95</b>        | <b>\$116,702</b>                |               | <b>\$ 3,911.31</b>           | <b>\$32,439.14</b>                       |                                      |



| Road Name               | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For October 2020 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 October 2020 | Activities                           |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone 3</b>           |                      |                                 |               |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Springs Road SR19       | 2.7                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Bonanza Road SR46       | 16.9                 | \$10,478.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Schmalkuche Road SR47   | 14.4                 | \$ 8,928.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Millencowbah Road SR51  | 27.7                 | \$17,174.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Willis Road SR52        | 14.5                 | \$ 8,990.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Koomalah Road SR53      | 28.4                 | \$ 17,608.00                    | E             | \$ 9,882.95                  | \$ ,882.95                               | Maintenance works in damaged section |
| Burrnbaa Road SR55      | 18.1                 | \$ 11,222.00                    | E             | \$ 5,366.90                  | \$ 8,246.39                              | Maintenance works in 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             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Three Mile Road SR91    | 0.2                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| 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             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Angledool Road SR102    | 49.3                 | \$ 30,566.00                    | C             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| Ridge/Sherman Way RR426 | 70.1                 | \$ 68,275.00                    | C             |                              | \$ 35,412.50                             | Formation works on damaged section   |
| Gundabloui Road RR457   | 40.9                 | \$ 32,798.00                    | C             |                              |                                          |                                      |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 3</b>  | <b>440.7</b>         | <b>\$ 320,615.00</b>            |               | <b>\$15,249.85</b>           | <b>\$ 53,541.84</b>                      |                                      |

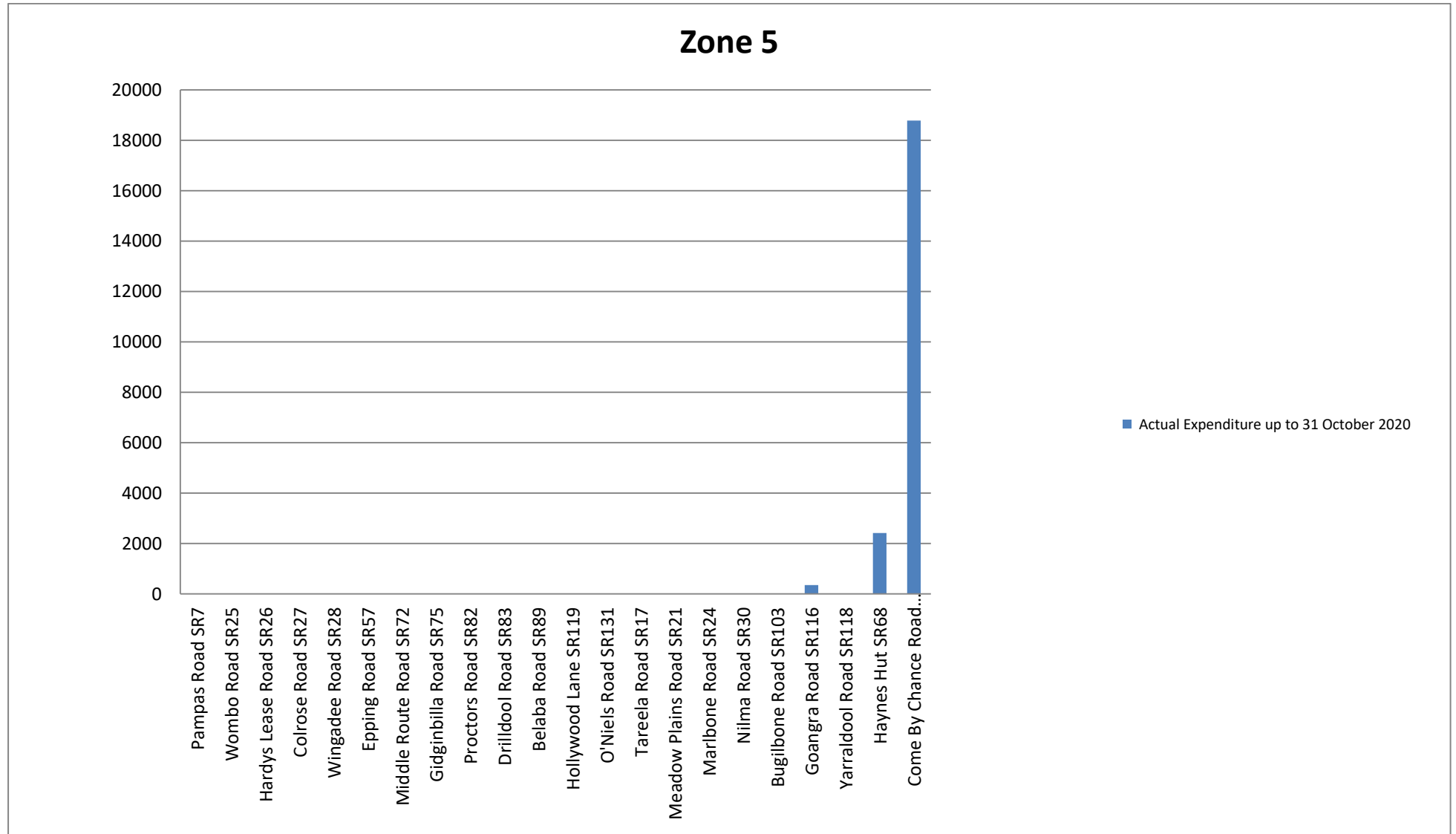


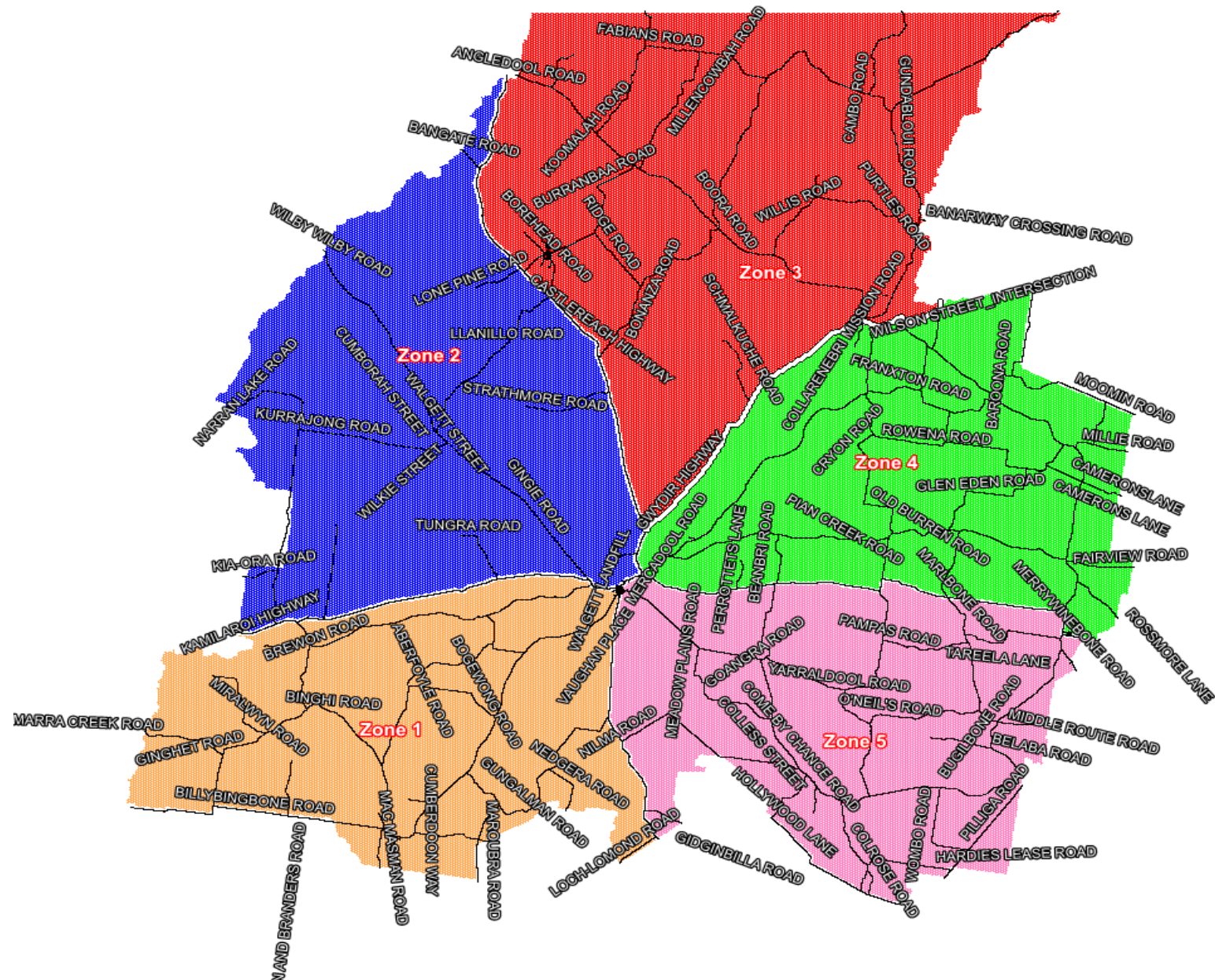
| Road Name                      | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Category | Expenditure For October 2020 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 October 2020 | Activities                         |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <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             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Woodvale Road SR13             | 8.96                 | \$ 8,556.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Barooka Road SR14              | 11.1                 | \$ 6,882.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Pokataroo Road SR15            | 8.1                  | \$ 5,022.00                     | E             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Perrottets Road SR66           | 5.9                  | \$ 3,658.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Pagan Creek Road SR79          | 1.3                  | \$ 4,278.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Fairview Road SR90             | 12.6                 | \$ 7,812.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Dundee Road SR124              | 13.9                 | \$ 8,618.00                     | F             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Glen Eden Road SR125           | 24.6                 | \$ 15,252.00                    | E             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Millie Road SR12               | 9.1                  | \$ 5,642.00                     | C             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Rossmore Road SR71             | 10.7                 | \$ 6,634.00                     | C             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| 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             | \$1,766.39                   | \$7,484.11                               | Formation works 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             |                              |                                          |                                    |
| 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>\$1,766.39</b>            | <b>\$7,484.11</b>                        |                                    |





| Road Name                  | Total Length of Road | Budget Required for Entire Road | Road Cat | Expenditure For October 2020 | Actual Expenditure up to 31 October 2020 | 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        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| 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        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| 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        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Meadow Plains Road SR21    | 23.9                 | \$ 14,818.00                    | D        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Marlbone Road SR24         | 28.4                 | \$17,608.00                     | D        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Nilma Road SR30            | 37.8                 | \$ 23,436.00                    | D        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Bugilbone Road SR103       | 28.7                 | \$ 32,725.00                    | C        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Goangra Road SR116         | 16.4                 | \$10,168.00                     | D        |                              | \$ 355.93                                | Causeways work                     |
| Yarraldool Road SR118      | 41.3                 | \$ 25,606.00                    | C        |                              |                                          |                                    |
| Haynes Hut SR68            | 4.5                  | \$2,790.00                      | E        |                              | \$ 2,415.00                              | Formation works on damaged section |
| Come By Chance Road RR7716 | 52                   | \$ 65,450.00                    | C        |                              | \$ 18,785.00                             | Formation works on damaged section |
| <b>Subtotal Zone 5</b>     | <b>448.9</b>         | <b>\$ 29,125.00</b>             |          |                              | <b>\$ 21,555.93</b>                      |                                    |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1,896.75</b>      | <b>\$1,299,461.00</b>           |          | <b>\$20,927.55</b>           | <b>\$157,362.43</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> OCTOBER 2020**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

**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 \$47,909,136 excluding depreciations (\$5,010,904).

The breakdown of the budget is as follows.

**Breakdown of budgets:**

| Items                               | Budget              | Expenditure up to 31st October 2020 | (%)        |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Transportation including RMCC works | \$37,216,904        | \$6,823,136                         | 18%        |
| Water works ( maintenance)          | \$3,199,136         | \$647,131                           | 20%        |
| Water works ( Capital)              | \$5,842,113         | \$3,937,847                         | 67%        |
| Sewer works ( Maintenance works)    | \$1,223,210         | \$419,916                           | 34%        |
| Sewer works (Capital works)         | \$427,773           | \$33,618.00                         | 8%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$47,909,136</b> | <b>\$11,861,648</b>                 | <b>22%</b> |

**Current Position:**

The status of work progress is as follows;

| Items                                                                                | Status                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Walgett Weir                                                                         | Fish way construction in progress                                                  |
| Grawin Access Road                                                                   | Completed                                                                          |
| Water system upgrade project in Rowena                                               | Two Tanks of 250,000 litre capacity have been ordered and other work in process    |
| Collarenebri bore- Shade for cooling tower                                           | Waiting for quotation                                                              |
| Extension of Pandora street                                                          | Council's Crown land manager is dealing with land department for land acquisition. |
| Walgett Sewerage Treatment Plant- leakage of trickling filter and sedimentation tank | Treatment for leakage from second sedimentation tank in progress.                  |
| Gundabloui Road Reconstruction and sealing                                           | 4.5 km seal completed<br>2.5 km gravel prepared for stabilisation                  |
| Bugilbone Road widening project( 4 km)                                               | 2km ( both side ) completed                                                        |
| Walgett additional new bore                                                          | Preparation of proposal in progress                                                |

**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> October 2020, \$11,861,648 has been spent.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

Council will continue to monitor the work progress of all the activities to ensure the works are completed within the guidelines and project estimates.

| Monthly Service Progress Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>That Council receive and note the Engineering Services monthly works progress report as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b></p> <p><b>Seconded:</b></p> |



### 10.3.3 AMENDED PROJECTS UNDER 2020/2021 ROADS TO RECOVER FUNDING

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

#### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of amended projects under Roads to Recovery funding for 2020/2021. This report recommends that Council agreed to proceed the projects with amended projects.

#### Background:

At the Walgett Shire Council meeting on the 28th July 2020 a report was tabled regarding the various projects under Roads to Recovery funding. The approved project list as below.

#### 7/2020/21 Projects under Roads to Recover Funding For 2020/2021

##### Resolved:

1. That Council note and accept the amendment on the proposed roads under RTR funding submitted in June Budget meeting.
2. That Council accepts the following project under RTR funding for 2020/2021.
  1. Euroka Street between Pit Street and Namoi Street (North bound), Walgett - \$ 81,160
  2. Euroka Street between Depot lane and Albert Street (North bound), Walgett- \$ 94,760
  3. Euroka Street between Albert Street and Thomas Street (South bound), Walgett- \$ 70,430
  4. Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Namoi Street (South bound), Walgett - \$ 64,770
  5. Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Albert Street (South bound), Walgett-\$93,960
  6. Harlequin Street between Morilla Street and Gem Street –LR- Heavy Patching - \$ 172,059.00
  7. Namoi Street between Arthur and Cedar Street (Westbound), Walgett-\$ 79,142
  8. Fox Street between Wee Waa and Warrena Street (both service lane), Walgett-\$184,205
  9. Fred Reece way between Butterfly Avenue and Airport Lightning Ridge- \$ 493,000
  10. Walgett Street between Wilson Street and Albert Street, Collarenebri-\$ 175,140
  11. High Street between Herbert Street and Walgett Street (Eastbound), Collarenebri - \$ 71,630
  12. Herbert Street between Wilson Street and Church Street (Southbound) Collarenebri- \$ 33,200
  13. Colin Street between McNamara and Shakespeare Street, Carinda- \$ 151,877
  14. Colin Street between Shakespeare and Hare Street, Carinda - \$ 87,400

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

Fox Street between Wee Waa Street and Warrena Street (both service lane) was one of the proposed projects. The scope of the works included are heavy patching and resealing.

Considering the existing condition of the kerb/gutter and footpath between Warrena Street and Montekeila Street, it has been revealed that it is wise to carry out the work in the section between Wee Waa Street and Montekeila Street in the same time when the CBD upgrade works starts. This will save time and money.

As per DA condition 7, the developer has paid 50 % (of \$ 52,000) co contribution to Council towards the kerb /gutter and road works along the Dundas Street frontage. Due to the road condition and extension of K/g , the scope of the works on Dundas Street. The total cost of

the work after the contribution is \$ 115,392 and will be completed at Council costs as the work is beyond the frontage of the WAMS.

The WAMS project is in completion stage and is required to carry out the works on Dundas Street in earliest possible time. By consideration of these changes, it is wise to change priority from heavy patching in Euroka Street between Namoi Street & Depot Lane and Depot lane & Albert Street to Dundas Street and Pit Street road works.

Council is in process in receiving a Deed for the CBD beautification funding program. It might take bit longer time than expected and might impact on the progress of the RTR funded projects. All the 2020/2021 RTR funded projects must be completed by end of June 2021 and hence recommended to withdraw the road works between Wee Waa Street and Warrena Street, Heavy patching work in Euroka Street between Pit Street and Namoi Street (North side) and Between Depot lane and Albert Street (North side) in 2020/2021 and add Box Culvert extension in Opal Street between Morella and Kaolin Street, Road works in Dundas Street and Pit Street projects in 2020/2021.

The amended project list as given below.

Note

|  |                                           |
|--|-------------------------------------------|
|  | Completed (Project No.11,12,13)           |
|  | Withdrawn (Project No.1,2, 7)             |
|  | Amended cost (Project No. 8,9,14)         |
|  | Amended scope of works (Project No.3,4,5) |
|  | Adding Project (Project No. 10,16,17)     |

| <b><u>Project No.</u></b> | <b>Town</b>    | <b>Work Location</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Problem being addressed</b>                                            | <b>Fully RTR funded</b> | <b>Cost to RTR</b> | <b>Work proposed</b>                           |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1.</b>                 | <b>Walgett</b> | Euroka Street between Pit Street and Namoi Street ( North side)                                                                        | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | 0                  | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |
| <b>2.</b>                 | <b>Walgett</b> | Euroka Street between Depot lane and Albert Street ( North side)                                                                       | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | 0                  | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |
| <b>3.</b>                 | <b>Walgett</b> | Euroka Street between Albert Street and Thomas Street ( South bound). Removing unsuitable material upto 800 mm below the channel level | Heavily damaged existing kerb and gutter and impacting drainage system    | Yes                     | \$163,185          | Construction of kerb and gutter of 210 m long  |

| <b>Project No.</b> | <b>Town</b>    | <b>Work Location</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Problem being addressed</b>                                            | <b>Fully RTR funded</b> | <b>Cost to RTR</b> | <b>Work proposed</b>                           |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                    |                | and back fill with road base and compact .lay Geofabric provided by Council                                                                                                                                           |                                                                           |                         |                    |                                                |
| <b>4.</b>          | <b>Walgett</b> | Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Namoi Street ( South bound).Removing unsuitable material upto 800 mm below the channel level and back fill with road base and compact .Lay the geofabric provided by Council. | Heavily damaged existing kerb and gutter and impacting drainage system    | Yes                     | \$148,540          | Construction of kerb and gutter of 190 m long  |
| <b>5.</b>          | <b>Walgett</b> | Euroka Street between Pitt Street and Namoi Street ( both side)                                                                                                                                                       | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$93,960           | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |
| <b>6</b>           | <b>Walgett</b> | Namoi Street between Arthur and Cedar Street (West side).Removing unsuitable material upto 600 mm below the channel level and back fill with road base and compact. Lay the geofabric provided by Council             | Heavily damaged existing kerb and gutter and impacting drainage system    | Yes                     | \$127,252          | Construction of kerb and gutter of 100 m long  |
| <b>7</b>           | <b>Walgett</b> | Fox Street between Wee Waa and Warrena Street ( both service lane)                                                                                                                                                    | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | 0                  | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |

| <b>Project No.</b> | <b>Town</b>            | <b>Work Location</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Problem being addressed</b>                                            | <b>Fully RTR funded</b> | <b>Cost to RTR</b> | <b>Work proposed</b>                                         |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8</b>           | <b>Lightning Ridge</b> | Harlequin Street between Onyx Street and Gem Street                                                                             | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$120,000          | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment               |
| <b>9</b>           | <b>Lightning Ridge</b> | Fred Reece Way (Local Road) start from 0+000 km to 2+100 km measured from the intersection of Butterfly Avenue & Fred Reece Way | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$300,000          | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment               |
| <b>10</b>          | <b>Lightning Ridge</b> | Opal Street between Morella Street and Kaolin Street (West side)                                                                | Heavily damaged edge of the road due to open drain                        | Yes                     | \$180,000          | construction of side drain ,construction and sealed the road |
| <b>11</b>          | <b>Collarenebri</b>    | Walgett street between Wilson Street and Albert Street                                                                          | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$169,804          | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment               |
| <b>12</b>          | <b>Collarenebri</b>    | High Street between Herbert Street and Walgett Street (east side)                                                               | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$70,000           | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment               |
| <b>13</b>          | <b>Collarenebri</b>    | Herbert Street between Wilson Street and Church Street ( South side)                                                            | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$33,200           | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment               |

| <b>Project No.</b> | <b>Town</b>    | <b>Work Location</b>                                  | <b>Problem being addressed</b>                                            | <b>Fully RTR funded</b> | <b>Cost to RTR</b> | <b>Work proposed</b>                           |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>14</b>          | <b>Carinda</b> | Colin Street between Macnamara and Shakespeare Street | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$120,000          | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |
| <b>15</b>          | <b>Carinda</b> | Colin Street between Shakespeare and Hare Street      | Heavily damaged on existing sealing and water seeping through the cracks. | Yes                     | \$87,400           | Reconstruction and sealing the damaged segment |
| <b>16</b>          | <b>Walgett</b> | Dundas Street between Pit Street and Namoi Street     | Road and k/g                                                              | No                      | \$ 115,392         |                                                |
| <b>17</b>          | <b>Walgett</b> | Pitt Street between Euroka Street and Wee Waa Street  | Partly heavy patching works and re sealing works                          | Yes                     | \$ 124,000         |                                                |

**Total: \$1,852,733**

**Current Position:**

Projects in Collarenebri and Carinda in completion stage.

**Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:**

Roads to Recovery funding documents

**Governance issues:**

Nil

**Environmental issues:**

Nil

**Stakeholders:**

Walgett Shire Council  
Walgett Residents  
Tourists

**Financial Implications:**

The total allocation of RTR funding for 2020/2021 is \$1,852,733. The change of projects and scope of the works do not impact the allocated funding.

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Nil

**Conclusion:**

The Roads to Recovery program supports the maintenance of the Council's local road infrastructure asset, which facilitates greater access for Australians and improves safety and economic and social outcomes. The funding must be used by end of June 2021.

| <b>Amended Projects under Roads to Recover Funding For 2020/2021 – November 2020</b> |
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**Recommendation:**

That Council note and accept the amended following projects under RTR 2020/2021 funding.

S.No Town/Work Location/Cost to RTR

1. Walgett- Euroka Street between Albert Street and Thomas Street (South side) \$163,183
2. Walgett- Euroka Street between Thomas Street and Namoi Street (South side) \$148,540
3. Walgett- Euroka Street between Pitt Street and Namoi Street (both side) \$93,960
4. Walgett- Namoi Street between Arthur and Cedar Street (West side) \$127,252
5. Walgett - Fox Street between Wee Waa and Warrena Street (both service lane) – Withdrawn
6. L/ Ridge- Harlequin Street between Onyx Street and Gem Street \$125,000
7. L/ Ridge- Fred Reece Way (Local Road) start from 0+000 km to 2+100 km Measured from the intersection of Butterfly Avenue & Fred Reece Way \$351,506
8. L/Ridge- Opal Street between Morella Street and Kaolin Street (West side) \$180,000
9. Collarenebri- Walgett street between Wilson Street and Albert Street \$175,140
10. Collarenebri- High Street between Herbert Street and Walgett Street (East side) \$71,630
11. Collarenebri- Herbert Street between Wilson Street and Church Street (South side) \$33,200
12. Carinda- Colin Street between McNamara and Shakespeare Street \$120,000
15. Carinda -Colin Street between Shakespeare and Hare Street \$87,400
13. Walgett- Pitt Street between Euroka Street and Wee Waa Street \$115,392
14. Walgett – Dundas Street between Namoi Street and Pitt Street - \$124,000

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### 10.3.4 APPLICATIONS FOR FIXING LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM 2020

**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 for Council to note the lodgement of the applications for Fixing Local Roads Program Round 2 for various roads. Applications for Round 2 of the Fixing Local Roads program are now open until 11 December 2020.

#### Background:

Fixing Local Roads is a \$500 million NSW Government program, providing funding to councils to assist in reducing the local roads maintenance backlog. Councils can apply for funding to assist in repairing, patching, maintaining or sealing existing priority council roads to delivering better roads mean safer, faster and more reliable trips. That means our communities can grow, businesses can thrive and local motorists can get home sooner and safer

In 2020, the Australian Government committed an additional \$191 million to the Fixing Local Roads program to support economic activity in regional NSW. This increased the total funding for the Fixing Local Roads program to \$691 million.

This Round 2 program is now open and will close on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

The proposed projects based on the Traffic volume are:

| Road Name    | Class | Road # | (KM) | Width (m)                | Start                    | Cost / km | Total cost  | ADT | Pri-<br>ority | Survey<br>done |
|--------------|-------|--------|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----|---------------|----------------|
| Lorne        | Local | SR98   | 6.9  | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | End of sealed<br>section | \$300,000 | \$2,070,000 | 111 | 1             | 79<br>days     |
| Burrumbidgee | Local | SR55   | 16.5 | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | Ridge Road               | \$300,000 | \$4,950,000 | 62  | 2             | 90<br>days     |
| Cryon        | Local | SR5    | 16.5 | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | Gwydir Hwy               | \$300,000 | \$4,950,000 | 39  | 3             | 90<br>days     |
| Angledool    | Local | SR102  | 16.5 | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | Castlereagh Hwy          | \$300,000 | \$4,950,000 | 39  | 3             | 90<br>days     |
| Mercadool    | Local | SR16   | 16.5 | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | Cryon Road               | \$300,000 | \$4,950,000 | 24  | 4             | 41<br>days     |
| Brewon       | Local | SR112  | 16.5 | 8 m seal,<br>10 m gravel | From the end of<br>seal  | \$300,000 | \$4,950,000 | 3   | 5             | 40<br>days     |

#### Current Position:

Council has limited funding to maintain the local roads.

#### Relevant Reference Documents/Policies:

Circular of Transport for NSW- November 2020

#### Governance issues:

Nil

#### Environmental issues:

Road Safety

#### Stakeholders:

Walgett Shire Council, residents and other road users



**Financial Implications:**

Management Plan 2020/21

**Alternative Solutions/Options:**

Do nothing

**Conclusion:**

Applications can be made for a 100 per cent contribution from the NSW Government for specific works. Councils are encouraged to co-contribute to any projects with funds or in-kind contributions. Based on the Traffic Volume, The Lorne Road has highest ADT however on the Burranbaa Road and Cryon Roads provide excessive service to heavy vehicles (Agriculture product) and recommended to give first priority the Burranbaa Road and 3 to Cryon Road.

| <b>Applications for Fixing Local Roads Program 2020</b>                                                                                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Recommendation:</b>                                                                                                                                   |                 |
| That Council note and authorise Engineering department to apply for the Fixing Local Roads Program Round 2 for following projects on the priority basis: |                 |
| <u>Road name</u>                                                                                                                                         | <u>Priority</u> |
| Burranbaa Road                                                                                                                                           | 1               |
| Lorne Road                                                                                                                                               | 2               |
| Cryon Road                                                                                                                                               | 3               |
| Angledool Road                                                                                                                                           | 4               |
| Mercadool Road                                                                                                                                           | 5               |
| Brewon Road                                                                                                                                              | 6               |
| <b>Moved:</b>                                                                                                                                            |                 |
| <b>Seconded:</b>                                                                                                                                         |                 |

### 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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#### WALGETT

##### Apex Park

Installation of Solar lights - Poles are ready to install.

##### Grey Park

New Play equipment and swing will be installed in January 2021

##### Cemetery

Road works completed

Laying of pipe for the effluent from STP in progress

Turfing next week

Pipe from STP to tank in cemetery completed

##### Weir Raising Project

Metal work for baffle steps has been partially installed (Ref Photos)



Upstream



First baffle step



Downstream entrance gate

##### Desalination Plant

The RO Plant operation is on hold due to the Sewerage Treatment effluent pond capacity. Council has responded to EPA regarding the proposed new ponds and irrigation on airport area

##### Walgett Bore (New)

Installation of additional new bore, negotiating with Consultant for a proposal

##### Sewer Treatment Plant

Fencing around the STP completed.

V- Drain completed

One new pond completed.

##### Water treatment plant

Relocation of flow meter from the bore shed to the Air-conditioned MCC room completed. This will now not fail on over temperature as was the case in the past.

## ROWENA

2x 250,000 litre capacity tank will be installed on 23/11/2020. Pipe and fire hydrants will be installed by end of December 2020.

## COLLARENEBRI

- Sludge study - DPIE is reviewing the final report submitted by consultant.
- Pumping out the back wash water from the pond is in progress.
- Reconstruction and sealing works in Gundabloui Road commenced on 22nd June 2020 (Ref Photos)
- 4.5 km seal completed
- 3 km gravel prepared for stabilisation
- Pot holes repair (Black jack) in Merrywinebone Road in progress
- Repair Fire Hydrants – in progress.
- Schedule for the table drain works in November 2020
- Cemetery – prepared for new fencing, access from other gate is open.
- Solar lights in Lions, Earl and Denyer Park – Pats arrived in yard and will installed by 27/11/2020
- BBQ in Lions Park to be installed. Waiting for parts
- Main street beatification- Two additional large pots delivered.
- Reconstruction of High Street between Herbert and Walgett Street (eastern side) completed (Ref. photos)
- Reconstruction and sealing in Truck stop (Ref. Photo)
- Reconstruction and sealing on Walgett Street between Wilson and Albert St (both side of the existing pavement) completed (Ref. photo)
- Reconstruction and sealing on Herbert Street between Church and Wilson Street completed.



High Street



Truck Stop

Walgett Street

### LIGHTNING RIDGE

- Pandora Road extension – Council's crown land manager is working with land department for the land acquisition process.
- DPIE is reviewing the tendering documents for water supply upgrade project.
- Received a new pump (second time) and will be replaced when it is required.
- Construction of box culvert on 3 Mile Road in progress.
- Opal Street - Box culvert extension project is in process.
- Resealing in Harlequin Street from Onyx Street to Opal Street completed
- Resealing in Opal Street from Pandora Street to Morella Street completed (Ref. Photo)
- Resealing in Onyx Street from Morella Street to Harlequin Street completed.
- K/G and Spoon drain in Agate and Morella Street intersection in progress.
- The Heavy patching work between Opal Street and Gems Street is on hold and will commenced on January 2021.
- Design of the Intersection of Fred Reece way and Lorne Road completed. Construction in progress
- Fred Reece Way from Lorne Road to Airport (southern side) - sealing completed.
- Shade Sail installation next to Gem Garden completed (Ref photo)



### BURREN JUNCTION

- Road widening on Bugilbone Road (Pilliga End) is in progress
  - 2 km (both sides) – sealing completed

- Design of Kerb extension in Waterloo Street between Hall and Park will be completed by 27/11/2020

## CUMBORAH

- Drinking water management plan for Cumborah new bore- waiting comments from DPIE
- Three grids on the Cumborah Road (between Cumborah and Castlereagh Highway) has been delayed due to other commitments.

## GRAWIN

- Drinking water management plan for Grawin new bore- waiting for comments from DPIE
- Additional works between the first grid and second grid commenced from 3rd September 2020 and 90% completed. Side drains to be completed. Sealing of 10 m either side of the new grid to be completed.

## CARINDA

- Reconstruction and sealing works on Colin Street between existing edge of the seal and kerb (Northern Side) - between McNamara and Shakespeare Street completed (Ref. photos below)
- Carinda Road repair under Repair Program funding – The project is 90 % completed.
- Resealing on Carinda Road in following section completed.

| Date of Reseal | PO    | Ch Start(KM) | Ch End(KM) | Length(m) | Width(m) |
|----------------|-------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 4/11/2020      | 58729 | 49.643       | 51.443     | 1800      | 8        |
| 15/10/2020     | 58646 | 39.967       | 41.193     | 1226      | 8        |

## RMCC

Ordered works will commenced from 29th September 2020 .The proposed heavy patching sites will be on segments of 3415,3425,3430,3445,3450 and 3460 on Castlereagh Highway (SH18) and segments of 6850 and 6855 on Kamilaroi Highway ( SH 29 ). The expenditure as of 31st October 2020 is \$89,945.54. The total expenditures against the Routine maintenance budget as of 31st October 2020 is \$248,709.75.





**Matters Generally For Brief Mention or Information Only**

**Recommendation:**

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

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

### 10.4.1 DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AS AT OCTOBER 2020

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

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#### Summary:

This report is to advise the October 2020 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.

#### 1. 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 October 2020.

#### Development Applications

| Applic. No | Address                          | Title                           | Development                                                  | Determination          |
|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| DA2020/12  | 18-20 Colin St<br>Carinda        | Lot 6 Sec 14<br>DP758227        | Subdivision of<br>land into 2 new<br>lots.                   | Approved by<br>Council |
| DA2020/17  | 10 Shaw St,<br>Rowena            | Lot 11 Sec 1<br>DP758889        | Build a storage<br>shed & demolish<br>existing sheds         | Approved by<br>Council |
| DA2020/19  | 3670 Wilby Wilby<br>Rd, Cumborah | Lot 523<br>DP761510<br>WLL 2486 | Gravel Quarry<br>(29,000m <sup>3</sup> /annum<br>extraction) | Approved by<br>Council |

There was no refused development during October 2020.

#### Complying Development

Nil



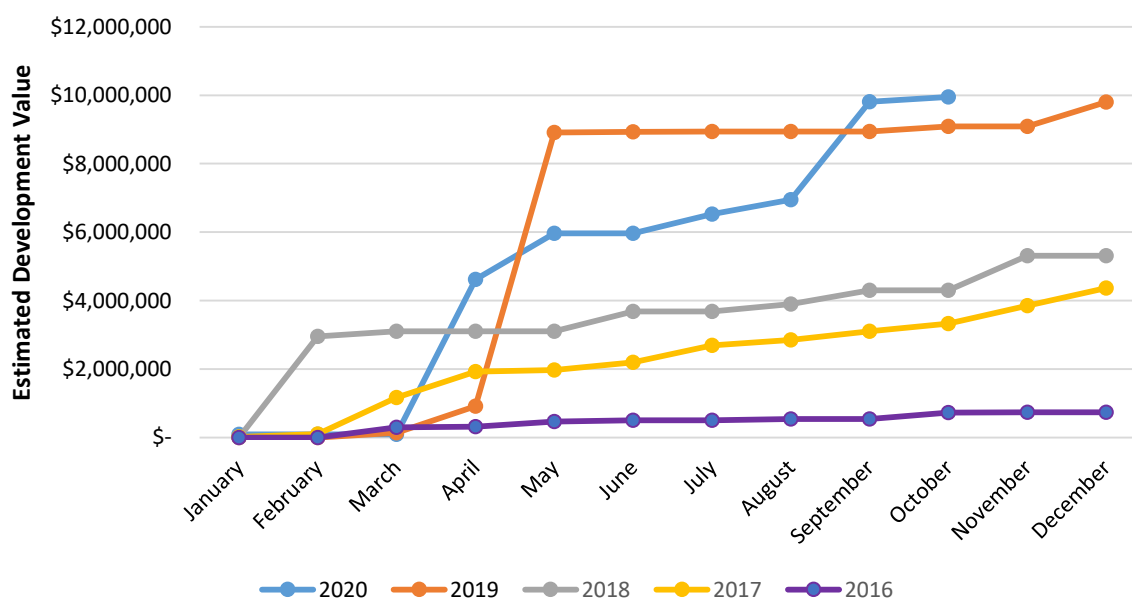
Estimated Development Value Comparison to Same Period Last Year

|                         | October 2020 | October 2019 | September 2020 | September 2019 | 2020 To Date | 2019 To Date |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Application Number      | 3            | 2            | 6              | 1              | 21           | 14           |
| Estimated Project Value | \$132,000    | \$150,000    | \$2,869,771    | \$68,627       | \$9,945,039  | \$9,089,425  |

Estimated Development Value Comparison from 2016 until 2020

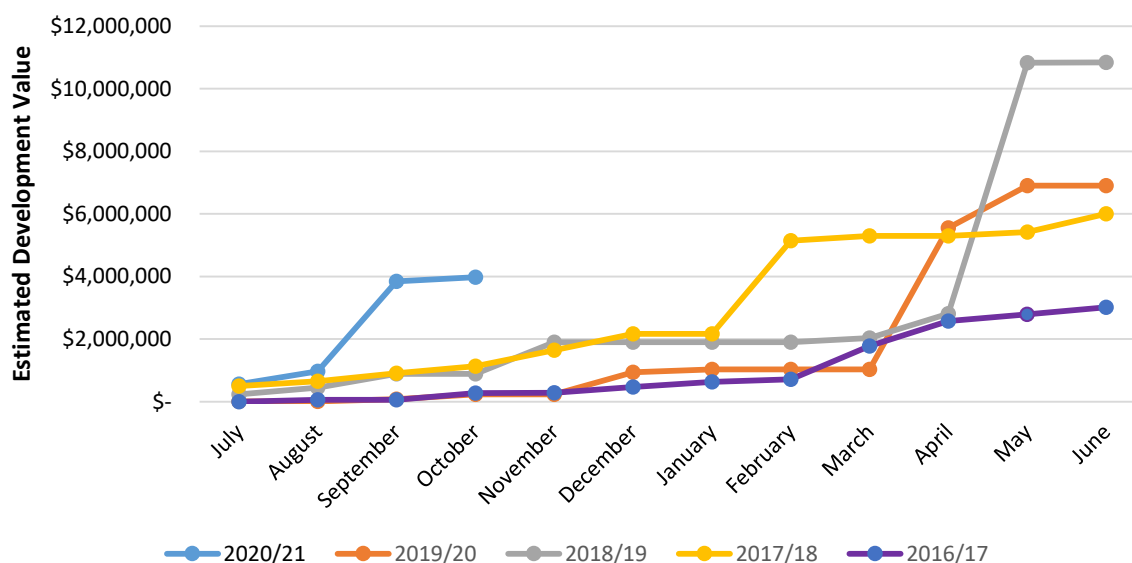
For Councillor information purposes, the following graphs demonstrate the approved Estimated Development Value for the last calendar and financial five year period. The Estimated Development Value is made up of the value for both Development and Complying Development Applications. **Please note, this is only current until October 2020.**

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



| 2020        | 2019        | 2018        | 2017        | 2016      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| \$9,945,039 | \$9,876,668 | \$5,732,211 | \$4,721,036 | \$992,970 |

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



| 2020/21     | 2019/20     | 2018/19      | 2017/18     | 2016/17     |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| \$3,977,039 | \$6,907,573 | \$10,840,518 | \$5,999,748 | \$3,015,616 |

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 October 2020.

#### Development Applications

| Applic. No | Address                                                               | Title                                                                        | Development                                                        | Status                                            |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| DA2020/8   | 110 Fox Street, Walgett                                               | Lot 2 DP511835                                                               | Installation of Underground Fuel Tanks & Replacement Pylon Signage | Waiting on Additional Information                 |
| DA2020/11  | Lot 3 Wilke Street Cumborah                                           | Lot 3 DP45034                                                                | Dwelling                                                           | Under Assessment                                  |
| DA2020/18  | Burren Junction                                                       | Lot 13 DP753926                                                              | Solar Farm                                                         | Waiting on response from Essential Energy & TfNSW |
| DA2020/16  | Lightning Ridge Bowling Club<br>25-29 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge | Part Lots 1,3 & 11 Sec 10 DP758612, lots 13 & 14 DP758612, Lot 94 DP823890 & | Alterations and Additions                                          | Waiting on NSW Police Comment                     |

|           |                                   |                                                                    |                                            |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|           |                                   | Lot 1<br>DP109859                                                  |                                            |                       |
| DA2020/20 | 3 Wareena Street,<br>Walgett      | Lot 22<br>DP579731                                                 | Conversion of<br>Shed to Dual<br>Occupancy | Under<br>Assessment   |
| DA2020/22 | PCYC<br>Fox Street,<br>Walgett    |                                                                    | Community<br>Facility                      | Under<br>Notification |
| DA2020/21 | 32 Gem Street,<br>Lightning Ridge | Lot 1000 DP<br>1117849 –<br>behind 35 Gem<br>St Lightning<br>Ridge | Subdivision                                | Under<br>Assessment   |

**Complying Development**

Nil

**Relevant reference document/policies:**

Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979 &amp; 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 October 2020 has been presented for Councillor information purposes.

**Development Approvals October 2020****Recommendation:**

That Council note the information contained within this report.

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

**10.4.2 WALGETT SHIRE LOCAL HERITAGE FUND GRANTS 2020-2021**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning and Regulatory Services  
**AUTHOR:** Kate Higgins, Heritage Advisor  
**FILE NUMBER:** 20/70

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**Summary:**

Applications for Council's annual Local Heritage Grants closed on Friday 28 August 2019, following Council's written notification of the funding program to the owners of all heritage listed properties. The time allowed to submit applications was extended to the 25 September 2020 to assist applicants. Six applications were received and have been assessed by Council's Heritage Advisor and Town Planner. This report details the applications received and recommends that grants be allocated from the fund in accordance with recommendations provided by Council's Heritage Advisor.

**Background:**

Council has agreed a budget of \$15,779.00 for the 2020-21 Local Heritage Grants program. Owners of properties that are included in Schedule 5 (the Heritage Schedule) of the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013 were advised by mail of the current heritage grant program in Council letters mailed 22 July 2020. (Private owners only were notified; public authorities are not eligible for the grants).

This program is run under the auspices of Heritage NSW which contributes a proportion of funding and which sets broad guidelines for its operation that Councils adopt. The Heritage NSW grant to Council for the 2020-21 program is \$5,500 (ex GST) for to Council for the program.

Eligible projects must generally be:

- Aimed at maintaining, preserving or restoring the heritage values of a place;
- Approved on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions in the form of labour and/or materials can be considered;
- Subject to an upper funding limit by Council of \$5000. This can be varied depending on the number of applications received;
- Not used for improvements like new kitchens or bathrooms; and
- Not available to public organisations like Council or State Government agencies.

Property owners were advised of these guidelines in the letter Council sent. Applications for grant funding closed on Friday 30 August 2019. Six applications were received and are detailed below.

**Current position:**

Applications for funding under the Local Government Heritage Grant program  
 Walgett Shire Council's Heritage Advisor evaluated the received applications and has recommended that the grants be dispersed as shown in the table below.

| Applicant    | Address                                   | Project description | Project cost | Grant requested | Recommend ed                                                                             | Applicant Contribution |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ivana Prasad | The Astronomers Monument, Lightning Ridge | Repairs             | \$10,000.00  | Nil             | Project not supported as a formal quotation for the costs of the works was not provided. | \$0                    |

| Applicant      | Address                                                                  | Project description                                                                        | Project cost               | Grant requested | Recommended                                                                              | Applicant Contribution |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Glen Bloink    | Presbyterian Church, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri                     | New roof battens, roof sheeting, gutters and Downpipes to replace existing.                | \$9,650.57                 | \$4,825.28      | \$4,100.00                                                                               | \$5,550.57             |
| Glen Bloink    | Presbyterian Manse, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri                      | New roof battens, roof sheeting, gutters and downpipes for the church to replace existing. | \$9,576.90                 | \$4,788.45      | \$4,079.00                                                                               | \$5,497.90             |
| Michelle Smith | Tattersalls Hotel, 1 Wilson Street, Collarenebri                         | Preparation of fire plans, installation of fire safety elements to upgrade the building.   | \$30,000.00                | \$15,000        | Project not supported as a formal quotation for the costs of the works was not provided. | \$0                    |
| Barbara Moritz | Spicers Hut and Bush Cottage Hospital, 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge | Termite protection system                                                                  | \$4,400.00                 | \$3,000.00      | \$2,900.00                                                                               | \$1,500.00             |
| Dale Bowden    | The Pink House, 152-156 Fox Street, Walgett                              | Repairs to building, including painting and replacement of missing vents.                  | \$11,538.73 (GST excluded) | \$5,000.00      | \$4,700.00                                                                               | \$6,838.73             |
|                |                                                                          |                                                                                            |                            | <b>\$35,166</b> | <b>\$15,799</b>                                                                          | <b>\$19,387</b>        |

The total of funds sought (\$17,613.73) exceeds the budgeted amount (\$15,779.00) by \$1,834.73. Therefore, the grants recommended are less than the amount requested by each of the applicants. This is because it was considered a preferable outcome to fund each project for slightly less than the applicant wished, rather than to delete one of the projects entirely. All recommended grants are less than the nominated maximum of \$5000 under the fund's guidelines and exceed the dollar-for dollar requirement from participants. One person has made two separate applications for two different projects. These have been considered as separate applications.

The applications received are discussed below.

- The Astronomer's Monument is a distinctive sculptural monument and museum built and designed by its owner at the time of in situ concrete. It is a landmark in a landscape of insubstantial structures and scrub, and demonstrates the individuality and perseverance that characterise the people of Lightning Ridge. The application was for the addition of four doors to be added to the upper level of the monument so that the applicant can sleep in the room, and for the resurfacing of some concrete slabs so as to allow water to drain away from the monument (rather than pooling in the monument). A grant of \$5,000 was sought. A grant was unable to be considered as a quotation for the proposed work was not provided.
- The project to replace roofing and install guttering on the former Presbyterian Church and Manse at Collarenebri has sought a total of \$9,613.73. An external inspection of the buildings indicates that, while neither has any guttering, the roof panelling and the visible roof battens were in reasonable condition. Both buildings, however, have structural issues with slipped, or collapsed stumping. The church building also has broken windows and missing cladding that would allow wind, dirt and water to enter the building – and thereby potentially working against a benefit that a new roof would provide. That said, the installation of guttering alone on the buildings would be of

benefit and would work to keep stormwater away from the stumps. It is recommended that the applicant be provided with a total of \$8,179.00 (comprised of two separate grants of \$4,100 and \$4,079), and that the owner be encouraged to apply for funding in future years to consider re-stumping of the buildings.

- Tattersalls Hotel is a good example of a large inter-war brick commercial building in the Georgian revival style. It occupies a landmark site in Collarenebri, and survived the disastrous 1938 fire in Wilson Street. It is rare in the Shire. An application was received to undertake works in order in relation to a fire upgrade of the building. The project is worthwhile, however funding is unable to be approved as a quotation for the proposed works has not been provided.
- The Lightning Ridge Historical Society is seeking to install a new termite protection system for Spicers Hut and the Bush Nurses Cottage Hospital buildings. (The applicant has previously indicated that the termite problems on the site have substantially increased after Council's installation of the automatic drip system on the street verge near the property, although this is not verified in any way). The museum is run by a volunteer organisation and provides a key tourism activity for Lightning Ridge. Ongoing termite activity would jeopardise the structural stability of the buildings on the site and the operation of the museum and on that basis, the project is considered very worthwhile. The project is supported with a grant of \$2,900, slightly less than the requested \$3,000.
- The Pink House is a former nurses' home is a single storey weatherboard building with surrounding verandahs. It is an excellent example of an Inter-War/early Post-War nurses' home at a country hospital. The building is currently used as a guest house. The grant application is for repair and painting work which will enhance its appearance and protect the building fabric. The project is supported with a grant of \$4,700 slightly less than the requested \$5,000.

The Heritage Advisor's full assessment is included at Attachment A to this Report.

#### **Relevant Reference Documents:**

Heritage schedule in the Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013.  
Heritage Strategy 2019-2021

#### **Governance issues:**

Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1993 establishes Council's charter.

#### **Environmental issues:**

Grants from the Local Heritage Fund are one of the most significant methods by which Council facilitates the retention and conservation of local heritage items.

#### **Stakeholders:**

Public, affected land owners, Walgett Shire, Heritage NSW.

#### **Financial implications:**

Council has budgeted \$15,779.00 for local heritage grant projects in 2020-21, \$5,500 of which is funding received from Heritage NSW under its Local Heritage programs. A claim for funds from the Heritage NSW is made by Council at the end of the 2020-21 financial year and on successful completion of the agreed projects. A requirement of the Heritage NSW funding is that the fund be dispersed with regard for the recommendations of Council's Heritage Advisor.

#### **Alternative solutions/options:**

Decline to offer grants: - Council could decline to offer local heritage fund grants. This has not been recommended as owners of heritage items and people concerned about heritage would probably perceive this as an adverse outcome.

Vary the grant amounts: - Council could increase or decrease the amount of local heritage fund grants. In this context it is relevant to note that:

- There is a limited amount of funding available to Council from OEH.
- The amounts have been recommended by Council's Heritage Advisor with regard for the heritage merits of the respective applications;
- Variations have been proposed where considered appropriate.

Vary the Interim Heritage Strategy Plan: - Council could vary the Heritage Strategy Plan. The current plan has been recommended with input from Council's heritage advisor as it is seen to be achievable and will better guide future strategies.

### **Conclusion:**

Local Heritage Fund grants are an important mechanism for Council to facilitate the maintenance of local heritage items by landowners.

### **Note from Director:**

#### Grants to Commercial Operators

I understand that Councillors have expressed concerns over many years regarding the issue of Heritage grants to commercial operators. Those business operating from registered historical sites have an additional legislative burden and community responsibility to preserve and protect these sites. When any alterations or additions are planned the legislation is triggered often requiring submission of a Development Application and additional level of assessment with the additional cost of employing heritage consultants. The local community obtains a major benefit from this process by preserving known artefacts. By allowing access to the grants Council encourages property owners to further their commitment to local history and heritage.

#### **Grants from the Walgett Shire Local Heritage Fund Grant 2019-2020**

##### **Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

Disperse \$15,779 from the Walgett Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2019-2020 in the following manner:

- (a) \$4,700 to Dale Bowden for repair and maintenance works to The Pink House at 152-156 Fox Street, Walgett;
- (b) \$2,900 to the Lightning Ridge Historical Society for the installation of a termite protection system for Spicer's Hut and the Bush Nurse Association Cottage at 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge;
- (c) a total of \$8,179 to Glen Bloink for the replacement of the roof and installation of guttering at the (former) Presbyterian Church and (former) Presbyterian Manse at 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

Heritage Advisor's assessment of the Local Government Heritage Grant applications for 2020-2021



**ATTACHMENT A: Heritage Advisor's Assessment Report for the 2020-2021 Local Heritage Fund applications received**

The table below is a summary of the Local Heritage Fund applications received. An assessment of each project is provided, together with a recommendation to approve a grant (or not) and conditions for each grant. This assessment follows my visit to Walgett Shire on 9 September 2020.

The grant amount has been determined based on a total amount of \$15,779 being available for Local Heritage Assistance Fund grants. This amount has been determined by adding Council's budget amount of \$10,279 to the \$5,500 provided by Heritage NSW.

The grants recommended are less than the amount requested by each of the applicants. This is because it was considered a preferable outcome to fund each project for slightly less than the applicant wished, rather than to delete one of the projects entirely.

**Summary report of projects**

| Applicant      | Address                                                                  | Project description                                                                        | Project cost               | Grant requested | Recommended                                                                              | Applicant Contribution |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Ivana Prasad   | The Astronomers Monument, Lightning Ridge                                | Repairs                                                                                    | \$10,000.00                | Nil             | Project not supported as a formal quotation for the costs of the works was not provided. | \$0                    |
| Glen Bloink    | Presbyterian Church, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri                     | New roof battens, roof sheeting, gutters and Downpipes to replace existing.                | \$9,650.57                 | \$4,825.28      | \$4,100.00                                                                               | \$5,550.57             |
| Glen Bloink    | Presbyterian Manse, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri                      | New roof battens, roof sheeting, gutters and downpipes for the church to replace existing. | \$9,576.90                 | \$4,788.45      | \$4,079.00                                                                               | \$5,497.90             |
| Michelle Smith | Tattersalls Hotel, 1 Wilson Street, Collarenebri                         | Preparation of fire plans, installation of fire safety elements to upgrade the building.   | \$30,000.00                | \$15,000        | Project not supported as a formal quotation for the costs of the works was not provided. | \$0                    |
| Barbara Moritz | Spicers Hut and Bush Cottage Hospital, 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge | Termite protection system                                                                  | \$4,400.00                 | \$3,000.00      | \$2,900.00                                                                               | \$1,500.00             |
| Dale Bowden    | The Pink House, 152-156 Fox Street, Walgett                              | Repairs to building, including painting and replacement of missing vents.                  | \$11,538.73 (GST excluded) | \$5,000.00      | \$4,700.00                                                                               | \$6,838.73             |
| Totals         |                                                                          |                                                                                            | \$35,166.20                |                 | \$15,779.00                                                                              | \$19,387.20            |

## Astronomers Monument, Lightning Ridge

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Applicant       | Ms Ivana Prasad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Heritage item   | The Astronomer's Monument is a distinctive sculptural monument and museum built by its owner and designer of in situ concrete, a landmark in a landscape of insubstantial structures and scrub, and demonstrating the individuality and perseverance that characterise the people of Lightning Ridge. |
| Cost of works   | \$10,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Grant requested | \$5,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Proposed work   | The addition of four doors to be added to the upper level of the monument so that the applicant can sleep in the room. Resurfacing of some concrete slabs so as to allow water to drain away from the monument (rather than pooling in the monument).                                                 |

An inspection of the site was made in September 2020. The proposed work is supported, however the applicant was advised that she needs to provide a formal quotation for the proposed work in order to be considered and that the quote must precisely describe the nature of the proposed work.

A quotation had not been received as at 27 September 2020.

**Recommendation:** That the grant not be provided due to inadequate documentation.



## Former Presbyterian Church, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri

Note: This is the same application received and assessed in the preceding year. The applicant has advised that it did not proceed as it was not possible getting a tradesperson due to COVID-19. The comments below are those made by Council's Heritage Advisor in relation to the 2019-2020 grants program, the application has not been re-assessed.

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Applicant       | Glen Bloink                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Heritage item   | The Presbyterian Church is a good example of a simple weatherboard and galvanised iron inter-war church, built in 1925 but no longer used for its original purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Cost of works   | \$9,650.57                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grant requested | \$4,825.28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Proposed work   | Replacement of the battens and roof sheeting on the former church and installation of guttering and downpipes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Assessment      | <p>A site inspection showed that both buildings have rusted roofing panels and no guttering or downpipes, however there is no clear evidence of holes in the roofs and the panels appear complete and structurally sound. The stumps of both buildings have slipped – like as a result of poor stormwater drainage and moving soils over the years – and both have some broader structural issues to address as a result. In particular, the church building has broken windows and missing cladding. Both of those issues would allow penetration of wind, dust and water that are likely to degrade the building at a faster rate and may work to lessen the impact of new roof panels. The replacement of the roofing panels on the church does not appear to be immediately necessary; the rust appears to be surface and there are no obvious holes in the roof that would be allowing water to enter the building. The former manse building is in the same condition: the roof panels appear rusted, but are whole and do not appear to have penetrations that allow water to enter. While I did not enter the building, a brief discussion with the tenant indicated that there were no areas inside the building that had been affected by water ingress. The verandah has some 'springy' spots and weaknesses in the timber boards that are likely the result of slipped or otherwise deteriorated stumps. While it is likely that the roof panels could be treated and painted, there is clear value in providing guttering to the buildings to prevent further deterioration from improved stormwater management. The applicant has also provided a quote from a builder that indicates the panels and supporting battens require replacing.</p> |
| Recommendation  | That funding be approved for \$4,100.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Conditions      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The replacement roof shall be of a silver colour (Zincalume or the like), although galvanised steel roof sheeting is preferred.</li> <li>• New guttering is to direct stormwater to a location at least 3 metres from the building. This may be to rubble pits or the street, consistent with relevant Council policies.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gutters must match the profile of the existing gutters unless the existing are high rise gutters, in which case the new gutters must be low rise quad gutters.</li> <li>• Downpipes must be round.</li> <li>• The work must be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.</li> <li>• The work must be undertaken in accordance with any relevant SafeWork NSW guidelines and Codes of Practice.</li> <li>• The work must be structurally adequate and must not reduce the structural integrity of the existing building. The advice of a structural engineer must be sought if necessary, or if there is any concern.</li> <li>• The work must not cause the building to contravene the Building Code of Australia.</li> <li>• Demolition must be carried out in accordance with AS 2601—2001, <i>The demolition of structures</i>.</li> <li>• In the case of manufactured components, work must be undertaken in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.</li> <li>• All materials and equipment must be stored wholly within the work site.</li> <li>• Waste materials must be managed on the site and then disposed of at a waste management facility.</li> <li>• A copy of the paid tax invoice to be provided to council to confirm that the contractor has been paid.</li> </ul> |
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Former Presbyterian Manse, 43 Herbert Street, Collarenebri

Note: This is the same application received and assessed in the preceding year. The applicant has advised that it did not proceed as it was not possible getting a tradesperson due to COVID-19. The comments below are those made by Council's Heritage Advisor in relation to the 2019-2020 grants program, the application has not been re-assessed.

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| Applicant       | Glen Bloink                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Heritage item   | The Manse is a good example of an inter-war weatherboard and galvanised iron house, which served as the manse for the Presbyterian Church from its construction in 1925 until the mid 1990s.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Cost of works   | \$9,576.90                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grant requested | \$4,788.45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Proposed work   | Replacement of the battens and roof sheeting on the former church and installation of guttering and downpipes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Assessment      | <p>A site inspection showed that both buildings have rusted roofing panels and no guttering or downpipes, however there is no clear evidence of holes in the roofs and the panels appear complete and structurally sound. The stumps of both buildings have slipped – like as a result of poor stormwater drainage and moving soils over the years – and both have some broader structural issues to address as a result. In particular, the church building has broken windows and missing cladding. Both of those issues would allow penetration of wind, dust and water that are likely to degrade the building at a faster rate and may work to lessen the impact of new roof panels. The replacement of the roofing panels on the church does not appear to be immediately necessary; the rust appears to be surface and there are no obvious holes in the roof that would be allowing water to enter the building. The former manse building is in the same condition: the roof panels appear rusted, but are whole and do not appear to have penetrations that allow water to enter. While I did not enter the building, a brief discussion with the tenant indicated that there were no areas inside the building that had been affected by water ingress. The verandah has some 'springy' spots and weaknesses in the timber boards that are likely the result of slipped or otherwise deteriorated stumps. While it is likely that the roof panels could be treated and painted, there is clear value in providing guttering to the buildings to prevent further deterioration from improved stormwater management. The applicant has also provided a quote from a builder that indicates the panels and supporting battens require replacing.</p> |
| Recommendation  | That funding be approved for \$4,079.00.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Conditions      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The replacement roof shall be of a silver colour (Zincalume or the like), although galvanised steel roof sheeting is preferred.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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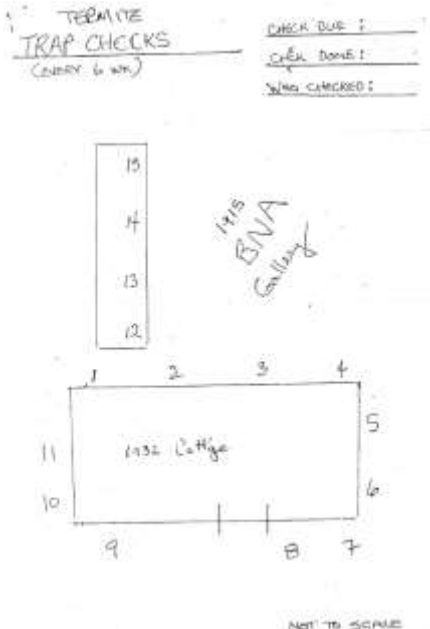


## Tattersalls Hotel, 1 Wilson Street, Collarenebri

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| Applicant       | Michelle Smith                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Heritage item   | Tattersalls Hotel is a good example of a large inter-war brick commercial building in the Georgian revival style. It occupies a landmark site in Collarenebri, and survived the disastrous 1938 fire in Wilson Street. It is rare in the Shire.                    |
| Cost of works   | \$30,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Grant requested | \$15,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Proposed work   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of fire plans</li> <li>• Back to base fire panels</li> <li>• Smoke alarm system</li> <li>• Exit lighting</li> <li>• Exit door hardware</li> <li>• Certificate of compliance on completion of works</li> </ul> |
| Assessment      | The upgrade of the fire safety system will provide for the use of the building as a hotel offering accommodation.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Recommendation  | The project is appropriate, however funding is unable to be approved as a quotation for the proposed works has not been provided.                                                                                                                                  |
| Conditions      | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



## Spicers Hut and Bush Nurses Cottage Hospital, 7 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge

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| Applicant       | Lightning Ridge Historical Society (Barbara Moritz)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Heritage item   | Yes – Spicer's Hut and the Bush Nurse Association Cottage. Spicer's Hut is a rare intact basic miner's cottage, conventional in overall form, with rough cypress pine frame and cladding, corrugated iron roof and earth floor, demonstrating the self-sufficiency, ingenuity and priorities of the early opal miners, their living conditions, and the antecedents of the continuing tradition of idiosyncratic dwellings on the opal fields. The Bush Nurse Association Cottage is set behind Spicer's Hut. It is a fine timber building. Both buildings are now used as museums by the Lightning Ridge Historical Society.                                                                                 |
| Cost of works   | \$4,400.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Grant requested | \$3,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Proposed work   | <p>Replacement of the termite protection canisters which are part of a termite protection and baiting system installed around the museum buildings. The work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial timber inspection and report</li> <li>• Installation of system components (15 stations)</li> <li>• regular system monitoring for 12 months</li> <li>• Site report after each monitoring visit</li> </ul> <p>(The above information is from the Flick Pest Control quotation dated 26/8/2020 which is attached to the grant application.)</p>  <p>Sketch showing the location of the traps.</p> |
| Assessment      | The museum installed a termite protection and baiting system several years ago (with the assistance of Council through the Local Government Heritage grant program). This system has now reached the end of its useful life and Flick have recommended replacement with a Sentricon system.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                | The museum site contains two unique buildings and is heritage listed, and provides a strong tourism focus for the town. The project is considered worth funding to ensure the ongoing survival of the historic buildings. |
| Recommendation | That funding be approved for \$2,900.00                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Conditions     | Copy of the paid tax invoice to be provided to council to confirm that the contractor has been paid.                                                                                                                      |



## The Pink House, 152-156 Fox Street, Walgett

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| Applicant       | Dale Bowden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Heritage item   | The former nurses' home is a single storey weatherboard building with surrounding verandahs. It is an excellent example of an InterWar/early Post-War nurses' home at a country hospital.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Cost of works   | \$11,538.73                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Grant requested | \$5,000.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Proposed work   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Level all sumps across the eastern verandah front of building.</li> <li>- Level all stumps across the sun room on the northern side of the building.</li> <li>- Repair four of the timber ventilators on the northern and southern side of the building (where evaporative coolers have been removed).</li> <li>- Refix six stair balustrades that have fallen down.</li> <li>- Prepare and paint six damaged doors in the toilet/ bathroom areas</li> <li>- Prepare and paint all new works for ventilation on gable ends X 4</li> <li>- Prepare and paint posts, handrails and stairs on the 3 concrete emergency exits (front and the 2 northern sides)</li> <li>- Remove, prepare and paint sliding windows in the glass room x 16</li> <li>- Prepare and paint external wall cladding of northern glass room</li> </ul> |
| Assessment      | The proposed work will improve the structural stability, appearance and functionality of the building, as well as protecting external elements from the weather. The work will help the existing residential accommodation use remain viable. The building is prominent in the Fox Street streetscape upon entry to Walgett.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Recommendation  | That funding be approved for \$4,700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Conditions      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work must be undertaken in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards.</li> <li>• The work must be undertaken in accordance with any relevant SafeWork NSW guidelines and Codes of Practice.</li> <li>• The work must be structurally adequate and must not reduce the structural integrity of the existing building. The advice of a structural engineer must be sought if necessary, or if there is any concern.</li> <li>• The work must not cause the building to contravene the Building Code of Australia.</li> <li>• Demolition must be carried out in accordance with AS2601—2001, <i>The demolition of structures</i>.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of manufactured components, work must be undertaken in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.</li> <li>• All materials and equipment must be stored wholly within the work site.</li> <li>• Waste materials must be managed on the site and then disposed of at a waste management facility.</li> <li>• A copy of the paid tax invoice to be provided to council to confirm that the contractor has been paid.</li> <li>• The new ventilator must be painted timber louvres divided into three separate sets to match the original/existing. Only the part removed is to be replaced. Existing ventilators must be retained.</li> </ul> |
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### 10.4.3 GRAWIN AND SHEEPYARD RUBBISH TIP OPERATIONS

**REPORTING SECTION:** Environmental Services  
**AUTHOR:** Acting Director Environmental Services, Bob Harris  
**FILE NUMBER:** 17/160 & 20/94

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**Summary:**

Council has previously supported operations of the Grawin Glengarry Sheeppark Miners Association (GGSMA) in tip operations through an annual donation. The association has advised Council they will no longer be responsible for tip operations.

The Crown Land manager “Opal Reserve Trust” has sought Council support in undertaking interim works and accepting responsibility for future management of these facilities.

The report also outlines interim works currently being undertaken to provide for public safety and environment protection and future management options.

**Background:**

Council has historically provided funding of up to \$30,000 per annum to the GGSMA for the purpose of managing “roads and rubbish” in the Opal fields.

In recent times Council has been the subject of more frequent oversight by the NSW EPA with landfills being inspected more frequently and being required to self-audit and report.

In May 2020 landfill audits were carried out by John Cavanagh Consulting & Jessica McDonald. The audit included the Grawin & Glengarry Landfills with audit results being sent to the GGSMA for their perusal and action.

Subsequently, GGSMA resolved to advise Council they would no longer continue with management of the rubbish tips. A copy of the correspondence received is attached.

Council has also been contacted by the Opal Reserve Trust managers to determine what interim works should be completed and Council’s position in relation to long-term management of the facilities.

**Future Options**

Submissions have been invited from David Lane, David Sullivan from the Opal Reserve Trust and a small number of residents regarding the ongoing operational and Site Management Plans suitable to each facility. No submissions have been received.

It appears to be in the community interest that Council undertakes public safety and environmental protection works for waste disposal to a similar standard to what is found in other parts of the Walgett Shire.

Council currently has responsibilities, expertise and experience in waste facility management. Consequently, the option for Council to assume responsibility for ongoing operation and management is supported and included in the recommendations.

Should Council resolve to accept responsibility for these sites operations and management, plans for these sites will be developed.

Also attached is the most recent report of Council's Consultant Bob Amaral whom inspected both Grawin and Sheeppark facilities in October 2020. This report is quite scathing of the current lack of approved Landfill management practices

### **Current Situation:**

Council has not funded GGSMA for waste management in the current financial year.

The following interim works have been undertaken to improved public safety and environmental protection utilising funds previously allocated to the GGSMA. Including;

1. Provision of a timber barrier or earth bund (300mm to 400mm) high to separate vehicles from the tip face. Reflective markers are to be provided for night visibility.
2. Provision of a 3 metre fire break and earth bund around the perimeter of both tips to provide fire protection and limit vehicle access to existing tracks. Where the fire break intersects other existing tracks provision is to be made for night visibility.
3. Council has provide movable stand posts for signage.

### **Relevant reference documents and policies**

Protection of the Environment Operations Act.

Small Landfill Management Guide.

WSC Unlicensed Landfill Audit Report by John Cavanagh.

### **Financial Implications**

The full financial implications cannot be determined until a decision is made on operational and management issues. It is expected that grant funds will be available for infrastructure improvements over time.

Operational costs for similar sites at Come By Chance, Carinda, Burren Junction and Rowena are currently less than \$20,000 per annum for each site.

### **Environmental Issues**

This report outlines courses of action that will have significant public safety and environmental benefits for the community.

### **Stakeholders**

Walgett Shire Council, Landfill Contractors, Community, Glengarry Grawin Sheeppark Miners Association, Opal Reserve Trust.

### **Grawin and Sheeppark Rubbish Tip Operations**

#### **Recommendation:**

That Walgett Shire Council resolve to:

1. Accept responsibility for future management of the rubbish tips at Grawin and Sheeppark.
2. Authorise Council officers to commence legal processes to secure a lease agreement over both sites.
3. Note the completion of interim works at Grawin and Sheeppark rubbish tips for the purpose of public safety and environmental protection.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

### **Attachments:**

1. Letter from Pat Fletcher –GGSMA re: Waste Management on Opal Fields

Glengarry, Grawin, Sheepyard Miners Association  
Inc.  
(GGSMA)

P.O. BOX 63, GRAWIN OPAL FIELDS. N.S.W. 2832.  
Phone/Fax 0268 293744. Email: ggsma4@bigpond.com

ABN: 97 722 551 430 \_ Inc. No: Y2426528

The General Manager  
Mr Michael Urquhart  
Walgett Shire Council  
PO Box 31  
WALGETT  
NSW 2832

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Sir,

**Waste Management on Opal Fields**

The GGSMA wishes to advise Walgett Shire Council that we will no longer manage the domestic waste depots situated at Grawin and Sheepyards on behalf of Walgett Shire Council.

Yours faithfully,

*P. Fletcher*

Pat Fletcher,  
President.



## **10.4.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2020/23 – INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WALGETT PCYC**

**REPORTING SECTION:** Planning  
**AUTHOR:** Libby Cumming, Contract Town Planner  
**FILE NUMBER:** DA2020/23

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### **Summary:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/23, being Crn Fox and Dewhurst Street, Walgett on Lots 4, 5, 6 & 9 Section 40 DP 759036 for the construction of an indoor recreation facility.

This application is being considered by Council due to Council being the Land Manager of the Reserve and the value of the development being \$4, 750000.

Delegation is being requested for the General Manager to complete the determination of this application.

### **Background:**

PCYC supports disadvantaged children and young people at risk across Australia. They believe all children and young people should have a safe place to go - somewhere they can feel at home, make friends and do things that children should do.

Founded in 1937 and with more than 60 clubs and centres across the state and around 85,000 members, PCYC is one of Australia's leading youth organisations. The PCYC provides a range of recreational and community activities in the communities where they are situated.

Stimson Urban & Regional Planning has been engaged by PCYC (NSW) to prepare a Statement of Environmental Effects in relation to a proposed indoor recreational facility to be located on the corner of Dewhurst and Fox Streets Walgett.

The proposal includes the construction of a new building that will accommodate basketball courts, a gym, and various other community minded elements.

This development will replace the existing PCYC building.

### **Current Position:**

This report is to consider Development Application 2020/23, being Crn Fox and Dewhurst Street, Walgett on Lots 4,5,6 & 9 Section 40 DP 759036 being for the construction of an indoor recreation facility.

The land is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the *Walgett Local Environmental Plan 2013* and complies with the intent of the zone objectives.

The proposed development is for the construction of a new indoor recreation facility to be operated by PCYC (NSW). This will include the demolition of all existing structures that are located onsite, being the existing skate park and basketball court. Once the site is cleared, construction of a large building to accommodate a PCYC facility will be undertaken. Its dimensions will be 56.5m x 31.8. The building is proposed to accommodate the following detailed elements:

- 623sqm basketball court
- 352sqm gymnastics area



- Gym studio
- Youth hub where youth support services would be offered
- Offices, meeting rooms kitchen and administration areas
- Change rooms, toilet facilities and amenities
- 93sqm tenancy nominated for Council uses
- Storage rooms
- Associated identification and way finding signage
- Carparking adjacent to the building for PCYC vehicles
- Service road and car wash bay
- Roof mounted solar panels
- Rainwater tanks
- Fencing

The proposed building is contemporary in design, to be constructed of tilt up concrete panels and lightweight materials. A dark colour palette with light coloured roof is proposed with graphics and artwork located along some internal and external elevations.



*Perspective viewed from the north-west*



*Perspective viewed from the north-east*

The hours of operation will be from 8.00am through to 10pm, seven days per week. PCYC may adjust its opening times within that to suit demand.

The facility will have up to 3 full time staff, as well as associated Police staffing (to be determined).

The proposed development is compliant with the *Walgett Development Control Plan 2016*

As per the MOU between Council and the NSW Police, this application was referred to the NSW Police for comment as per Castlereagh LAC and Walgett Council joint development protocol. To date a response has not been made available at the time of writing this report.

It is requested that delegation be given to the General Manager to finalise the development consent condition based on the comments from NSW Police.

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  
NSW PCYC  
NSW Police

**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 2020/23 – Indoor Recreation Facility Construction For The Walgett PCYC**

**Recommendation:**

That Council give delegation to the General Manager to:

- a) Consider the final comments from the NSW Police and apply the appropriate conditions as request by the NSW Police or to address their concerns, and
- b) Approve the Development Application 2020/23, being Crn Fox and Dewhurst Street, Walgett on Lots 4, 5, 6 & 9 Section 40 DP 759036 being for the construction of an indoor recreation facility, as per the recommendation of the Development Assessment report.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**Division Decision**

**Attachments:**

(Refer to Attachment Document)

- 1. Plans
- 2. Statement of Environmental Effects
- 3. Development Assessment
- 4. Aboriginal Heritage Information Management Searches

## 10.4.5 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 on items for brief mention, or information only, on more significant matters recently arising in the Environmental Services Division of Council.

### 1. Landfill Inspections – Walgett – Lightning Ridge

Council's Landfill Consultant visited Walgett & Lightning Ridge to review works required by the EPA and Council's Landfill Management Plans.

Generally, the two Landfills are operating in accordance with the management plans, additional works are planned at both landfills over the next few weeks to address issues with litter control and EPA Compliance.

The consultant's report will be available next week.

### 2. Rubbish Tips – Grawin and Sheepyards

Council's Landfill Consultant visited the rubbish tips at both locations to consider options for compliance with EPA requirements. The consultant's report and recommendations will be available next week.

Councillors may be aware the GSMMA has advised they will no longer be responsible for waste operations at these facilities. Interim works to meet minimum environmental and safety requirements are being implemented.

The environmental and financial implications of this decision are being assessed and a full report in relation to these matters will be available at the November meeting. It is proposed the facilities will transition to Council care and control.

### 3. Collarenebri Landfill Works

There are significant works occurring at the Collarenebri Landfill with covering and capping of an existing cell, creation of a new cell and stormwater and leachate control works.

A plan of the proposed changes to the layout will be available at the Council meeting.

### 4. Animal Control Matters

There have been a number of dog attacks in the last two weeks including an attack on a small child in Walgett. As a result two dogs were surrendered and being deemed dangerous could not be rehomed. NSW Police were involved in discussions with the owners.

### 5. Overgrown Lots in Villages

With spring growth a number of lots are requiring attention and Council has been proactive in advising owners of statutory requirements.

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| <b>Matters for Brief Mention or Information Only, Environmental Services</b> |
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**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**

### **24 NOVEMBER 2020**

**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 **24 November 2020** 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 GENERAL MANAGER

##### *12.1.1 PURCHASE OF STAFF HOUSING*

#### 12.2 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING & TECHNICAL SERVICES

##### *12.2.1 RFT 20/012 –REPLACEMENT OF 6X4 AUTOMATED BITUMEN PATCHING / SEALING TRUCK*

### 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: .....