



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

26 August 2021



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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held via audio-visual link on Thursday 26 August at 9.30am.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2021
6. General Manager Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Sale of Land – John Hoare OAM Business Estate
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, Section 10A (2) (c) because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
7. Engineering Services Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, Section 10A (2) (c) because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
8. Development & Environmental Services Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool Water Slide Contract
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, Section 10A (2) (c) because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
9. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 July 2021
10. Notice of Motion
11. Committee Meeting Minutes
12. Mayoral Minute
13. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - People and Community Services
 - Finance and Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
14. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Melissa Salter
Executive Assistant

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NOTICE OF MOTION

The following has been received from Councillor Douglas:

Councillor Jodi Douglas
191 Pangee St
NYNGAN NSW 2825

12th August 2021

The General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Derek

Notice of Motion – Amendment to meeting time

I would like to place the following notice of motion on the business paper agenda for the August 2021 Ordinary meeting of Council:

"That Council trial evening meetings for Ordinary meetings of Council, commencing September 2021. In addition, council revert to daytime meeting for the last meeting preceding council elections to enable a final lunch with the outgoing Council for those who may wish to do so"

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodi Douglas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Councillor Jodi Douglas
Bogan Shire Council

Context for motion - I feel evening meetings may encourage greater diversity in possible candidates that may be willing to nominate for council election that are currently unable to do so due to work commitments.

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of Bogan Shire Council held on 26 August 2021**

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: 4th August 2021 Venue: Nyngan Museum

Present:

*Ray Donald, Collin, Yvonne, Abigail, Leonie, Margaret,
Hugh, Val, Glad, Anna, Annie*

Apologies:

Vince, Neville, Linda, Bay, Derek, Veneta

Guests:

Minutes last meeting: Move: Annie second: Leonie

Business Arising from Minutes, and Leonie's report:

VIC will be staffed by the Shire until January

Covid restrictions have reduced the number of visitors to the museum. The numbers won't improve until Sydney is out of lockdown.

Leonie chased up tiles at Canonbar but there are none available because previous owners removed them.

We have an invoice for our volunteer's badges, but do not have the badges yet. Leonie will chase up.

Derek will attend the next meeting as he had another meeting today. He will discuss with us his ideas about the 355 group. An alternate proposal has been offered, and this will be debated when he is available to talk with us.

Leonie attended a webinar about applying for grants. Unfortunately, it didn't suit our needs as we aren't big enough to provide the WOW factor they were looking for. We can't apply for any more yet until the last one is finalized with the purchase of the glass fireplace doors. Covid has them on hold.

16 Year 10 girls will now be with us on Thursday afternoons. They have been here for an introduction, and will be doing research at school next week. They are also taking on leather goods repair and restoration, sanding, rebuilding and painting a platform seat, 1950's newspaper research and using the microfische for family history queries. The pew is now ready for oiling.

Ceilings in the kitchen and VIC are complete

Scanners need to be tuned again to both computers, as none are working at this time.

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Girl Guide display is complete

*Several evening gowns were donated, and have been photographed and added to the display.
A toy grand piano has been donated, it was made in England in 1940s*

The newspaper report on the history of the Bogan River has now been framed. Thanks Louise Lovett for the frame donation. Stewart has now fixed the Wifi on the printers.

Abigail's Report

The grants from the shire will include the front doors and the air conditioning. Electricity repairs will not be included at this time.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Treasurers Report read and moved: Collin 2nd: Hugh

General Business:

Congratulations to Nyngan's two gold medal winners. Jack Hargreaves has done an amazing job with his teammates in the rowing. They won a gold medal at the 2021 Olympics in Tokyo. The Big Bogan is also sporting a gold medal, his was presented in Nyngan.

Meeting Closed: 10.10

**Mayoral Minute to the Ordinary Meeting
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REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – MAYORAL MINUTE

Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:

1 JACK HARGREAVES

Unfortunately COVID has prevented any community recognition for Gold Medal Rower Jack Hargreaves. He came home for a short visit last week and was given the Key, suitably inscribed, to Bogan Shire. He told me he will definitely come home sometime in October, when hopefully lockdowns etc are behind us and we can hold the postponed community reception for him.

In response to requests for ideas and suggestions about what could be erected in Nyngan to recognize Jack's Gold Medal, naming the areas of the lower weir the "Jack Hargreaves Park" has been suggested. The site that Councillors inspected before the last meeting, has already some picnic shelters, cement access path, garbage bin and seats, and has a good view of the river. It could have a plaque describing his Tokyo 2020 gold medal event, perhaps a metal figure of a rower, and his name on a large sign. Whilst it is a bit off the main CBD and Main Street, this park could be sign-posted on the highway approaching the Bridge, and also at the VIC, and on any town maps already located in town and on the path to the river.

1.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration.



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REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:

1 CHECKLIST

Item No.	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	21/12/2017	392/2017	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Strong letter of concern & a request to address Council be sent to the relevant rail authorities & a copy to local member.	GM	Letter sent to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure, with copy to Kevin Humphries.
	21/06/2018	293/2018		Council seek further follow up from the responsible Minister, reiterating Council’s safety concerns for pedestrians & road users due to the nature of the crossing & variation of speeds.	DES	406 Petitions received. On-site meeting held with Deputy Premier. Met with Minister for Regional Transport & Roads in Bourke on 25 November 2019.

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				<p>The best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.</p>	<p>Council advised that this crossing is not a priority for John Holland Rail.</p>
	28/05/2020	110/2020		<p>Council engage a Safety Consultant to inspect the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & to provide a report documenting the safety factors of the Crossing which can then be forwarded to the John Holland Rail & Minister for Regional Transport & Roads.</p>	<p>Safety Consultant has been engaged to inspect crossing at the end of July & will be preparing a risk audit for Council. Report has been received and forwarded.</p> <p>Letter received from Transport for NSW, June 2021, stating that they have no plans to upgrade the crossing but are open to other solutions. UPDATE: Letter received from Minister for Regional Transport and Roads in precis refers</p>

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2	24/04/2019	117/2019	Cobar Water Board	Whilst Council is prepared to have discussion with CWB to explore options for delivery of water to minor users within the Bogan Shire LGA, it does not agree to the Board's proposal at this stage.	GM	Further correspondence sent to CWB. <u>UPDATE:</u> New water supply agreement sent to CWB. Meeting to discuss agreement 12 August 2021 postponed due to public health order.

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3	28/11/2019	366/2019	Regional Water Supply Pipe Network	Council supports in principle the investigation of a Regional Water Supply Network servicing the communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.	GM	Water NSW has advised Narromine/Warren pipeline project is on hold
	25/02/2021	010/2021		Council seeking urgent clarification from the Minister on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuing of the licence for the Nyngan Emergency Bore and licence. - Size of the pipe 		UPDATE: Awaiting determination from NRAR and direction from NSW Government.

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				<p>from this bore to Nyngan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response to be given to those who lodge objections to the bore. - Cobar emergency water. - What guarantee is there for the \$4.3M funding to be retained for this pipeline. 		
4	28/11/2019	368/2019	Repairs to Nyngan & Cobar Emergency Water Storage	<p>The General Manager be authorised to procure sufficient quantities Geosynthetic Clay Liner & Geotextile material to complete the remediation works, according to specifications provided by NSW Public Works.</p>	DES	<p>Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor.</p> <p>Floor continues to be wet and soft from rain.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Requires warm weather to dry out sub- base</p>

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				The procurement be carried out by way of quotations.		
5	24/09/2020	257/2020	Nyngan Golf Club	Council approach the NGC offering them a sign with our logo and other details of Bogan Shire Council to be put on one of the 18 holes	DPCS	<u>UPDATE:</u> Letter in precis refers.
6	17/12/2020	373/2020	Lack of Vacation Care/Before and After School Care in Nyngan	Council approach both primary schools in Nyngan. Council bring this matter to the attention of local State Member and Hon. Sam Farraway MLC.	DPCS	Meetings held with Principals of Nyngan Public and St Joseph's Schools. Letter sent to Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Mental Health, Rural Youth and Women. Response received from Hon. Bronnie Taylor, indicating support for funding application by Nyngan Public School to the Department of Education for the

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						construction of a purpose built building for Before and After School Care.
7	25/02/2021	011/2021	Bogan Shire Official Visitors Guide	To be funded from a budget review or included in next year's estimates.	DPCS	In Progress
8	25/02/2021	012/2021	Nyngan Railway Wool Dump	<p>A colour information sign be erected at the Nyngan Railway Wool Dump on a stand adjacent to the dump.</p> <p>A cement path from the existing walkway to the sign be constructed, with available funding</p>	<p>DPCS</p> <p>DES</p>	<p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p> <p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p>



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9	25/02/2021	013/2021	Honour Board	That recipients of National Awards, prior to the 1980's, be recognised on an Honour Board. The board to include all National awards including recipients of the British Empire Medal (BEM), Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM), and Victoria Cross.	GM	UPDATE: Honour Board ordered.
10	27/05/2021	126/2021	Addressing Local Job Vacancies	Council delays the launch of the marketing campaign until progress is made with establishing more housing accommodation in Nyngan.	GM	Awaiting approval of funding for establishment of new residential subdivision.



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11	25/02/2021	040/2021	Nyngan Cenotaph Location	A report be prepared for Council regarding the Nyngan Cenotaph location.	GM	Pending outcome of Nyngan Community Homes grant application
12	24/06/2021	149/2021	Resources for Regions	General Manager negotiates the purchase of land consistent with discussions at June 21 Council meeting for Council's Resources for Regions project.	GM	<u>UPDATE:</u> Offers made to owners.
13	24/06/2021	168/2021	Safety Factors of Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Roadworks	Council request RMS consider the safety factor of all rehabilitation and reconstruction work, including the current Mitchell highway at the Mulla Road Intersection, and suggest the following	DES	Letter sent to TfNSW advising of resolution. <u>UPDATE:</u> No reply to date

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				action be taken: that where possible the table drains be extended out from the shoulder and that material be used to widen and flatten the batters of the road shoulder.		
14	24/06/2021	158/2021	New Showground Arena	Council seek the support of the Nyngan Pony Club and Show Committee to have this arena named "The Rodney Robb Arena".	GM	<u>UPDATE:</u> Positive correspondence received from Nyngan Pony Club.
15	24/06/2021	162/2021	Section 355 Committee – Nyngan Museum	General Manager to proceed with discussions to formalise a constitution and associated delegations for Nyngan Museum Committee as a Section 355	GM	<u>UPDATE:</u> Meeting deferred due to COVID-19 situation.



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				Management Committee of Council with a further report to Council.		
16		173/2021	Neeroc Road	The Engineering Department do a full inspection and assessment of the road and report back to Council Council advise William Carter and Owen Carter of Councils decision from meeting	DES	<u>UPDATE:</u> Engineering Services report refers.
17	22/07/2021	210/2021	Nyngan Rugby League Football Club	Council proceed with the installation of heating under the awning of the new canteen area to be funded from savings identified at the first	DES	<u>UPDATE:</u> In progress



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				Budget Review. The General Manager investigate any grant funding that may be available.	GM	
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1.1 Recommendation

That the report relating to the Monthly Checklist be received and those items marked as "Completed" be removed from the checklist.

2 TERM OF OFFICE – DEPUTY MAYOR

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider extending the length of office of the Deputy Mayor.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider extending the length of office of the Deputy Mayor.

2.2 Background

As a result of the current COVID-19 Delta Outbreak the NSW Government has extended the current term of Council until postponed elections are held on 4 December 2021.

2.3 Discussion

Council has been notified by the NSW Government that Mayors elected in September 2020, as is the case with Bogan Shire Council, will continue to hold office until elections are held on 4 December 2021.

We have also received notification that Deputy Mayors hold office for the term specified in the Council resolution which appointed them.

On 24 September 2020 Council resolved (246/2020) that the length of office of the Deputy Mayor be one year.

It is recommended that Council pass a new resolution to the effect that the length of office for the current Deputy Mayor be extended to 4 December 2021 consistent with the NSW Government's intention to maintain current leadership during the current COVID situation.

2.4 Recommendation

That the length of office for the current Deputy Mayor be extended to 4 December 2021.

Derek Francis

General Manager

REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 LIBRARY REPORT

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information both statistical and informative in regards to the Library's function.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information both statistical and informative in regards to the Library's function.

1.2 Background

A quarterly operational Library report is provided for the information of Councillors.

1.3 Discussion

Our school holiday activities during April were well attended and included a 3D printing workshop, Mother's Day craft sessions as well as Scrawl Walk Robot sessions using a robot to create unique artworks.

The Nyngan Library hosted the Art 4 Agriculture photo display, part of the Picture You in Agriculture initiative which is aimed at identifying and nurturing young agricultural professionals during April.

In May we set up a stall at the Nyngan Show to give-away our deleted outdated stock and it was very pleasing to see that most of the books found new homes and a new life. Following on from the Show, our local Art and Crafters were invited to show their work at the Library. So far we have had Julie Walsh's quilting, Donna Pumpa's metal work and art works from Lynn Hodge and Lynette Quinton. The display looks great and shows the amazing talents of our local artists.

National Simultaneous Story Time was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 19 May. This year's book was Phillip Bunting's "Give me some space" which will be read on the International Space Centre by N.A.S.A. by Dr Shannon Walker. We set up a screen and computer and projector to screen the reading. Story Time was attended by sixty children from the Pre-School, Early Learning Centre, Nyngan Public School and St Joseph's Catholic School as well as some other under 5 year olds and their



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mums / carers. After the reading of the book the children participated in a spaceship craft.

Also on the 19 May we held a Seniors Information Morning Tea in co-operation with the Nyngan Community Hub, Catholic Care Wilcannia-Forbes and TAFE staff organised by Wendy Beetson. Twenty five seniors were present to listen to guest speakers to talk about electricity and energy saving, Seniors Benefits, myGov, free TAFE courses, and an Aged Care information table. It was a fun, informative morning.

The Biggest Morning Tea was held on 20 May which was attended by Bogan Shire Councillors and Senior Staff raising \$135.00 for the Cancer Foundation.

Library Story Times have been held every Tuesday morning and weekly visits to the Nyngan Pre-School and Early Learning Centre, involving 104 children, have kept our younger readers in touch with the Library.

The North Western Library biannual stocktake took place in June and 50 boxes of books were packed ready for collection and transfer to Warren with an exchange of a similar quantity of books from Coonamble to take their place. We took advantage of the low numbers of stock on the shelves to re-arrange the large print into the centre of the adult section and surrounded the fiction around the large print to encourage more use of the large print fiction and vice versa.

A belt making workshop funded by the Library's Local Priority Grant Fund was held in the June/July school holidays, with two NAIDOC Craft activities held in the final week of the holidays.

With the community making good use of our computers, we purchased five new replacement computers through the Local Priority Grant Fund.

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Statistics

Statistics for the past quarter dating from 1.04.21 to 30.06.21 are as follows with a comparison of the previous year figures for the same period:

April 1st – June 30th, 2020		April 1st – June 30th, 2021	
Adult Fiction	110	Adult Fiction	340
Western Fiction	0	Western Fiction	40
Large Print	85	Large Print	116
Magazines	7	Magazines	78
Adult Non Fiction	76	Adult Non Fiction	47
Talking Books	58	Talking Books	73
Junior Fiction	50	Junior Fiction	46
Junior Non Fiction	1	Junior Non Fiction	3
Easy & Easy2 & RR	24	Easy & Easy2 & RR	195
Toys	0	Toys	38
Junior Talking Books	0	Junior Talking Books	0
Young Adult Fiction	0	Young Adult Fiction	6
Equipment	0	Equipment	5
DVD's	20	DVD's	49
TOTAL ISSUES	433	TOTAL ISSUES	1,036
TOTAL MEMBERS	2504	TOTAL MEMBERS	1,119
Internet Usage ½ hr sessions	0	Internet Usage ½ hr sessions	1,298
People counter	Closed for COVID	People Counter	1,592
New Members	3	New Members	22
Reference Inquiries	0	Reference Inquiries	39
IT Help	0	IT Help	86
Wi Fi tickets (2hr per ticket)	0	Wi Fi tickets (2hr per ticket)	9

As this report demonstrates, the Bogan Shire Library provides many services to our community and the community is keen to use the Library for their various needs.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Library report be received and noted.

2 PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse or amend a Bogan Shire Council policy position in relation to availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to endorse or amend a Bogan Shire Council policy position in relation to availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

2.2 Background

There is a high demand for the Pfizer vaccine across NSW as a result of the current COVID-19 Delta Outbreak.

The Bogan Shire Medical Centre commenced provision of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations on Tuesday 17 August 2021.

Section 226(d) of the Local Government Act provides for the mayor to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council.

2.3 Discussion

Bogan Shire Council has been providing AstraZeneca vaccinations since April 2021 when they became available to us. Pfizer vaccinations have now become available.

In order to provide an effective Pfizer vaccination service to our local community from this Bogan Shire Council run and funded medical centre it is necessary to limit the eligibility of people to receive the Pfizer vaccination. In the lead up to the provision of the vaccinations the Bogan Shire Medical Centre had received many calls from people outside our region seeking access to the vaccine. It is understood that even people from Sydney had been attempting to access the vaccine from centres in our region.

Accordingly the General Manager recommended to the Mayor on 13 August that:

The Bogan Shire Medical Centre initially only accepts bookings for Pfizer vaccinations from:

- Residents of the Bogan Shire Local Government Area as well as
- Existing active patients of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre residing in surrounding Local Government Areas. Active patients being defined as those who have attended the Bogan Shire Medical Centre within the last 12 months.

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The Mayor, in consultation with the Deputy Mayor, accepted this recommendation and this policy has been in place since Tuesday 17 August 2021.

2.4 Recommendation

That Council endorses the following policy position in relation to availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre:

The Bogan Shire Medical Centre only accepts bookings for Pfizer vaccinations from:

- Residents of the Bogan Shire Local Government Area as well as,
- Existing active patients of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre residing in surrounding Local Government Areas. Active patients being defined as those who have attended the Bogan Shire Medical Centre within the last 12 months.

3 BOGAN RIVER UPPER WEIR FREE CAMPING

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council regarding free camping at the Bogan River Upper Weir site.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council regarding free camping at the Bogan River Upper Weir site.

3.2 Background

Council has recently completed works at the Bogan River Upper Weir to enhance the visitor experience for users of this site including local people and tourists.

Travelling tourists have used this site for several years as an informal free camping site and the introduction of facilities, including a toilet which was built to address public health concerns, will no doubt increase its appeal.

3.3 Discussion

Following discussions with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA), Bogan Shire Council concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with them as an "RV Friendly Town" in 2011. One of the requirements for an "RV Friendly Town" was to allow overnight parking for self-contained motorhomes, campervans and caravans.

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The Nyngan Showgrounds was initially selected as a free camp site which allowed parking for up to 96 hours however Council changed this in 2013 following representation from local caravan park owners.

As an alternative, Council nominated Teamsters Rest and Flood Memorial Carpark as places of overnight parking with the length of stay being limited to 24 hours. Issues relating to travellers accessing free power from the site led to Council securing the power outlets and erecting appropriate signage in Flood Memorial Park in 2017. This signage also advises that whilst no power is available on that site, power is available at the two caravan parks with their contact numbers provided.

Council should now determine the maximum length of stay for overnight parking / camping at the Bogan River Upper Weir site. Visitors seem to enjoy the site and anecdotally some are staying for at least a couple of days however this needs to be balanced against the previous representations from local caravan park owners in any decision Council makes in this regard.

3.4 Recommendation

That Council considers permitting free camping at the Bogan River Upper Weir Free Camping area for up to 72 hours.

4 BOGAN SHIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE – GAP FEES

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider whether or not to waive Gap Fee payments for children enrolled at the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre during the current COVID-19 situation.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider whether or not to waive Gap Fee payments for children enrolled at the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre during the current COVID-19 situation.

4.2 Background

Families who use child care are able to get assistance from the Federal Government towards the payment of child care fees charged by providers such as the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre (ELC).

This assistance is known as the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and is paid directly to providers such as the ELC to reduce the fees families have to pay. The amount of the subsidy depends on a number of things including the family's income and the age of the child.

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The gap fee is the difference between the amount the Government contributes through the Child Care Subsidy and the actual daily fee the provider (ELC) charges and is paid by parents directly to the ELC.

4.3 Discussion

As a result of the current COVID-19 Delta Outbreak the federal government has announced it would allow Early Education and Care providers in declared COVID hotspot areas to waive the gap fee for parents who choose to keep their children home during the current COVID-19 declaration. Providers would continue to receive the CCS from the government. Essentially waiving the Gap Fee helps parents keep their children enrolled without having to pay for a service they are not using.

Additional allowable absence days have also been granted. Allowable absence days mean families can still get CCS when their child is absent from a session of care they would normally attend for up to 42 days per child, per financial year. Staff are seeking clarity on the number of additional absence days to be granted.

Bogan Shire LGA has been a Commonwealth declared hotspot area since 11 August 2021.

Council has been notified by that Federal Government that Gap Fees at the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre can be waived from Thursday 19 August 2021 and some requests have been received from parents.

Whilst the Federal Government has authorised the waiving of Gap Fees there has been no mention of additional support from the Government to compensate for the loss of Gap Fees to help keep Centres such as the ELC financially viable

The decision on whether or not to waive the Gap Fees rests with the individual provider, in this case Bogan Shire Council.

If Council agreed to waive the Gap Fees it would still have to bear the cost of salaries and other operating expenses at the ELC but would lose out on an average of \$24,152 per month based on the Gap Fees paid by parents in the last quarter of the 2020/21 financial year.

4.4 Recommendation

That Council considers whether or not to waive Gap Fee payments for children enrolled at the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre for the duration of the current Federal Government hotspot declaration.

Debb Wood

Director People and Community Services

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 INVESTMENTS JULY 2021

Summary:

The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of July 2021.

At the 31st July 2021 Council had \$14.5 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$1.8million due to a large number of ordered works being completed and claims not being received as yet.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of July 2021.

1.2 Background

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 a report must be presented to the Council setting out details of all the money that the Council has invested under section 625 of the Act.

1.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for July 2021 is shown below. At the 31st July 2021 Council had \$14.5 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$1.8 million due to a large number of ordered works being completed and calims not being received as yet.

Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

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Investment Movements for July 2021

It is hereby certified that these investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Regulations thereto.

Bogan Shire - Investment movements						
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal June 21	Bal July 21
37908808	Commonwealth	02/03/2022	365	0.440%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.500%	13,580,064.59	11,764,344.59
	Balance securities held				16,380,064.59	14,564,344.59
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				16,380,064.59	14,564,344.59
	Summary by institution					
	Commonwealth				2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
	NAB				13,580,064.59	11,764,344.59
					16,380,064.59	14,564,344.59

1.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report be received and noted.

2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:

The report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31st July 2021, with the same period last year.

Total arrears have increased from \$672,133 as at the 31st July 2020 to \$857,841 as at 31st July this year.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31st July, 2021, with the same period last year.

2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2021-2022	2020-2021
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2021	857,841	672,133
First Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2021	1,121,045	1,188,044
Second Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2021	1,240,644	1,258,279
Third Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2021	1,259,811	1,272,662
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/07/2021	1,265,772	1,277,794
Total Arrears	857,841	672,133
Total Outstanding	5,745,113	5,668,912
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,157,663	6,053,366
Add: Adjustments	3928	0
Less: Payments to end of July	-339,557	-307,489
Less: Rebates	-76,921	-76,965
Gross Total Balance	5,745,113	5,668,912
Arrears of total amount levied %	14%	12%

Total arrears have increased from \$672,133 at the 31st July 2020 to 857,841 as at 31st July this year.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,539,000
(Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

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As at the 31st July 2021 Council had collected \$32,068 more than at the same time last year, an additional \$223,185 had been collected at the time of writing this report.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Rates and Annual Charges collection report be received and noted.

3 AUDIT OF 2020/2021 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Summary: *This report is to advise Council of the timeline for the Audit of the 2020/2021 Statutory Accounts.*

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the timing of the Audit of the Statutory Accounts for the 2020/2021 financial year and to ask Council to refer these accounts for Audit.

3.2 Background

Council is required to produce and have audited a set of Statutory Accounts each financial year. The 2020/2021 financial year closed on 30th June 2021 and audited statutory accounts must be lodged with the Office of Local Government by 31st October 2021.

3.3 Discussion

The auditors have initial audit dates between 16th and 20th August, providing that certain information was sent in advance.

Council staff were required to have a full set of statutory accounts completed by 16th August 2020 for Auditors. These draft accounts need to be adopted and referred to audit at this meeting.

3.4 Recommendation

That Council refer the 2021 Annual Financial Statements for Audit and that the necessary elected members and staff be authorised to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management on the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2021.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Director Finance and Corporate Service

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**REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Roads

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 12th July 2021, to 13th August 2021 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
78	Okeh Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.
20	Murrawombie Road	Emergency flood damage repairs commenced.
48	Fords Road	Emergency flood damage repairs commenced.
25	Merryanbone Road	Emergency flood damage repairs commenced.
1	Mulla Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.
40	Plummers Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.
41	Shannonvale Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.
3	Budabadah Road	Emergency flood damage repairs commenced.
10	Pangee Road	Tree trimming completed.
10	Pangee Road	R2R re-sheeting continuing.
44	Koomanganong Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.
16	Yarrandale Road	Shoulder Grading continuing.
7	Warrah Road	Emergency flood damage repairs completed.

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	Regional Roads	
228	Hermidale Nymagee Road	Sealing of shoulder grading completed.
57	Tottenham Road	2km of rehabilitation completed.
7514	Cockies Road	Tree trimming completed.
461	Condo Cobar Road	Emergency flood damage repairs continuing
7514	Cockies Road	Flood damage repairs commencing at the four ways.
	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Pothole patching continuing.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulla Road rehabilitation continuing.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Tree Trimming completed.

Council's jet patching truck has completed work on the following roads.

- Town Streets
- Hermidale Nymagee Road
- Nyngan Town Streets
- Dandaloo Road
- Yarrandale Road
- Tottenham Road
- Pangee Road
- Pangee Road

The upcoming works program for Council's Rural Works teams includes, but not limited to the following works:-

- Commencing, or continuing maintenance grading, re-sheeting, or flood damage repairs of the following roads:- Murrawombie Road, Glenngarriff Road, Koomanganong Road, Coffil's Lane, Gongolgon Road, Merryanbone Road, Cobar Condobolin Road, Yarrandale Road, Pangee Road, and Colane Road.
- Commencing heavy patching on Yarrandale Road.
- Commencing tree clearing on the Mitchell Highway ahead of the 2021-22 sealing program.

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1.2 Works and Services

The work undertaken during this reporting period consisted of the following:

Civil Works

- Replaced Air conditioner units Dr Chans surgery
- Carried out vermin control council buildings (ongoing)
- Installed septic systems at Coolabah & Hermidale in preparation for new toilet blocks
- Erected shelter at Frank Smith Oval (Contractors)
- Assisted in site preparation Youth Centre site
- Installation of the following at the old bridge crossing on the eastern bank of the Bogan River:
 - Footpaths, shelters, stairways over levee, wheelchair access to tables/seating, sandstone steps into river, solar lighting
- Continued tree maintenance town streets
- Restoration on War Memorial carried out at Hermidale park
- Removed old play equipment Hermidale Park
- Painting & repairs carried out on junior league canteen/dressing sheds
- Constructed new photographers stand for race course
- Security lighting installed Engineering car park (Contractors)

Community Facilities

- Mowing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan
- Cleaning of town facilities
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts
- Assist in dangerous tree removal Oxley Street
- Prepared site for National Tree Day
- Carried out Slashing , spraying & pothole maintenance town levee
- Prepared Show ground for Dog trials
- Assisting in construction of Bogan River Nature Trail

Water & Wastewater

- Carrying out annual maintenance on filtration plant (ongoing)
- Weeds spraying carried out APC (ongoing)
- Sewer repairs Mudal & Bogan Streets

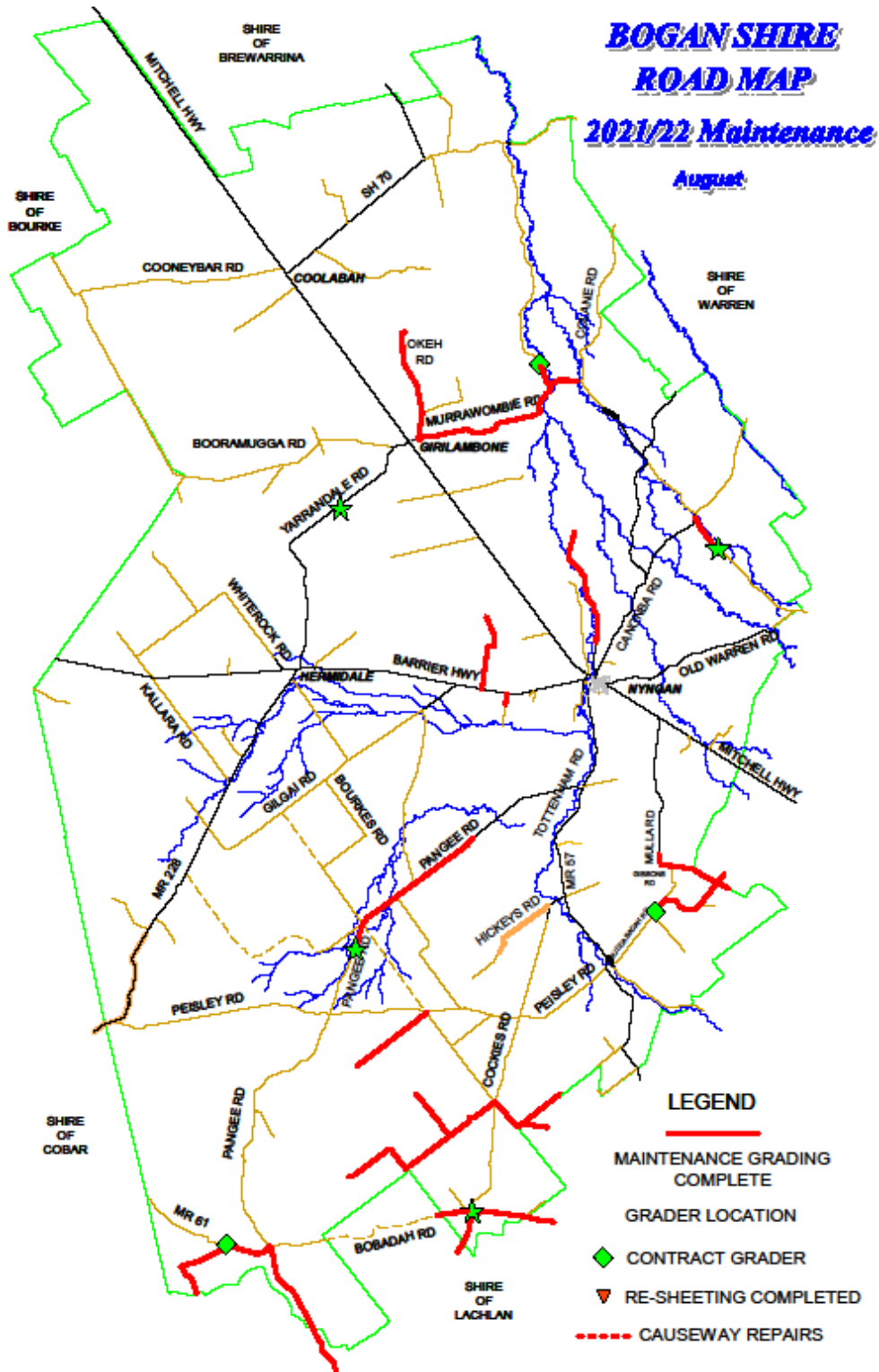
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- Installed Sewer pump station 92 Canonbar St
- Repairs carried out on Coolabah reticulation system
- Installed water service & sprinkler system to old bridge crossing on the eastern bank of the Bogan River
- Additional water treatment required due to high Turbidity & colour in Bogan river at present
- Flushing of reticulation system being carried out (ongoing)

1.3 Recommendation

That the Engineering Services Operational Report be received and noted.

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2 NEEROC ROAD RE-SHEETING

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request to re-sheet the Neeroc Road

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request to re-sheet the Neeroc Road

2.2 Background

Council received letters from Will Carter and Owen Carter in July 2021 requesting the re-sheeting of Neeroc Road. Council resolved at the July 2021 meeting that the Engineering Department do a full inspection and assessment of the road and report back to Council.

2.3 Discussion

Neeroc Road was originally constructed as a formed only road without a gravel pavement. The road had a short section of crushed rock added a few years ago to repair a length of formation that was impassable in the wet.

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The road was inspected on the 13th July 2021 after the first section of the road had been maintenance graded. The following photos show the current condition of the road.



Formed only section



Crushed rock section



Formed only section



Crushed rock section WhitbarrowCk

The road is currently in a good condition but, like the majority of our roads, suffers from constant vehicle use in periods of wet weather. This is especially the case through winter when the pavement becomes wet and the colder weather prevents wet pavements from drying out.

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The estimated cost to re-sheet the full length of Neeroc road is \$100,000. The Roads to Recovery 2021-22 budget for re-sheeting is fully allocated to other roads but may vary slightly if higher priorities arise.

Council has applied for crushed rock re-sheeting funding through the Fixing Local Roads Program and has included \$100,000 for the Neeroc Road. It is expected that Council will be advised of successful project funding in October 2021.

Council needs to consider whether to:

- a. Reallocate Roads to Recovery Funding to Neeroc Road;
- b. Defer a decision on resheeting Neeroc Road until the outcome of the Fixing Local Roads Program application is known; or
- c. Identify other sources of revenue to cover funding the resheeting of Neeroc Road from the current year's budget and carry the work out as soon as practical.

2.4 Recommendation

For Councils consideration.

3 INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that Public Works Advisory will be preparing an Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy which is funded by DPIE Water.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that Public Works Advisory will be preparing an *Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy* which is funded by DPIE Water.

3.2 Background

DPIE Water are providing funding through the Safe and Secure Water Program for Council's to update their *Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy* which was previously updated in 2015. Council will require the updated strategy to be eligible for future Safe and Secure Water Program funding.

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3.3 Discussion

An Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Strategy is a 30 year plan developed by Council that identifies an integrated water, sewerage and stormwater supply scenario that provides the best value for money on the basis of social, environmental and economic considerations. This encourages less reliance on limited natural water sources, less production of pollutant loads to the environment through stormwater and sewerage and involves efficient pricing and water management.

Council is required to prepare their IWCM Strategy in accordance with the DPIE Water's IWCM Check List and requested Public Works Advisory to submit a proposal. PWA have extensive experience in preparing IWCM Strategies and are completing them for other Councils and are also familiar with Bogan Shires water and sewer systems.

The Safe and Secure Water Program has been established to address key risks to regional water safety and security in NSW and to provide safe, secure and sustainable water and wastewater services to regional NSW towns. To ensure that the program funds the highest priority risks and issues, all eligible risks and issues are assessed against prioritisation criteria.

Whilst all outcomes of the DPIE IWCM Check List will be covered, Public Works have identified the following key activities for the engagement for the development of the IWCM strategy:

- Historical population and demand analysis
- 30-year population and demographic projections
- 30-year water cycle analysis and projections
- System capacity and performance assessment
- Preparation of an issues paper
- Evaluating and assessing feasible options
- Creating and assessing IWCM Scenarios
- Preparation of the draft and final IWCM strategy
- Preparation of the Total Asset Management Plan and Financial Plan.

Public Works Advisory have allowed 14 months to complete this project at an estimated cost of **\$267,468 ex GST**

3.4 Recommendation

That this report be received and noted.

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4 DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY UPDATE

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a proposal from Public Works Advisory to prepare tender specifications, call and assess tenders, and engage a suitable contractor to upgrade the Nyngan water treatment plant to improve compliance with drinking water standards.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt an updated version of the Bogan Shire Council Drinking Water Quality Policy.

4.2 Background

Bogan Shire Council is committed to managing its water supply effectively to provide a safe, quality product that consistently meets appropriate drinking water standards developed in accordance with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* and other regulatory requirements.

To achieve this, Council implemented and maintain a *Drinking Water Management System* to effectively manage the risks to drinking water quality.

4.3 Discussion

The *Drinking Water Management System* was implemented in 2013 and it includes management of critical control points, incident response plans, standard operating procedures, and a Drinking Water Quality Policy.

The *Drinking Water Management System* has been reviewed to ensure risks, controls, and procedures are up to date and current. The policy has also been reviewed in the process and has had some minor changes, requiring adoption by Council.

4.4 Attachment

Drinking Water Quality Policy

4.5 Recommendation

That Council adopt the Drinking Water Quality Policy

Graeme Bourke
Director Engineering Services



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Attachment 1 : Drinking Water Quality Policy



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**REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT &
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Four (4) applications have been approved, two (2) applications are under assessment and one (1) application has been notified to adjoining property owners for assessment since Council's meeting of 22 July 2021 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2021/004	Mr Mark Castelletti	74 Oatley Street, Nyngan	Subdivision	-	Under Assessment
2021/009	Mr Robert Pack	52 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Awning	\$20,000	Approved
2021/011	Ms J Carney	25 Nyngan Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$19,000	Approved
2021/013	Mrs Emily Stanton	87 Pangee Street, Nyngan	Change of Use	-	Under Assessment
2021/014	Mr Dallas Boyd	33-39 Oval Place, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$30,000	Notification sent to adjoining neighbours
2021/015	Brett Harvey Design and Construction	84 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$373,000	Approved
2021/016	Mr P Smith	61 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Carport	\$17,620	Approved

Council's Development and Environment Officer has taken a number of pre-Development Application enquiries during the reporting month. Assistance continues to be provided to the community regarding lodgment of applications on the NSW Planning Portal.

1.2 Recommendation

That this report be received and noted.



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2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline key information and works undertaken by Council's Development and Environmental Services Department during the reporting period.

2.2 Discussion

Gardens

- Routine works, maintenance at all areas of responsibility.
- Two (2) students from Nyngan High School have commenced Work Experience with the Senior Gardener & his team one day a week on Wednesday & Thursday respectively. This will continue during the school term until the end of the year.

Waste Management

- Statistics relating to the Council waste management functions are contained in the attached:
 - Table 1 Collection
 - Table 2 Disposal
 - Table 3 Vouchers and Resource Recovery
- The fourth round of the environmental monitoring required by the licence was completed with satisfactory results. These are posted on Council's website.
- The Nyngan waste facility was broken into (fence cut) on the 31st July, two small fires were lit in the e-waste disposal cell and possibly some scrap steel/Waste materials stolen.

Compliance

- Statistics relating to Council compliance functions are contained in the attached:
 - Table 4 Compliance and Biosecurity
- A number of the registered food premises were inspected during the period with no significant issues.

Biosecurity

- Statistics relating to Council Biodiversity functions are contained in the attached Table 4.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Environment Services Operational Report received and noted.

TABLE 1 – Waste Management - Collection

<u>Month</u>	<u>KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION</u>			<u>KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION</u>				
	<u>Number of Premises with Service*</u>	<u>Services Provided (bins emptied)</u>	<u>Tonnes Collected</u>	<u>Number of Premises with Service*</u>	<u>Services Provided (bins emptied)</u>	<u>Tonnes Collected</u>	<u>Tonnes Recycled</u>	<u>% of Contamination</u>
<u>2020- 2021</u>	1029		302.10	896		117.50	90.92	22.53
<u>2021 - 2022</u>								
July	1031	5,398	41.10	898	1,062	10.30	3.08	29.89
NOTES	* As at the 1st July, includes both domestic and business premises							

TABLE 2 – Waste Management – Disposal, Recycling and Resource Recovery

<u>Month</u>	<u>Nyngan Landfill</u>						
	<u>Tonnes Received</u>						
	<u>Mixed Waste</u>	<u>Recoverable Materials</u>			<u>Recyclables</u>		
		<u>Organic</u>	<u>Masonry</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Paper/Cardboard</u>	<u>Metal/eWaste</u>	<u>Other*</u>
<u>2020- 2021</u>	1,921.52	680.78	452.54	0.00	56.28	78.96	34.84
<u>2021 - 2022</u>							
July	112.97	100.47	36.00	0.00	4.14	12.67	0.80
NOTES	*Other materials recycled include: used engine oil, batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers and cleaned chemical drums. All weights are nominal weight converted from CuM or assumed tare weights.						

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TABLE 3 – Waste Management – Vouchers and Exported Resource Recovery

<u>Month</u>	<u>VOUCHERS</u>				<u>OUT for RECYLING/RECOVERY</u>			
	Number of Voucher Issued*	Vouchers redeemed in Month	Vouchers redeemed this year	Value of Vouchers Redeemed	Metal/eWaste	Mattresses	Tyres	Other
<u>2020- 2021</u>			4,015		185.54	16.68	7.52	
<u>2021 - 2022</u>								
July	14,604	312	312	\$ 14,444.00	0	5.26	0	0
NOTES	* As at the 1st July							

TABLE 4 - Compliance and Biosecurity

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ranger</u>				<u>Biosecurity</u>				
	<u>Animals Impounded</u>	<u>Animals Released</u>		<u>Complaints*</u>	<u>Inspections (WAP)</u>				Low Priority Weed Control Spraying *
	-	To Owner	Rehomed		Private land	Council land	Roads (Km)	Waterways	
<u>2021 - 2022</u>									-
July	2	3	4	16	14	6	715	1	25
NOTES	* Includes dog, cat, straying stock, dead animals, and general matters				NOTES * Works inside the Levy				

3 NYNGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL WATER SLIDE CHARGES

Summary:

The purpose of this report is for Council to set the charges for use of the water slide at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2021 – 2022 season.

3.1 Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to set the charges for use of the water slide at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2021 – 2022 season.

3.2 Introduction

Discussion have recently taken place with the appointed pool manager for the coming swimming season, particularly in relation to the operation of the new water slide, its hours, supervision and cost recovery. A scale of user charges have been proposed.

3.3 Background

Comparisons were made with pools in the region that also have water slides, to gauge the times and charges imposed at those facilities.

3.4 Discussion

It has been discussed that the times that the slide will be open to the public will need to be flexible for reasons such as the weather, and attendance number at any particular time, and as a dedicated staff member needs to be employed when the slide is open.

The proposal is that the slide opening hours be at the discretion of the pool management, and as a guide the slide to operate for two (2) hours on weekdays after school and five (5) hours on weekends, public holidays, and weekdays during school holidays.

3.5 Recommendation

1. That the following charges for the use of the water slide at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool be adopted as amendments to the Bogan Shire Operational Plan and Budget 2021/2022:

\$1.00 per ride,
\$3.00 per half hour, and
\$5.00 per hour.

4 NYNGAN WAR MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL REPAIR WORKS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils wishes in relation to the timing and funding of the return waterline replacement works required at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils wishes in relation to the timing and funding of the return waterline replacement works required at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool.

4.2 Background

Council was advised at the February 2021 meeting that a section of the new pool liner installed prior to the 2020-21 swimming season had 'lifted' and a couple of short cracks and a hole had also developed. Council subsequently resolved to include the repair cost as part of an application under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Grants program.

The replacement of the return water line has been included in the grant application as resolved by Council, however a requirement of the grant is that no work can commence on a grant project prior to the 1st of October, or prior to the grant announcement, whichever is the later.

4.3 Discussion

If the failed return water line issue is not rectified it is likely that further cracking and holes will continue to develop in the pool liner and given that the liner does have a fibreglass component in its makeup, it may well become hazardous, and require consideration to closing the pool.

The current issue is around the timing of the works and the availability of the grant funds. The pool regularly opens to the public on the first weekend of October each year, which leaves an overlap with the commencement time under the grant conditions. The contractor has indicated a time frame of two weeks to do the work (subject to weather) and can currently do the job in September (again subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

There are three possible options for Council to consider in relation to the timing and financing of the required works, being:

1. Wait for the grant announcement, before doing the work, use the grant funds, and delay the opening of the pool until the work is completed, if the announcement is delayed then the contractor's availability may become an issue, possibly further delaying the opening. At best this would see the pool opened no earlier than mid- October.
2. Use Councils own funds to do the work as soon as it can be done and prior to October and open the pool as scheduled. The grant fund may or may not be able to be reallocated to another project or projects. There are no funds currently allocated in the 2020/2021 budget for this purpose and will need to be drawn from reserves.
3. Leave the pool liner as it is for another season, and hope it does not get much worse, and then use the grant funds to undertake the works.

4.4 Recommendation

That Council considers the options available to complete the replacement of the return water line at the Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool.

Chris Foley

Acting Senior Manager Development and Environmental Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 THE HON. PAUL TOOLE MP, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL TRASPORT AND ROADS

Attached is correspondence received from The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads.

1.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

2 GRAINFLOW

Attached is correspondence received from received from, Grainflow Regional Operations Manager, in regard to grain receival storage capacity in Nyngan

2.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

3 THE HON KEVIN HOGAN MP, ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR PAGE

Attached is correspondence received from The Hon. Kevin Hogan MP

3.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

4 THE NYNGAN GOLF CLUB

Attached is correspondence received from The Nyngan Golf Club.

3.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

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The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

Our Ref: 01280995

Councillor Ray Donald OAM
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
81 Cobar Street
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your correspondence about the railway level crossing and the closure of the John Holland Rail works depot at Nyngan.

As your letter regarding the closure of the John Holland Rail works depot was referred to me by the Deputy Premier, I have addressed it separately.

I am pleased your council was successful in securing funding under the Fixing Local Roads Round 2 program which will enable you to rehabilitate Pangee Street, Nyngan.

In regard to the railway level crossing at Hoskins Street, I am advised it complies with Australian standards for train speeds up to 80km/h. While there are no plans to upgrade it, Transport for NSW recently had discussions with Bogan Shire Council and is open to consider other solutions that could be implemented with consideration of rail operations and road safety.

I am further advised council is conducting its own review and Transport for NSW is committed to considering any solutions recommended as part of this review, including supporting council to close the crossing given the other level crossings nearby.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP

13/08/2021



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held on 26 August 2021**

Sent: Monday, 19 July 2021 7:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MAYOR RAY DONALD, BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Sorry for the delay in my response.

We are currently working on a number of things to ensure appropriate space will be available at the site this coming harvest, including an intensive rail program which has seen stocks at site reduce considerably.

What do you need from me to kick off the approval process for us to build some temporary grain storage bunkers at site?

*Phil Goldsack
Regional Operations Manager C/SNSW*



14 Webster St, Oaklands NSW 2646

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The Hon Kevin Hogan MP

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister
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Cr Ray Donald OAM
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2021 to the Hon Mark Coulton MP, the then Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, regarding the importance of Financial Assistance Grant (FA Grant) funding to the financial sustainability of rural councils like your own.

The FA Grant is one of the very few untied funding programs provided to local governments across Australia, and I am aware of its importance to local councils. The certainty of funding for local priorities, particularly for regional and rural councils, which have fewer alternative sources of revenue must be very welcome, particularly during economic downturns when other sources of revenue become less predictable. I trust your recent pre-payment of \$2,318,903 from this year's FA Grant entitlement will allow you to progress some local priorities.

One of the strengths of the FA Grant is that they are entrenched in Commonwealth legislation, which provides for certainty and transparency of funding. The legislation provides for annual growth in the national allocation, by indexing according to population and economic growth.

The Commonwealth calculates each jurisdiction's funding according to this formula, which generally provides for steady increases to jurisdiction allocations. New South Wales' funding has grown steadily each year, for a net 11.46 per cent increase in the five years to 2020-21.

I note your suggestion for changes to the current approach to distributing funds to take into account the relative financial disadvantage of smaller rural councils compared with their urban counterparts. The Australian Government recognises that regional councils generally have less ability to raise rates and earn non-rates revenue, and yet hold greater service provision responsibilities and higher costs.

The Hon Kevin Hogan MP
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Allocations under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* must be consistent with the National Principles, the first of which requires allocations to take 'account of differences in the expenditure required by those local governing bodies in the performance of their functions and in the capacity of those local governing bodies to raise revenue.'

I note that your annual FA Grant allocation of around \$4.6 million represents nearly a quarter of your proposed Budget for 2021-22. Although, as a whole, FA Grant represents less than five per cent of local government revenue, I understand that regional councils such as yours are highly dependent on that assistance.

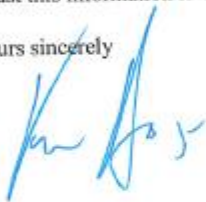
It is worth noting that local governments are established in legislation by state and territory governments, and all first ministers agreed at National Cabinet in April 2020 that the primary responsibility for local government financial sustainability rests with the states and territories. Given the Commonwealth's significant and ongoing untied support for local governments through the FA Grant, it would be worth raising with the New South Wales Government the possibility for additional state-funded assistance for smaller regional, rural and remote councils to ensure they remain financially viable and able to perform their statutory functions.

I understand the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) policy platform focusses on seeking an increase to the FA Grant to one per cent of Commonwealth Taxation Receipts. My Department's analysis indicates that this portfolio's funding to and through local government in 2020-21 is \$5.0 billion, significantly more than one per cent of available Commonwealth Taxation Receipts. Also I note ALGA do not support changes that would allow a greater proportion of the FA Grant to flow to rural and regional councils. The FA Grant calculation has not been tied to Commonwealth Taxation Receipts since 1986.

As the Commonwealth has no plans to increase the FA Grant beyond the legislated indexation that occurs annually, you may wish to raise your concerns about regional distributions through Local Government NSW, whose policy platform feeds into ALGA's stance on this matter.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Australian Government. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Hogan', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kevin Hogan

5/8/2021

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The General Manager
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Dear Derek,

Nyngan Golf Club are currently in the process of upgrading the golf course tee signs. The signs display the distance and index of each of the 18 holes on the course. Each sign has its own individual sponsor and the sponsorship money is put towards maintaining the golf course. The cost of the sign is \$300 annually. Nyngan Golf Club would greatly appreciate if Council would consider sponsoring a tee sign. We look forward to hearing your response.

Regards,

Tara McDermott
Nyngan Golf Club
0438348847

