



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Ordinary Business Paper

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024

Time: 7.00pm

**Location: Bogan Shire Council
Council Chambers
81 Cobar Street
Nyngan**

**Derek Francis
General Manager**



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Outback Arts Have Been Invited To Attend This Council Meeting.

- 1 **OPENING PRAYER**
- 2 **REMEMBRANCES**
- 3 **APOLOGIES**
- 4 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDINARY MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING - 25 JULY 2024

The minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Bogan Shire Council, Council Chambers, 81 Cobar Street, Nyngan on 25 July 2024 have been circulated to Council.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held at the Bogan Shire Council, Council Chambers, 81 Cobar Street, Nyngan on 25 July 2024, be received and noted.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

8 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Nil

10 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS

10.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S CHECKLIST

Item	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	23/09/2021	249/2021	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Prior to the next state Election, Council raise the issue of the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & Train Speeds with Barwon candidates.	GM	TfNSW has informed Council that it is considering trialing a Rail Active Crossing System at Hoskins Street crossing. This is a solar powered, wireless, flashing lights system. Discussed with Roy Butler 07/06/2023 – followed up 11/08/2023.
	23/11/2023	282/23		That Council respond to Minister Atchison, with a request that the train speed limit be reduced to 20km/hour, as Council is not in a position		This matter was drawn to the attention of Minister Atchison on 12/01/2024 during her visit to Nyngan. Further letters sent to Minister Atchison and Roy Butler MP.

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				financially to provide rail crossing lights.		Discussed with Minister Atchison on 15/07/2024 during her visit to Nyngan – precis item refers.
2	27/05/2022	122/2022	Nyngan Emergency Bore	Council seeks advice from the Minister for Water, as to a mechanism for periodic extraction of water for maintenance purposes, given that it is understood that Council is unable to extract water from the bore at this stage.	GM	Letter written to new Minister for Water, advising them of resolution 122/2022 and seeking clarification on funding. Minister for Water has advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has begun on amendments to the Water Sharing Plan. • No further funding is available for the bore project.
	23/02/2023	010/2023		Council vote for a 200mm pipe instead of 375mm pipe, on the basis of water consumption.	GM	Public Works have provided an alternative cost estimate of \$5.092M, based on the 200mm pipeline.

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	27/04/2023	081/2023		<p>A decision on the request for a meeting be deferred until Council receives a response from the NSW Government on whether the emergency bore hole project is to be funded.</p> <p>Virginia and Richard Woodlock be requested to provide Council with specific concerns of concerned landholders and rate payers in writing, so that responses can be prepared, and arrangements made for appropriate NSW Government staff to be available.</p>		<p>On hold pending response.</p> <p>Letter sent to Richard and Virginia Woodlock advising them of Council's resolution.</p>

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	24/08/2023	184/23		<p>That Council prioritises remaining available grant funding of \$7,111,871 across the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water purchases b. Belaringar Creek Syphon c. Nyngan Emergency Bore pipeline 		DPE advised accordingly.
3	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.	DPCS	Planning for new residential subdivision has commenced.

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	28/09/2023			Council provides a budget of \$25,000 for production of videos for the relocation campaign.		Production of Employment video has commenced.
4	25/07/2024	144/24	New Water Treatment Plant Site	That Council does not proceed with building the new Water Treatment Plant on the site adjacent to the substation at the end of Dandaloo Street. That Council constructs the new Water Treatment Plant on the Council owned land at the Raw Water Pump Station at the upper weir.	DES	In Progress
5	28/07/2022	171/2022	Hoskins Street Subdivision	Council notes the proposed changes to the design and layout of the Hoskins Street subdivision and that	DES	UPDATE: Development Application submitted to Council. Tender documents to be released shortly.

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	23/11/2023	279/23		<p>Council staff progress detailed design and development of tender specifications accordingly.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to lodge a development application for Stage 1 of the Hoskins Street subdivision.</p> <p>The General Manager be authorised to proceed to final preparation of tender documents, based on the layout contained in the Concept Plan, attached to report 5.3, with a view to inviting tenders for construction on a “subject to DA” basis.</p>		

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	22/02/2024	005/24		That consideration be given in 2024-2025 budget discussions to cover any shortfall in available grant funding, with this to be recovered from land sales.		
6	23/03/2023	053/2023	Reclassification of Land – 8 Tabratong Street	Council submits a planning proposal under Section 28 of the Local Government Act to reclassify Lot 1 DP102113, Lot 2 DP355559 and Lot 3 DP 945184 from Community Land to Operational Land.	DDES	<p>In progress – Planning proposal is under development. Conversion from Community Land to Operational Land is expected to have an outcome by March 2025.</p> <p>UPDATE: Planning proposal proceeding according to schedule.</p> <p>Site has been valued at \$110,000 to \$125,000.</p>

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7	27/07/2023 25/07/2024	160/23 146/24	School Exchange Program	The General Manager commence discussions around the future of the Tongling Exchange Program, with a report to Council. That Council consider locations that may have economic/industry ties for the School Exchange Program, to enhance the student experience.	GM	Not yet commenced.
8	28/09/2023	209/23	Relocation Marketing Campaign – Promotional Videos	Council investigates creating an artwork that acknowledges Country that can be used in the videos and other purposes, with a report to a future meeting of Council.	DPCS	UPDATE: Awaiting response from Nyngan LALC regarding their suggestions for suitable artwork. Awaiting response.

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9	26/10/2023	247/23	Before and After School Care, Nyngan	That the Before and After School Care matter be further pursued with the Department of Education, and if necessary the Minister.	GM	Verbal update given at Council Meeting 23/11/2023.
	22/02/2024	009/24		Issue of lack of Before and After School Care in Nyngan be referred to Local Member.		Correspondence sent to Local Member.
	25/07/2024	147/24		That Council request the Local Member to make further contact with the Minister for Education about the lack of Before and After School Care in Nyngan		UPDATE: Email sent to Local Member.

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10	23/11/2023	278/23	Nyngan Year-Round Fishery	That Council provide in principle support for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with DPI Fisheries for a managed fishery in the Nyngan off-river storages, with a further report to Council to consider a draft Memorandum of Understanding.	DES	In Progress
11	28/03/2024	046/24	Crown Road Off Cockies Road	That the General Manager, Mayor and Deputy Mayor enter into discussions with the property owners, to determine what if any alternatives they have for accessing the property via Lachlan Shire and whether they have	DES	Meeting held on 9 May 2024 with property owners, General Manager, Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Property owners are due to meet with Lachlan Shire in the last week of June 2024. UPDATE: Lachlan Shire Council considered this matter at their

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				<p>approached Lachlan Shire Council and have discussed this matter, or have any outcome from those discussions with Lachlan Shire Council.</p> <p>That Council contact Lachlan Shire Council to obtain information on their intention in relation to this matter.</p> <p>That the General Manager provides a report to Council in May or June, confirming:</p> <p>a Options for transferring the unformed Shire road, after transfer from the Crown is complete, into private ownership. Or alternatively if Lachlan Shire could take over the</p>		<p>meeting on 17 July 2024 with the following resolution: <i>“Council uphold previous resolution 2021/65 and decline the request to become the road authority.”</i></p> <p>It is recommended that this item be marked as completed at this stage with the property owners informed that Bogan Shire Council remains open to further discussions if the property owners are able to resolve matters with Lachlan Shire Council.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

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				<p>Crown land, either by transfer or purchase from Bogan Shire Council.</p> <p>The costs of clearing timber and forming the road to the minimum acceptable standard.</p> <p>c Mechanisms to ensure current and future owners of “Hopbush Valley” property are aware that Council has no intention of upgrading the road beyond the minimum acceptable standard.</p> <p>That Council defers any decision on this matter until the General Manager’s report comes to Council.</p>		

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12	27/06/2024	119/24	Outback Arts Membership	That Council continues its ongoing membership of Outback Arts and the Regional Arts Development Program and invites Outback Arts to the July Council Meeting to present planned events over the next twelve months for Bogan Shire.	DPC	UPDATE: Outback Arts has accepted an invitation to attend this meeting of Council. COMPLETED
13	27/06/2024	121/24	NSW Governments Holiday Break Program	That Council write to the Minister for Youth, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Western New South Wales, and Member for Barwon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explaining the impacts on small communities of the changes in the 	DPC	Letter sent to Minister for Youth, Minister for Regional New South Wales and Western New South Wales, and Member for Barwon.

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				<p>Holiday Break program funding,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing solutions on how the Department of Regional NSW, could better group LGAs based on population/size, • Suggesting the option of single holiday break applications for smaller LGAs, and • Requesting applications to be determined based on merit rather than on a first in first approved basis until funding has been exhausted. 		

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14	27/06/2024	127/24	Tottenham Road Condition Assessment Report	<p>That Council prepares a Tottenham Road Rehabilitation Business Case for the Tottenham Road.</p> <p>That Council brings the condition assessment to the attention of the Minister for Roads and Transport for NSW to seek urgent funding to address the issues raised.</p>	DES	UPDATE: Business Case process commenced.
15	27/06/2024	132/24	Nyngan War Memorial Pool Remediation	That Council approves the remediation works required for the Nyngan War Memorial Pool and funds be sourced from budget savings.	DDES	UPDATE: Remedial works complete. COMPLETED

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16	27/06/2024	134/24	Nyngan Community Homes	That Council request that Nyngan Community Homes Association presents a satisfactory Business Plan and shows it has the capacity to build planned homes on the land, Council will consider an appropriate arrangement to facilitate the provision of the land which was formerly the Palais Theatre, on the basis of that plan.	GM	Email forwarded to Nyngan Community Homes with Council resolution and to contact the General Manager if further information is required. UPDATE: No Business Plan yet received. Nyngan Community Homes have verbally advised that they would like to address a future meeting of Council on this matter.
17	25/07/2024	151/24	Water Tower Art	That Council gives direction to an artist to determine the style and subject matter of artwork to be placed on the water tower near the skate park.	DES	UPDATE: Preliminary briefing held with artist with the intention of having concept designs presented to the October Council meeting.

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				Themes that are iconic to Bogan Shire including artwork with aboriginal designs <u>Theme One:</u> Flood and Evacuation Scene <u>Theme Two:</u> Mining & Agricultural industries of Bogan Shire <u>Theme Three:</u> Olympic Gold Medallists <u>Theme Four:</u> Bogan River & Wildlife/recreation		

1. Attachments

Nil

Recommendation

That the report relating to the Monthly Checklist be received and those items marked at “Completed” be removed from the Checklist.

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10.2 NYNGAN TENNIS SECTION 355 COMMITTEE

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with information relating to usage of the Nyngan tennis courts and clubhouse and to recommend to Council the adoption of the attached Delegation of Authority for the Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Management Committee effective from 2 September 2024.

2. Background

Council obtained grant funding to refurbish the Nyngan tennis courts and clubhouse to reintroduce the game of tennis to Nyngan and encourage usage of the courts. These works have now been mostly completed.

Following the refurbishment of the Nyngan tennis courts and clubhouse, Council invited community members interested in re-forming the Nyngan Tennis Club to a meeting attended by the Mayor and General Manager on 30 April 2024.

Discussions with community members have included the formation of a Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee.

Section 355 Committees are a useful mechanism that benefit both Council and the community by providing interested persons with an opportunity to have an active role in the delivery / management of Council services / facilities. The community activity benefits through the protection given by operating under the banner of Council (particularly in insurance matters) and the Council benefits through the voluntary assistance given in carrying out its functions.

Section 355 Committees are established under Section 355 of the Local Government Act which allows Council to exercise its functions through such a committee and Section 377 which allows Council to delegate certain functions to others. Section 377 specifically prohibits the delegation of certain functions, such as the appointment of a General Manager or the fixing of a fee, which require a decision of the full Council.

3. Discussion

The community meeting on 30 April 2024 was well attended and those present nominated the following as interim office bearers of a proposed Tennis Club:

- President: Nick Simpson
- Vice President: Wayne Judge
- Secretary: Graeme Jackson
- Treasurer: Cathy Lewis

Amongst matters discussed at that meeting was the issue of public liability insurance and the respective responsibilities of Bogan Shire Council and the proposed Club. Concerns were raised about the potential cost of insurance should the Club be required to hold its own insurance.

An option considered for the proposed Club was membership of Tennis Australia, which would include insurance, but this would come at a cost to the Club. These costs would have to be passed on to members of the Club which may be onerous particularly while the new Club was trying to build up membership.

The General Manager undertook to make inquiries about the extent of Council's insurance cover as it relates to activities on the tennis courts.

Advice from Council's insurers was that our public liability insurance cover would extend to members of the public accessing the tennis courts to play tennis but, if a Tennis Club were to be formed, they would need their own insurance and there would be no cover for the Club under the Statewide Mutual Scheme.

In the meantime, inquiries with Tennis NSW showed that it would be advantageous for Council to join Tennis NSW as a Council member to obtain preferential subscription rates for the Clubspark booking system and Igloohome locking system. These systems allow for bookings (and fee payments, if any) as well as lighting controls to be done via a mobile app. The annual fee is \$590. Costs of installation of the booking and locking systems can be met from the existing tennis court grant.

It is recommended that Council becomes a member of Tennis NSW and that their booking and locking systems be installed at the Nyngan tennis court and clubhouse.

At a follow-up meeting on 13 June 2024, the Mayor and General Manager discussed this information with the executive of the proposed Club as well as the option of forming a Section 355 Committee. The executive was in favour of pursuing the Section 355 option, as an alternative to forming an independent Tennis Club, at least in the interim with the option of formally forming a Club in the future.

With any Section 355 Committee it is important to clearly establish respective roles and responsibilities for these community committees and Council. This is both to avoid confusion in operational matters and, more importantly perhaps, in case of insurance cover and responsibilities under any legal action brought against the Committee or Council.

To achieve this, Council needs to formally delegate certain responsibilities to the Committees and to have Committee constitutions that align with these.

It is recommended that a Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee be established with the following functions of Council delegated to the Committee, subject to the direction of Bogan Shire Council:

- Court and Clubhouse bookings
- Taking of fees, if any
- Minor tennis clubhouse cleaning and maintenance
- Minor court maintenance (sweeping the sand for example)
- Arrange and conduct tennis coaching clinics
- Arrange and conduct informal tennis competitions
- Advice to Council on significant maintenance and capital improvement matters

Membership of the Committee should comprise all persons who will be carrying out any of these functions which could be just the executive or also other members. It is not necessary, from a governance point of view, for people who just want to play tennis to join the Committee. As Council will recall from Nyngan Museum Committee discussions, all members need to be named in order for Council's delegation to be valid. Further discussions will need to be had with the executive around membership with names of the Committee provided to Council in a future report.

It is recommended that a court booking fee be introduced for night time bookings when the lights are used which should be sufficient to cover the estimated cost of electricity used. Council can consider whether fees should be payable for daytime court use – or to make it free to encourage uptake of tennis in the community. This will be influenced by what the Committee foresees using resulting monies collected for.

Setting of fees cannot be delegated to the Committee or the General Manager and these would have to be set by Council after consultation with the executive. A further report will be provided to Council with appropriate recommendations.

At its meeting held on 26 October 2023 Council adopted a standard Section 355 Committee Manual which will apply to all 355 Committees and can be used as ready reference source by them.

In addition Council is required to formally delegate appropriate functions to the Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee. The attached Instrument of Delegation, which references the Section 355 Committee Manual will come into effect on the date specified once adopted by Council.

Councillors will note that the attached Instrument specifies the term of the Committee to be the current term of Council plus three months. Whilst there is little of the current term remaining this provision should stand to bring the term in line with other Section 355 Committees and allow progress to be made with the formation of the Committee.

4. Attachments

1. Delegation of Authority

5. Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council:
 - (a) Establishes a Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee.
 - (b) Adopts the attached Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee Instrument of Delegation effective from 23 August 2024.
 - (c) Becomes a member of Tennis NSW.
 - (d) Installs the Tennis NSW booking and locking systems for the Nyngan tennis courts and clubhouse.
3. That the General Manager has further discussions with the interim executive of Nyngan Tennis Club about membership, fees and other relevant matters with a further report to Council.



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DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee

1. Terms of Reference

- a. The Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee is established under section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- b. The exercise of the Committee of its powers will be subject to such limitations and conditions as may from time to time be imposed by law, specifically by resolution of Bogan Shire Council or in writing by the General Manager to the Committee.
- c. The Committee will observe any rules and regulations made in relation to the Museum/facility and the functions delegated to it.

2. Membership and Meetings

- a. The Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee is to consist of members and office bearers as prescribed by the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual.
- b. Meetings are to be held in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual.

3. Committee Term

The Committee is established for the term of the Council, plus three months.

4. Committee Operations

The Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee is bound by Council's:

- Council's Code of Conduct
- Any policies prescribed by the Management of Bogan Shire Council that are deemed by Council Management to be relevant to the Committee.

Note: The operations of the Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee are to be undertaken in accordance with the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual as updated from time to time.

5. Financial Arrangements

- a. The Committee will utilise the cash handling processes prescribed within the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual and the Bogan Shire Cash and EFTPOS Procedure.
- b. The Committee will undertake banking processes from its takings pursuant with the Bogan Shire section 355 Committee Manual and the Bogan Shire Cash and EFTPOS Procedure.
- c. Expenditure will be undertaken pursuant to the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual.
- d. Financial reporting processes and documentation must be undertaken pursuant to the Bogan Shire section 355 Committee Manual.

6. Delegation

In order to provide for the expedient exercise and performance of its functions, Bogan Shire Council hereby:

- a. Revokes all previous delegations to the Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee (Committee)
- b. Delegates to the Committee under Section 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the exercise of Council's functions specified in Schedule 1 subject to the limitations specified in Schedule 2.

This delegation shall commence on 23 August 2024 and remains in force until expressly amended or revoked by the Council by further resolution.

SCHEDULE 1

(Functions)

1. The Nyngan Tennis Section 355 Committee (the Committee) is formed to manage the facility known as the Nyngan Tennis Courts and Clubhouse.
2. The Committee is to manage this facility subject to the direction of Bogan Shire Council.
3. The facility is to be managed for the benefit of the residents of the Bogan Shire community for the purpose of promoting and facilitating the playing of tennis in Nyngan.
4. The Committee is responsible for court and clubhouse bookings and the taking of any fees (where applicable), minor tennis clubhouse cleaning and maintenance and minor tennis court maintenance.
5. Arrange and conduct tennis coaching clinics.
6. Arrange and conduct informal tennis competitions.
7. The Committee is also formed to provide advice to the Bogan Shire Council in all matters relating to the operation of the facility including significant maintenance matters and capital improvements in relation to the courts and clubhouse.

These delegated functions are to be undertaken in accordance with the Bogan Shire Section 355 Committee Manual as updated from time to time.

SCHEDULE 2

(Limitations)

1. The Functions do not include any which are excluded from being delegated to the Committee by s377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 or any other law as applicable from time to time including, but without limitation:
 - a. the fixing of a fee,
 - b. the borrowing of money,
 - c. the acceptance of tenders which are required to be invited by the Council,
 - d. contributing money or otherwise granting financial assistance to persons.

Delegation adopted by Council: 22 August 2024

10.3 LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the date for the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference, to nominate the number of representatives to the Conference and for Councillors to consider any motions that they wish to submit to the Conference.

2. Background

The annual conference is the main policy making event for the peak body of the local government sector in NSW and presents Council with an opportunity to submit motions for consideration and debate by delegates.

Motions passed at the Conference become “resolutions”, which LGNSW takes forward on behalf of its member councils as part of the local government industry’s advocacy agenda.

3. Discussion

LGNSW has advised that the Annual Conference will be held from 17 – 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre and that the following fees apply:

Member Early Bird Registration (closes 25 September 2024)	\$1,115 per person
Member Standard Registration (closes 23 October 2024).	\$1,485 per person
Conference Dinner Ticket (optional) Not included in the registration costs.	\$230 per person
ALGWA Breakfast	\$88 for person

Council will need to confirm the number of delegates to attend the Conference and determine which delegates should attend.

Motions are encouraged to be submitted to LGNSW by Friday 16 August 2024, however under the LGNSW Rules the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is Sunday 20 October 2024.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council confirm the number of delegates to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference.

11 PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

11.1 BOGAN SHIRE LIBRARY TERM 2 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operations of the Bogan Shire Library.

2. Background

The following activities were held during the reporting period from April 2024 to June 2024:

- Library staff ran four craft activities and attended the GROW Day in O'Reilly Park in the April school holidays including collage making, Mother's Day crafts and canvas crafts with 105 children in attendance.
- During May, staff set up a stall at the Nyngan Show to give away deleted outdated Library stock. It was very pleasing to see that most of the books found new homes.
- National Simultaneous Story Time was held at the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre on Wednesday 22 May. This year's book was Aura Parker's "Bowerbird Blues" which was read by Library staff. This Story Time was attended by 74 children from Nyngan Public School, St Joesph's Catholic School, Nyngan Preschool, Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre and other under 5-year-olds and their parents and carers. After the reading of the book the children participated in making a paper plate nest for the bowerbird to collect blue craft items.
- Library Story Times have been held every Monday and Tuesday morning. Story Time visits to the Nyngan Pre-School and Early Learning Centre have been held on Wednesday. These Story Times have been attended by 202 children, keeping our younger readers in touch with the Library.
- The North Western Library bi-annual stock rotation took place in June and 25 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.

The following Library statistics have been submitted to the State Library for 2023-24:

USAGE STATS 23/24 Bogan Shire Library													
	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan-24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Total
Library Visits	777	629	559	559	604	485	816	509	467	507	371	310	6,593
ILLs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reference Enquiries	5	9	12	12	11	6	8	6	5	3	5	8	90
Technology Enquiries	5	6	5	5	6	7	11	5	4	4	3	6	67
Local History Enquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wireless Internet	8	17	5	5	13	5	11	11	5	6	4	5	95
Internet Bookings	225	216	171	145	183	126	273	156	95	96	52	77	1,815
Internet Hours	884	223	187	176	178	177	481	227	88	166	44	58	2,889
Non-resident Internet Bookings	2	1	3	1	2	3	5	1	1	4	2	1	26
Non-resident Internet Hours	2	1	3	1	2	3	5	1	1	4	2	1	26

LIBRARY PROGRAMS 23/24 Bogan Shire Library					
(Date - optional) and Program Name	No. Sessions	No. Attending (intended audience only)	Program Type	Delivery Mode	Intended Audience (type in full)
Story Time	56	457	LL	LO	Early Childhood
Baby Time	32	218	LL	LO	Early Childhood
Tech Savvy Seniors	3	30	CONN	LO	Seniors
Adult Craft	2	6	CC	LO	Adult
Holiday Activities	42	1,032	CC	LO	School Age
Christmas Craft	1	29	CC	LO	School Age
National Simultaneous Storytime	1	74	LL	CL	Early Childhood
Story Time	17	307	LL	CL	Early Childhood

LIBRARY PROGRAMS 23/24 Bogan Shire Library Guide	
PROGRAM TYPE	PROGRAM DELIVERY MODE
Literacy and Lifelong Learning (LL)	Online (O)
Informed and Connected Citizens (CONN)	Library Onsite (LO)
Stronger and More Creative Communities (CC)	Partner Onsite (PO)
	Community Location (CL)

Statistics

Statistics for the past quarter dating from 01/04/24 to 30/06/24 are as follows with a comparison of the previous year figures for the same period:

April 1st – June 30th 2023		April 1st – June 30th 2024	
Adult Fiction	306	Adult Fiction	295
Western Fiction	21	Western Fiction	26
Large Print	73	Large Print	101
Magazines	63	Magazines	57
Adult Non-Fiction	30	Adult Non-Fiction	11
Talking Books	66	Talking Books	53
Junior Fiction	16	Junior Fiction	88
Junior Non-Fiction	17	Junior Non-Fiction	4
Easy & Easy2 & RR	161	Easy & Easy2 & RR	215
Toys	1	Toys	0
Junior Talking Books	0	Junior Talking Books	0
Young Adult Fiction	3	Young Adult Fiction	3
Equipment	4	Equipment	2
DVD's	71	DVD's	72
TOTAL ISSUES	828	TOTAL ISSUES	935
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,243	TOTAL MEMBERS	1,313
Internet Usage ½ hr sessions	730	Internet Usage ½ hr sessions	730
People Counter	1,695	People Counter	1,695
New Members	13	New Members	13
Reference Inquiries	38	Reference Inquiries	38
IT Help	27	IT Help	27
Wi Fi tickets (2hr per ticket)	55	Wi Fi tickets (2hr per ticket)	55

As this report demonstrates, the Bogan Shire Library provides many services to our community, and they are keen to use the Library for a variety of needs.

3. Attachments

Nil

4. Recommendation

That the Bogan Shire Library Term 2 Operational Report be received and noted.

12 FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS

12.1 INVESTMENTS JULY 2024

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of July 2024.

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.

3. Discussion

The Investment Report for July 2024 is shown below. At the 31st July 2024 Council had \$32 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$1.3 million due to payments for Councils yearly insurance premiums and current grant expenditure.

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

Investment Movements for July 2024

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

REF	Source	Taken Up	Maturity	% rate	Bal June 24	Bal July 24
42-150-6894	NAB - Professional Funds	4/05/2016	At Call	4.350%	16,653,534.18	15,287,707.16
11271016	Westpac	15/12/2023	16/12/2024	5.150%	6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
87-912-8864	NAB	22/02/2024	21/02/2025	5.080%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
41-459-6828	NAB	22/02/2024	21/02/2025	5.080%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
76-111-0458	NAB	9/05/2024	9/05/2025	5.250%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
76-135-1489	NAB	9/05/2024	9/05/2025	5.250%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
88-392-4994	NAB	29/05/2024	29/05/2025	5.200%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	Balance securities held				33,453,534.18	32,087,707.16
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				33,453,534.18	32,087,707.16
	Summary by institution					
	WESTPAC				6,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
	NAB				27,453,534.18	26,087,707.16
	COMMONWEALTH				0.00	0.00
					33,453,534.18	32,087,707.16

4. Attachments Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council receive and note the investments report for July 2024.

12.2 SUMMARY OF RATE AND ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as of 31st July, 2024, with the same period last year.

2. Background

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

3. Discussion

Rate Collections	2024-2025	2023-2024
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2024	625,257	633,038
First Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2024	1,199,897	1,224,508
Second Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2024	1,326,926	1,302,303
Third Instalment in arrears as at 31/07/2024	1,347,145	1,322,333
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/07/2024	1,359,815	1,331,626
Total Arrears	625,257	633,038
Total Outstanding	5,859,040	5,813,808
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,249,484	6,238,251
Add: Adjustments	7,123	4,136
Less: Payments to end of July	-326,180	-358,174
Less: Rebates	-71,387	-70,405
Add: Postponed	0	0
Gross Total Balance	5,859,040	5,813,808
Arrears of total amount levied %	10%	11%

Total arrears have decreased from \$633,038 at the 31st July 2023 to \$625,257 as of 31st July this year.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,562,000 (Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

As at the 31st July 2024 Council had collected \$31,994 less than at the same time last year. At the time of writing this report, Council has collected an additional \$174,319 and arrears have reduced to \$602,389 or 9.6% of the total amount levied.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Rate and Annual Charges collection report for July 2024.

12.3 AUDIT OF 2023/2024 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the timing of the Audit of the Statutory Accounts for the 2023/2024 financial year and to ask Council to refer these accounts for Audit.

2. Background

Council is required to produce and have audited a set of Statutory Accounts each financial year. The 2023/2024 financial year closed on 30th June 2024 and audited statutory accounts must be lodged with the Office of Local Government by 31st October 2024.

3. Discussion

The auditors have initial audit dates between 26th and 28th August, providing that certain information was sent in advance.

Council staff were required to have a full set of statutory accounts completed by 15th August 2024 for Auditors. These draft accounts need to be adopted and referred to audit at this meeting.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council refer the 2024 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 2024.

12.4 LEASE FOR 76A PANGEE ST, NYNGAN

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from the current lessee to continue leasing the Bogan Coffee Shop at 76A Pangee Street for a further three years.

2. Background

Council entered into a lease in December 2020 with the Bogan Coffee Shop for a further three years with a one-year option. This lease is due to expire.

3. Discussion

The current lessee has sent Council correspondence to request a new lease for a further three years.

Council has the option to either grant a new lease to the current lessee or to advertise the lease of the property.

Council has had a good relationship with the current lessee with no reason to terminate the lease and the lessee has met all the terms and conditions of the current lease.

Council could choose to advertise the lease however the current lessee owns the majority of the plant and equipment in the building, and this could restrict those interested in leasing the property as they would need to purchase the equipment or buy their own to operate the business.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council authorises the General Manager to enter negotiations for renewing the lease with the current lessee for a three-year period.

12.5 FEES AND CHARGES - CWA HALL

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider fees and charges for hiring the CWA Hall for private events.

2. Background

Council, as the owner of the CWA Hall, has received requests from the public to hire the hall for various events.

We already have community organisations booking the facility; however, requests have been received from the public to hold events at the hall such as parties and luncheons.

3. Discussion

Council needs to consider what type of events they wish to hire the hall out and what the fees and charges for this would be and whether or not a bond is required for any booking.

Currently we do not allow 18th or 21st Birthday Parties to be held at Council facilities and other events are approved based on the information Council receives.

No fees are currently payable by a bona-fide Community event as long as the facility is left in good condition and their waste is disposed of. Community events are defined as those run by not-for-profit organisations based in the Bogan Shire area, excluding events run by government agencies and private functions.

Council's other halls and facilities have hire fees for their use and most of them also require a bond to be paid. The current Fees and Charges for Councils facilities are tabled below.

It is recommended that Council extends its current policy to not allow 18th or 21st Birthday Parties to be held in the CWA Hall and that all other private hire requests are subject to risk management arrangements being put in place to the General Manager's satisfaction.

In line with the fees charged for the Town Hall Supper Room it is recommended that the following fees be charged:

CWA Hall (includes use of kitchen, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery) - \$250

It is recommended that a Bond of \$400 be charged.

STATEMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES	
FEES & CHARGES	2024/2025
COUNCIL HALLS	
Town Hall or Supper Room only (includes use of kitchen, bar area, chairs, tables, crockery & cutlery)	\$290.00
Town Hall and Supper Room (includes use of kitchen, bar area, chairs, tables, crockery & cutlery)	\$400.00
Collierreina Hall	\$100.00
Coolabah Hall	\$100.00
Additional cleaning after hire	Actual Cost
OVALS & SPORTING FIELDS	
Line marking for sporting events (per hour) (Available for non-sporting fixtures by arrangement only)	\$100.00
Hire of Council Ovals/Day (exclude cleaning)	\$300.00
Use of Lights at Larkin Oval and netball courts (per hour) 1/2 Lights	\$10.00
Use of Lights at Larkin Oval and netball courts (per hour) Full Lights	\$15.00
RUGBY UNION CLUBHOUSE	
By arrangement with the Secretary of the Nyngan Rugby Union Club	Actual cost
BONDS - CASUAL USERS OF COUNCIL FACILITIES	
Deposit for key (GST free if deposit not forfeited)	\$50.00
Showground	\$670.00
Racecourse	\$670.00
Walker Pavilion	\$400.00
Wye Pavilion	\$400.00
Larkin Oval	\$400.00
Frank Smith Oval	\$400.00
O'Reilly Park	\$400.00
Junior Rugby League Ground	\$400.00
Davidson Park	\$400.00
Rotary Park	\$400.00
Town Hall Complex	\$670.00
Collierreina Hall Bond	\$100.00
Coolabah Hall Bond	\$100.00
Bond payable for Old Buildings Transported into the Town Area	\$30,000.00
COUNCIL MEETING ROOMS	
Council Meeting Room (per day)	\$160.00
Works Depot Training Room (per day)	\$200.00
SHOWGROUND/RACECOURSE AND FACILITIES	
Hire of Showground Complex/Day (excluding electricity)	\$2,000.00
Hire of Showground Complex/Day for Circus (excluding electricity)	\$500.00
Walker Pavilion (including kitchen, bar, cool room)	\$400.00
Wye Pavilion	\$400.00
Walker Pavilion Bar (including cool room)	\$300.00
Arena	\$300.00
Rodeo Yards	\$300.00
Cattle yards - casual use per head per day	\$2.00
Sheep yards - casual use per head per day	\$1.20
Racecourse (including bar and toilets)	\$500.00
Horse Stalling charges (Per Horse per Night)	\$9.00
Additional cleaning after hire	Actual Cost

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council extends its current policy for hire of function facilities to the CWA Hall and introduces the following fees and bond for hire:

- CWA Hall (includes use of kitchen, chairs, tables, crockery and cutlery) - \$250
- Bond - \$400

12.6 355 COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE NYNGAN MUSEUM SUPPORT GROUP

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to confirm the nomination of members of the Nyngan Museum Section 355 Committee for 2024/25 for the purposes of Council's delegations to that Committee.

2. Background

The 355 committee operates under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993. Under the guidelines of the Section 355 Committee Manual adopted by Council on the 26th October 2023 Council is required to approve the committee members to ensure they are inducted and covered by Council's insurances.

3. Discussion

At its meeting on 28 March 2024 Council formally delegated certain functions to the Nyngan Museum Section 355 Committee.

The Committee have advised Council of its current membership as follows:

Office Bearers

President:	Ray Donald
Vice President:	Gwen Mathews
Secretary:	Anna Corby
Treasurer:	Colin Pardy
Co-ordinator:	Leonie Montgomery

General Committee (Volunteers)

Hugh Sibbald	Jean Lovett	Margaret Dunn
Yvonne Pardy	Margaret Snodgrass	Colleen Edwards
Anne Quarmby	Wendy Clissold	Stewart MacKenzie
Denice Simpson	Vincent Wren	Donna Pumpa
Dianne Donald	Colin Cluderay	Vicki Cluderay

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

1. That Council confirms the nomination of the following members of the Nyngan Museum Section 355 Committee for 2024/25 for the purposes of Council's delegations to that Committee.

- Anna Corby
- Anne Quarmby
- Colin Cluderay
- Colin Pardy
- Colleen Edwards
- Denice Simpson
- Dianne Donald
- Donna Pumpa
- Gwen Mathews
- Hugh Sibbald
- Jean Lovett
- Leonie Montgomery
- Margaret Dunn
- Margaret Snodgrass
- Ray Donald
- Stewart MacKenzie
- Vicki Cluderay
- Vincent Wren
- Wendy Clissold
- Yvonne Pardy

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS

13.1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative regarding the activities of the Engineering Services Department.

2. Background

A regular activity report is provided for the information of Councillors.

3. Discussion

Roads

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 14 July 2024, to 9 August 2024 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
14	Gilgai Road	Maintenance grading & gravel patching completed
24	Canonba Road	Shoulder grading continuing
51	Currans Road	Maintenance grading completed
61	O'Neill's Road	Maintenance grading completed
12	Cliffords Lane	Maintenance grading completed
64	West Bogan Road	Grading of damaged section completed
84	Budgery Road	Maintenance grading commenced
5	Peisley Road	Maintenance grading continuing
66	Days Road	Maintenance grading completed
53	Sarona Downs Road	Maintenance grading commenced
38	Billandry Road	Maintenance grading completed
10	Pangee Road	Maintenance grading completed
77	Tubbavilla Road	Maintenance grading commenced
	Regional Roads	
7514	Cockies Road	Flood damage repairs continuing

	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Routine Maintenance continuing
HW8	Barrier Highway	Routine Maintenance continuing
MR70	Arthur Hall VC Way	Routine Maintenance continuing

Council has completed pothole repairs on the following roads:

• Old Warren Road	• Nyngan Town Streets
• Pangee Road	• Hermidale Nymagee Road
• Yarrandale Road	• Canonba Road
• Colane Road	• Buckiinguy Road
• Nyngan Town Streets	• Murrawombie Road
• Booramugga Road	

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

- Maintenance grading, re-sheeting, or flood damage repairs on the following roads,
 - Wyes Road,
 - Shannonvale Road
 - Pielsey Road
 - Cockies Road
- Commencing works funded under Infrastructure Betterment Funding for Coffills Lane, Currans Road, Budgery Road and Gilgai Road.
- Commencing Pangee Road Construction and sealing of 6km.
- Continuing heavy patching to repair the damaged sealed sections of Cockies Road, Colane Road, and Canonba Road.
- Installation of 3 culverts on the Mitchell Highway northwest of Nyngan, near the John Butler Road intersection.

Works and Services

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

Civil Works

- Erected bushcare education shelter at lower weir
- Erected parking signage Nyngan Hotel
- Repaired gate at tennis club house
- Removed and replaced 700 meters of kerb and guttering in town streets
- Repaired flood damaged drainage on town levee
- Carried out pothole repairs in town lanes
- Carried out repairs to showground sheep yards in preparation for Ag Expo

Community Facilities

- Mowing/slashing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan (ongoing)
- 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
- Pre & post works carried out at Showground for Ag Expo
- Cleaned up yard at Hermidale water supply caretaker's cottage
- Washed down footpath in Pangee Street
- Carried out tree maintenance & removal in town streets

Water & Wastewater

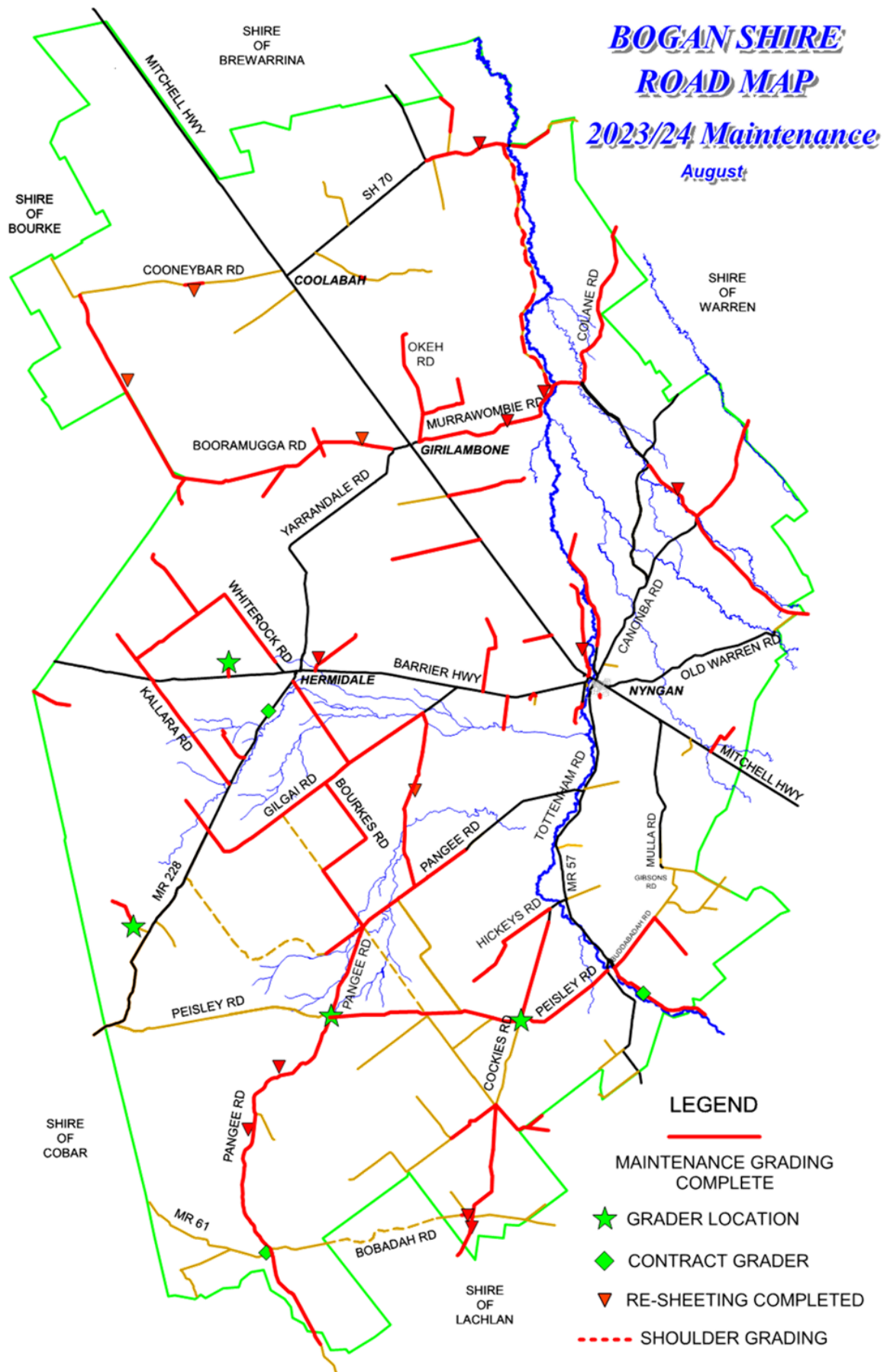
- Repaired broken 100mm raw water main to Nyngan High School
- Carried out service location on several services in preparation for kerb and guttering replacement
- Repaired toilet cistern Coolabah public toilets
- Replaced service to Nyngan Bowling Club
- Repaired service to Hoskins Street flats
- Cleared major sewer main blockage No 1 pumpstation in Wambiana Street
- Installed new air compressor for filter bed control water filtration plant
- Carried out maintenance and repairs to all septic systems at Showground prior to Ag Expo
- Repaired faulty float system Hermidale overhead tanks
- Cleaned town pool in preparation for new season

4. Attachments

1. Road Maintenance Map

5. Recommendation

1. That the Engineering Departmental Report be received and noted.



13.2 ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM 2024-2025

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report to advise Council of the proposed crushed rock re-sheeting for the 2024-25 financial year.

2. Background

The new 2024 to 2029 Roads to Recovery Program has commenced with Council receiving a total allocation of \$8,021,437 which provides \$1,604,287 in funding per year.

Most of this funding has been used previously to carry out Council's re-sheeting and bitumen resealing on the local roads network.

3. Discussion

As mentioned previously, the Roads to Recovery Program has allowed Council to complete approximately 25-30 kilometres of re-sheeting per year with the balance used for bitumen resealing. Several years of wet weather and storm damage to our roads has shown a decline in the condition of those roads.

The following table is provided as a list of the proposed re-sheeting projects for 2024-25 and although it is not yet a complete list of all the current re-sheeting requirements it is a good indication of the funding shortfall Council has in maintaining local roads.

Local Roads	Proposed 2024/25 Re-sheeting	Unfunded Re-sheeting	
		High Priority	Low Priority
Billandry		2	2
Bobadah	1	3.5	1
Booramugga	1		16
Bourke's	2	5	7.5
Buddabadah	1		
Canonba	1	7	1.5
Coffill's			2.5
Colane			3
Cooneybar	2	26.5	2.5
Cooney's			4
Currans	2		0.5
Dandaloo	1	2	2
Doney's		4.5	4
Drummey's	1	2.5	1.5
Elmore	2	26	1.5
Fergusons			4.5
Fords	1	1	
Gibson's			

Gilgai	2		19.5
Glengariff	2	2	10.5
Gongolgon	2	26	1
Honeybugle			7.5
Jeffrey's	1	3.5	
Johnson's		0.5	1
Jump's	1	9	
Kallara			9
Kelly's			2
Kidston's		1	
Koomanganong		1.5	2.5
Larsen's		1.5	
Laroo			9.5
Moonagee	2	8.5	1
Mulla			
Murrawombie	1	8.5	0.5
New Bogan		1.5	0.5
Okeh	1	0.5	8
Pangee	5	25.5	3.5
Piesley	5		23
Plummers		0.5	11
Priors	1	1	
Shannonvale			4
Sarona Downs			0.5
Temples		1	0.5
Trethowens			4.5
Tubbavilla	1	5	
West Bogan	2		
Whiterock			7.5
Wyes	3		
Totals	44	177	181

The above table shows that 44kms of re-sheeting has been allowed in the program for this financial year. From unsealed road assessments completed over the last few weeks, it is estimated that there remains another 177kms of high priority areas requiring re-sheeting and a further 181kms that are a low priority.

The re-sheeting of 44kms is estimated to cost \$1,000,00 which will leave \$604,000 available for bitumen re-sealing this year, which will complete approximately 17kms.

The unsealed roads re-sheeting program will need to remain flexible to allow for unforeseen road maintenance issues and changes in priorities. The re-sealing program is still being assessed and yet to be finalised but as in previous years there will be a lot more kilometres of resealing required than can be funded from current program.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That the Roads To Recovery Program 2024-2025 Report be received and noted.

13.3 NYNGAN RAILWAY FENCING

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council requests UGL Regional Linx, on behalf of the NSW Government, to replace the existing colorbond screen fence at the rail heritage parking area adjacent to Teamsters Rest.

2. Background

The Rail corridor through Nyngan between Moonagee Street and Hoskins Street was fenced off many years ago with a man-proof chain-wire fence to prevent pedestrian access. The section from the museum to Teamsters Rest along Pangee Street was later upgraded with a black palisade fence which provides a much better barrier to the rail lines.

3. Discussion

Now that the site of the Teamsters Rest carpark extension has been opened up and improved, it has become very noticeable the number of times the fence panels are being repeatedly kicked in to gain pedestrian access across the rail lines.

Damaged panels have been replaced several times and as there are approximately eight locations where the chain-wire fence has been cut on the Nymagee Street side of the rail lines, it is expected this fence will continue to be damaged to gain unauthorised access.





The existing colorbond fence is 65 metres long and it suggested this be replaced with the secure black palisade fence that has been used along the other sections in Pangee Street.

This is becoming a very public area which is used by small children and along with the fence damage in Nymagee Street, the accessibility of the rail lines is currently a significant public safety issue.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

That Council write to UGL Regional Linx with a copy to local member, Roy Butler with a request that the existing 65 metres of colorbond fence urgently be replaced, in the interest of public safety, with black Palisade fencing and that repairs be made to damaged sections of chain-wire fencing.

13.4 VERMONT HILL ROAD

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request from Sam and Amy Gunn at Sunset Station in Lachlan Shire to have the Vermont Hill Road maintenance graded.

2. Background

Sunset Station is located on the Vermont Hill Road with a secondary access road 750 metres south of the Bogan/Lachlan Shire boundary and its Primary access road is 3.4km from the Shire boundary.

Vermont Hill Road, highlighted in blue on the plan below, is approximately 46km long running from South to North from the Henry Parkes Way in Lachlan Shire to Fords Road in the Bogan Shire. 4.9 kms of the road is in Bogan Shire.



3. Discussion

Mr & Mrs Gunn have requested Lachlan Shire to maintain the full length of Vermont Hill Road in their LGA, the Council advised *“this issue has been considered previously and it was determined that Lachlan Shire would only maintain the road up to the property entrance to Sunset Station.*

It is our understanding that the road beyond this point was only ever a farm access track and the access through to Bobadah area was only opened up by a previous owner of the property, which does not necessarily make it a Council maintained road.”

This aligns with the understanding of Bogan Council Staff that we maintained Fords Road up to where it headed South (to start of the section now known as Vermont Hill Road) and the 4.9km of road to the Shire boundary was a privately maintained property access road.

Lachlan Shire has also advised that the road is currently not in good condition as substantial damage was sustained in 2022 storms and no repair funding has been approved so the road has only been made trafficable.

Mrs Gunn advises that the road is being used as a through road causing drivers of vehicles that are not aware of the conditions to get stuck, although users like the Cobar Mobile Playgroup and the mail contractor that are familiar with the road condition do not use it.

The photos supplied below show that the road appears to be used but, has not been formed up with table drains and a crown to assist with drainage during rain. The road is currently, and has been for some time, a four-wheel-drive vehicle track.



The request to Council is to maintenance grade the 4.9km of road from the shire boundary to Fords Road, providing a safe trafficable route for emergency services and a reasonable access from Sunset Station through to their nearest town, Tottenham. Access to and from Sunset Station to Tottenham and Condobolin is currently via Vermont Hill Road to the South.

The cost for routine maintenance grading of 4.9kms is \$7,500 but for the additional work required to completely form the road the estimated cost is \$15,000. It is also recommended that an additional \$25,000 be allocated to this road for gravel and drainage improvements in low lying areas if it is to be improved as an access road.

The new Roads to Recovery 2024 to 2029 five-year program has just commenced and if Council was to proceed with improvements to Vermont Hill Road, \$40,000 could be allocated from that funding for the proposed work. The section of road within Bogan Shire varies from hilly and rocky to flat and boggy and may require ongoing improvements in future years if it is continually damaged during heavy rain.

4. Attachments

Nil

5. Recommendation

For Councils consideration.

14 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORTS

14.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS REPORT

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of Development Applications that have been submitted to Council for approval.

2. Discussion

Development Applications

Development Applications that have been received during the reporting period are indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2022/040	A.T & B.M Burton	24 Pangee Street, Nyngan	New Serviced Apartments	\$700,000	Additional Information Required
2023/021	Mr D Boyd	33-39 Oval Place, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$30,000	Additional Information Required
2024/004	Mr I Bennett	60 Nymagee Street, Nyngan	New Awning	\$35,000	Additional Information Required
2024/012	Mr J Bourke	40 Dandaloo Street Nyngan	New Private Awning and In-Ground Swimming Pool	\$40,000	Approved
2024/013	Mr M Arnott	19 Pangee Street Nyngan	New Multi-Dwelling Housing	\$405,027	Additional Information Required
2024/015	Z & C Waterhouse	152 Canonba Road Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$60,000	Approved

Council staff continue to receive enquiries and assist the public in relation to Development Applications and the complexity of their lodgment on the NSW Planning Portal.

Attachment 1 contains statistical and historical information in relation to applications received.

3. Attachments

1. Development Applications Statistics

4. Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report be received and noted.

	Application Type							Application Value
	Totals		Breakup					
	DA	CDC	Dwellings	Shed/Garage/ Patio/Awning	Pool	Sub- division	Other	
July 2024	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	\$60,000.00
August 2024								
September 2024								
October 2024								
November 2024								
December 2024								
January 2025								
February 2025								
March 2025								
April 2025								
May 2025								
June 2025								
Total 2024/25	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	\$60,000.00
Total 2023/24	27	0	8	14	1	0	4	\$7,576,651.00
Total 2022/23	33	1	7	12	5	2	8	\$ 7,443,708.00
Total 2021/22	26	0	13	8	2	1	5	\$ 6,354,396.00
Total 2020/21	34	3	5	14	3	5	9	\$ 4,107,610.00
Total 2019/20	24	0	0	10	1	3	10	\$ 11,294,300.00

14.2 BIOSECURITY REPORT

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics relating to Council's Biosecurity functions from March to July 2024.

2. Background

Council employs a Biosecurity and Weeds Officer (BWO) to manage and implement Council's responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

3. Discussion

During the March-April period the majority of works completed by Council's BWO consisted of control spraying for plague locust nymphs along regional and rural roads. Various locations along the following roadside areas were sprayed for plague locust nymphs during this period:

- Barrier Highway
- Mitchell Highway
- Old Warren Road
- Canonba Road
- Colane Road
- Tottenham Road
- Pangee Road
- Temples Lane

In April, Department of Primary Industries (DPI) announced that changes were being made to the Weeds Action Plan (WAP) funding application process. The major change being that Local Authorities would now be required to apply for funding through a competitive grant process on an annual basis, instead of the current arrangement which saw funding every four years.

This required Council's BWO having to complete extensive training with DPI on what is required when applying for the WAP funding. As Council's LGA is a part of two Local Lands Services regions (Central West and Western), it was a requirement that two funding applications be lodged, one for each region.

During May, the BWO attended the annual Nyngan Show to advise community members of Council's obligations regarding biosecurity issues as well as provide advice and education materials on any biosecurity and weed matters that were currently being encountered by individuals and property owners.



During the months of May and June, the BWO completed the release of a biocontrol agent for African Boxthorn. This agent was released at several locations and the BWO is monitoring these sites for the effects the agent is having on these problem weeds.

The CSIRO developed the rust species '*Puccinia rapipes*' as a biocontrol agent to be used in conjunction with current control measures which include physical removal or chemical application.

Included in Attachment 1 is a CSIRO Fact sheet for the African Boxthorn biocontrol agent, a rust fungus *Puccinia rapipes*.



The BWO has spent significant time in making sure all WAP targets for the 2023/24 period were successfully met as well as getting started on the new WAP targets for 2024/25.

Included as Attachment 2 is statistical information in relation to biosecurity and weeds duties.

4. Attachments

1. CSIRO - Information sheet - Biocontrol agent - Rust fungus
2. Biosecurity Statistics

5. Recommendation

That the Biosecurity report be received and noted.

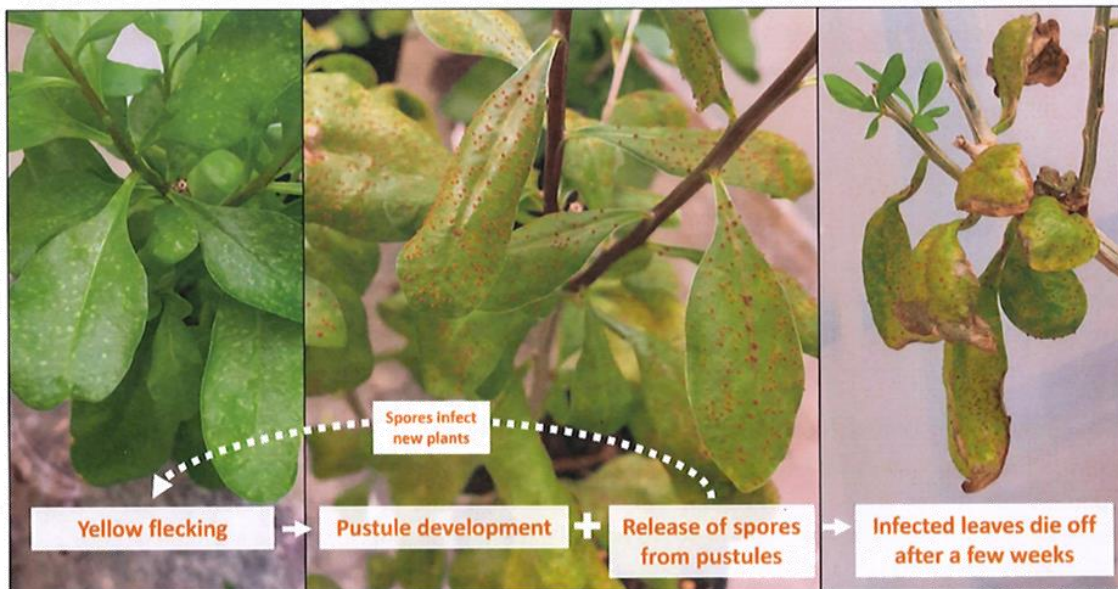
Information sheet for the African boxthorn biocontrol agent, a rust fungus *Puccinia rapipes*

Background information on the biocontrol agent

The biocontrol agent is a rust fungus, *Puccinia rapipes*, that infects the leaves of African boxthorn. It was originally isolated from diseased boxthorn plants in South Africa. Through extensive host-specificity studies undertaken by the CSIRO, the fungus was shown to be highly specific to African boxthorn and poses no danger to native Australian vegetation. In 2021, the fungus was approved for release into the Australian environment as a biocontrol agent to assist with the control of African boxthorn.

The rust fungus infects young leaves of African boxthorn, causing yellowing of the leaves followed by the development of pustules. The pustules produce fungal spores which are dispersed by wind. The spores land on the leaves of nearby African boxthorn plants and, under humid conditions, will germinate and infect new leaves. Infected leaves will die back over time. This may result in extensive defoliation of an individual plant if the fungus establishes widely and causes severe disease. Infection by the rust fungus can also disrupt the photosynthetic capacity of the plant, reducing overall plant growth and reproductive output.

Further information: <https://research.csiro.au/african-boxthorn/>



The natural infection process of the biocontrol agent.

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Caroline Delaisse
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w <https://research.csiro.au/weed-biocontrol/>

What is involved?

CSIRO will provide registered participants with biocontrol agent release kit(s) that contains a vial of the rust fungus spores, along with step-by-step instructions and materials to apply the spores to the target African boxthorn plants. These will be distributed via post or courier services.

One biocontrol "kit" will contain enough material to spray 8 or more boxthorn branches. Participants will be provided up to 5 kits maximum, and will need to ensure that each kit released is separated by at least 200 m to enable broadscale distribution of the fungus in the local landscape. If the fungus establishes, it will naturally spread to other near by African boxthorn plants.

The biocontrol agent should be released in areas with the following attributes and conditions:

- **Dense infestations of African boxthorn**, to increase the opportunities for other leaves and plants to become infected by the fungus.
- **On healthy, juvenile plants or mature plants with fresh growth**. The fungus has a strong preference for new growth over old growth.
- In areas where the African boxthorn population will **not** be managed by the application of chemical herbicides, slashing or other control methods.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have obtained permission from the relevant landowner/land manager/custodian to release the African boxthorn biocontrol agent at the nominated site.

The program is free of charge to participate in. However, it is expected that participants complete a baseline monitoring sheet at the time of releasing the agent (this will be provided with release instructions) and return to your release sites after 10 weeks to assess for the presence-absence of the fungus. Assistance and consultation can be provided to identify the fungus.

Registering your interest

The fungus is only available for release in NSW at this stage, as part of this current project supported by the NSW Environmental Trust, up until **June 2026**. Engagement will be targeted at community and public sector organisations, such as (but not limited to) Landcare, Local Land Services, NSW, Bushcare, local governments, other volunteer groups etc. Private landholders are also eligible to express an interest to participate in the program.

Please email Caroline Delaisse at boxthornbiocontrol@csiro.au to register your interest to participate in the biocontrol program. As part of the registration, the CSIRO will provide a pre-release assessment document for participants to complete, which requires information about the proposed location of the boxthorn infestation. The pre-release assessment needs to be undertaken prior to receiving the agent.

The biocontrol agent will be provided to registered participants at regular intervals between November 2023 and June 2026. The specific timing of delivery will be determined by prevailing climate conditions, quantity of available material for release and level of demand from registered participants.



Frequently asked questions

Is it safe to release the biocontrol agent into the Australian environment?

In 2017, CSIRO began rigorous evaluation of the risks that the fungus *Puccinia rapipes* could pose to non-target plants in Australia. This extensive host-specificity testing was performed in a quarantine facility and involved exposing African boxthorn and non-target plant species to the fungus under optimal conditions for infection. It was found that the fungus is highly specific to African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*) and Goji berries (*L. barbarum*, *L. chinense* and *L. ruthenicum*; of which the rust can be easily treated with fungicides already used by goji growers). Based on these research results and following a comprehensive risk assessment process and public consultation, the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment (DAWE) approved the release of the biocontrol agent into the Australian environment. The information package that supported the application to release the agent in Australia, which includes all results, can be found here:

<https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/biological-control-agents/risk-analyses/completed-risk-analyses/puccinia-rapipes>

What effect will the biocontrol agent have on African boxthorn populations? How quickly does the fungus kill African boxthorn?

In the Australian environment, the fungus is not expected to kill African boxthorn. Provided that the biocontrol agent establishes widely and causes severe disease symptoms on African boxthorn, it is expected to reduce the reproductive output and vegetation growth of the weed in the long term. This will in turn reduce its invasion potential in various ecosystems, but will not eradicate it altogether.



Infection of African boxthorn plants in the Southern Downs Region, QLD

How quickly will the fungus spread?

The rate of spread of the fungus will be ascertained by long term monitoring. It is expected that the fungus will spread from one plant to the next very slowly, but the rate of spread will accelerate once the overall abundance of the fungus builds up in the local African boxthorn population. Based on our knowledge of other successful biocontrol agents that have been released previously in Australia, broadscale spread of the fungus would be expected to take several years and will not occur within the first season of release. As such, 'success' in the short term for this research project is to first establish the presence of the fungus in the Australian environment.

Can use of the biocontrol agent replace herbicide application or other control methods?

Biocontrol may provide a sustainable, landscape-scale approach for African boxthorn management with no chance of off-target damage to crops or native vegetation. Given that the fungus will not kill African boxthorn altogether, it will complement but not replace the need for other control methods. However, widespread establishment and spread of the fungus may gradually reduce the quantity of chemical herbicide required to suppress weed populations.

What happens if I cannot detect the fungus after release? Has it failed?

It is important to note that the fungus will only infect African boxthorn at high severity under optimal conditions for growth and spread – that is, when warm and moist and the host African boxthorn plants are healthy and vigorous at early stages of growth. As such, we expect that the fungus will not establish in all instances. The fungal spores are delicate and require specific microclimate requirements for germination and infection. The fungus will only become widely established in the Australian environment after many years of sustained releases by various participants. As such, participants are encouraged to release the fungus on multiple occasions where the initial releases may have failed.

Biosecurity Statistics 2023-2024

	Inspections (Weeds Action Program)					Weed Control Spraying
	Private Land	Council Land	Roads (Km)	Waterways	Rail (Km)	
July 2023	3	4	170	0	0	25
August 2023	8	3	607	0	64	30
September 2023	6	8	442	0	27	16
October 2023	9	5	440	12	0	17
November 2023	7	5	302	0	0	91
December 2023	3	4	408	12	26	48
January 2024	5	2	256.5	4	0	13
February 2024	11	4	345	33	34	22
March 2024	1	0	231.5	15	0	35 *
April 2024	2	6	287	15	0	11
May 2024	8	0	848	59	20	9 **
June 2024	11	1	495	108	76	39 ***
Total 2023/24	74	42	4832	258	247	356
Total 2022/23	82	21	4515	168	118	222
Total 2021/22	95	16	4247	9	200	228

* 14 weeds & 21 Locusts

** Includes 5 Biocontrol releases

*** Includes 1 Biocontrol release

Biosecurity Statistics 2024-25

	Inspections (Weeds Action Program)					Weed Control Spraying
	Private Land	Council Land	Roads (Km)	Waterways (km)	Rail (Km)	
July 2024	2	1	423	5	0	34
August 2024						
September 2024						
October 2024						
November 2024						
December 2024						
January 2025						
February 2025						
March 2025						
April 2025						
May 2025						
June 2025						
Total 2024/25	2	1	423	5	0	34
Total 2023/24	74	42	4832	258	247	356
Total 2022/23	82	21	4515	168	118	222
Total 2021/22	95	16	4247	9	200	228

14.3 DAVIDSON PARK SHADE TREES

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council regarding the type of shade trees to be planted in Davidson Park.

2. Background

Six palm trees were removed from Davidson Park as per Council resolution 292/23. The palm trees were removed with the intention of planting suitable shade trees that would provide shade during the warmer months and make Davidson Park more practical for hosting events during the Summer, such as Australia Day celebrations.

3. Discussion

An Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 5 arborist inspected Davidson Park recently and was asked to advise Council of tree species that would be suitable to the area and provide shade during the summer months, as well as being aesthetically pleasing to the park and well suited to the local climate.

The arborist identified several trees including:

- *Acer truncatum x platanoides* Warrenred Pacific Sunset Maple
- *Brachychiton populneus x acerifolia* Bella Donna Pink Flowering Kurrajong
- *Calodendron capense* Cape Chestnut
- *Pistacia chinensis* Chinese Pistache

The trees noted above are tolerant to heat enabling them to handle Nyngan's hot summers.

Images and specifications of each tree can be seen in **Attachment 1**.

The Pacific Sunset Maple is a moderate to fast growing tree reaching ten metres high and six metres wide. This tree is deciduous, resistant to heat once established and tolerant of most harsh conditions.

The Pink Flowering Kurrajong is considered to grow at a moderate pace and can reach heights of 8 metres and a width up to 4 metres. This tree is evergreen and produces bright pink flowers in late Spring early Summer.

The Cape Chestnut is a medium sized evergreen tree growing up to 12 metres high and 5 metres wide. Pink or white flowers will be abundant from late spring to mid-summer.

The Chinese Pistache grows to 8 metres high and 6 metres wide in size with a moderate growth rate. This tree is deciduous and is capable of withstanding harsh conditions.

The arborist stated that Davidson Park has space to plant three or possibly four trees which would increase the shade area across the park during the summer months.

Council should consider both the park's aesthetics and seasonal changes. Placement of deciduous and evergreen trees should be planned to maximise winter sunlight and provide summer shade. This careful placement will enhance the park's visual appearance and ensure it remains a welcoming green space during hot summer days.

Attachment 2 highlights four possible areas, identified by the arborist, within the park where shade trees could be planted. It is suggested that deciduous trees be planted in the areas identified as 1 and 2 and evergreen trees be planted in areas identified as 3 and 4.

This planting program intends to enhance Davidson Park creating a more welcoming and usable space.

4. Attachments

1. Shade Trees Davidson Park
2. Davidson Park Proposed Planting Areas

5. Recommendation



1. That deciduous trees be planted in the areas identified as 1 and 2, and evergreen trees be planted in the areas identified as 3 and 4 at Davidson Park.
2. That Council support that Chinese Pistache and/or Pacific Sunset Maple be planted in areas 1 and 2,
3. That Council support that Bella Donna Pink Flowering Kurrajong and/or Cape Chestnut be planted in areas 3 and 4.



1.
Name: *Acer truncatum x platanoides*
 Warrenred Pacific Sunset Maple
Height: 10m
Width: 6m
Growth Rate: Moderate
 Deciduous



2.
Name: *Brachychiton populneus x acerifolia*
 Bella Donna Pink Flowering
 Kurrajong
Height: 8m
Width: 4m
Growth Rate: Moderate
 Evergreen

	<p>3. <u>Name:</u> <i>Calodendron capense</i> Cape Chestnut <u>Height:</u> 12m <u>Width:</u> 5m <u>Growth Rate:</u> Moderate Evergreen</p>
	<p>4. <u>Name:</u> <i>Pistacia chinensis</i> Chinese Pistache <u>Height:</u> 8m <u>Width:</u> 6m <u>Growth Rate:</u> Moderate Deciduous</p>



Davidson Park shade trees – Proposed planting areas

14.4 BOGAN RIVER BUSHCARE REPORT

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities undertaken by the Bogan River Bushcare Group and seek Council's approval to establish a Bogan River Bushcare Group logo.

2. Background

The Bogan River Bushcare Group (BRBCG) was established in 2022 through funding from Stronger Country Communities Fund (4). The program has proven successful and has continued to grow during this short time. A stocked nursery is now established, planting days along the Bogan River with the community have occurred with the vision to continue community involvement and work towards rehabilitating areas along the banks of the Bogan River at Nyngan.

3. Discussion

The BRBCG continues to effectively run and maintain the now established nursery handling approximately 1500 plants. This involves watering, weeding and fertilising plants, repotting plants as required and continued inspections and maintenance of irrigation. The plants housed and maintained at the nursery are not only for Bushcare projects but for other Council managed areas such as parks and gardens.

To further improve the nursery's capabilities, a retractable shade shelter will soon be installed to ensure optimal year-round growing conditions.

Recently four native plants were donated from the Bushcare nursery and presented to new Australian Citizens at the recent citizenship ceremony with the intention of welcome and to also help create a sense of community and promote environmental responsibility.

Work to rehabilitate a disturbed area on the corner of Cathundril and Dandaloo Streets in Nyngan commenced during July. This has involved planting native species from the nursery including Emu Bush, Old Man Salt Bush, Dianella and native grasses.

Attachment 1 shows the area to be rehabilitated and clearly compares the undisturbed and disturbed areas highlighting obvious invasive weeds. The BRBCG will undertake ongoing maintenance to manage weeds in this area until native ground cover is re-established. Several nesting boxes will be installed to enhance habitat availability for native avian species.

BRBCG has assisted the gardening team in planting screen trees and setting up irrigation at Council housing to enhance general aesthetics and improve privacy for tenants.

The outdoor classroom, which is located on the eastern side of the lower weir, has recently been erected. This area will provide a space where community members can meet whilst enjoying the outdoors. It will also serve as an educational space that utilises the natural environment to enhance learning experiences.

Pictures of the outdoor classroom can be seen below.



In the upcoming months, the BRBCG will take advantage of the warmer weather and begin propagating plants and germinating native seeds collected from the local area to support regional biodiversity and ensure that plants are well-suited to their environment. As the plants develop and grow, they are carefully moved to optimal locations within the Nursery space. This is based on their specific needs such as light and moisture to promote their health and growth.

Initially seedlings start in the shade house before being moved to the ‘hardening off’ area to gradually acclimatise the plants to outdoor conditions. This helps to reduce transplant shock and prepares them for their final placement planting in the bush.

The plants are then organised in main bench areas of the Nursery for their ongoing care, which ensures they are well-managed and ready for planting.

Ongoing plans for the BRBCG include:

- An Open Day at the nursery.
 - This will provide an opportunity for the public to visit the nursery improvements and participate in plant propagation processes and seed germination techniques.
- Community planting days along the Bogan River and around the new outdoor classroom area.
 - These planting days will engage the community and boost awareness about the BRBCG whilst improving the natural environment along the Bogan River at Nyngan.
- Community workshops will be held at the outdoor classroom in conjunction with Council's Community Services Department.
 - This aims to continue community and school involvement and awareness of environmental education and BRBCG program to regenerate areas of bush along the Bogan River at Nyngan.
- Establishing a stable and regular group of interested and committed community members to participate in regular Bushcare activities and group sessions.

In order to support and promote these upcoming and future events for the BRBCG, it is proposed that a BRBCG logo be endorsed by Council.

The proposed logo is a visual representation of the BRBCG program's identity. It features the Bogan River and identifies the BRBCG. See **Attachment 2**.

This logo aims to encapsulate the essence of the program and will assist in creating a distinct identity, differentiating the BRBCG from other Bushcare groups.

The logo would be used to promote the BRBCG through the following:

- signage at BRBCG projects and events
- clothing/uniforms
- promotional materials
- media communications and advertising

The BRBCG has proven successful to date and a distinct logo will promote this initiative enabling the BRBCG to stand out which in turn will assist in the program's growth and development.

4. Attachments

1. Disturbed Area - corner of Dandaloo and Cathundril Streets Nyngan
2. Bogan River Bushcare - logo

5. Recommendation

1. That the Bogan River Bushcare Report be received and noted.
2. That Council approve the logo design for the Bogan River Bushcare Group.

Image: Disturbed area on the corner of Cathundril and Dandaloo Streets Nyngan.





15 PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

**15.1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, HOUSING
 AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Attachments

1. Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Recommendation

For Noting.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Our ref: IRF24/1903

Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council

Via email: derek.francis@bogan.nsw.gov.au

8 August 2024

Subject: League Table Publication

Dear Mr Francis

Further to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces letter of 3 July 2024 advising councils of an updated Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order 2024, the NSW Government is today releasing the second iteration of the council league tables. The league tables monitor council performance in the areas of development assessment, planning proposals and strategic planning. This second release is to monitor how councils are performing against the Minister's expectations.

As per the Ministerial Statement of Expectations Order 2024, councils should determine DAs for which it is the consent authority (including DAs determined by a local planning panel), as soon as practical and whichever is the lesser of council's previous financial year average, or within an average of 115 days of lodgement between 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Data gained from the NSW Planning Portal as at the 2 July 2024 identifies your Council's previous financial year average development application determination time was **80** days. Consequently, your Council's expectation for average determination for the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 period will be 80 days.

Council performance for lodging and determining DAs will be monitored each month and published on the department's website. Councils will be provided with a grace period of 5 working days at the beginning of every month to upload data from the previous month into the NSW Planning Portal.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Should you have any queries in relation to the Statement of Expectations Order or the council league tables please contact Chantelle Chow at Chantelle.Chow@planning.nsw.gov.au to discuss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Gibson".

Monica Gibson
Deputy Secretary
Planning, Land Use Strategy, Housing and Infrastructure
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

15.2 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BIG BOAR BONANZA

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the organisers of The Big Boar Bonanza.

Attachments

1. Big Boar Bonanza

Recommendation

For Councils Consideration.

From: aimee pack <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 7:52 PM
To: Bogan Shire Council <administrator@bogan.nsw.gov.au>; Steph Waterhouse <steph.waterhouse@bogan.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Request to waive waste facility fees

Attention: General Manager, Mr Derek Francis.

As you are aware the Big Boar Bonanza is only in its 3rd year and while we have grown a small amount, we are still relatively small in regards to other local events. We all donate our time to organise and facilitate the event and every dollar we make is donated all back into our local community through CanAssist and direct donations to people struggling with cancer and other terminal illnesses.

The Bogan Shire has been instrumental in allowing us to hold our fund raiser and the employees have been excellent in helping us set up. I have been in contact with the Environmental Department to discuss the possible fees we may be asked to pay of \$271.70 to dispose of the rubbish after our event.

The committee members (5 people) have always looked after the clean-up and disposal of all waste after our event and are happy to keep doing this into the future. We are requesting that you approve waiving the disposal fee as mentioned above this will allow us to keep giving back as much as possible and preparing for future events.

Regards,
Robert & Aimee Pack
0499 193 716
[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

15.3 CORRESPONDENCE FROM NYNGAN BOWLING CLUB

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Nyngan Bowling Club.

Director Finance and Corporate Services Note: Nyngan Bowling Club have been requested to submit an application under Councils Financial Assistance Policy AP015, which will be tabled at the Council Meeting, if received.

Attachments

1. Nyngan Bowling Club

Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

From: aspa.taylor
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 11:44 AM
To: Bogan Shire Council <administrator@bogan.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Nyngan Bowling Club Bogan River Pairs bowls tournament
Importance: High

To Whom it may concern,

The Nyngan Bowling Club will be holding our annual Bogan River Pairs tournament on the October long weekend, September 30th to October 2nd. This event attracts numerous visitors to our club as well as the town of Nyngan throughout the weekend. As you may be aware, this event is a prestigious event on the bowls calendar throughout the Central West of New South Wales, and as such commands moderate prize monies, this is made possible by having several sponsors on board to take the financial burden away from the club to ensure its viability during these difficult economic times. To help us achieve its target prize money, we, The Nyngan Bowling Club men's bowls committee, would like to offer The Bogan Shire council an opportunity to be a sponsor of our tournament with an option of \$1000 or \$2000. The Nyngan Bowling Club is a major contributor to sporting organizations within Nyngan and support numerous other businesses. By holding these types of events, the Nyngan community benefits by having the extra visitors staying in town.

Thank you.
Adrian Taylor
Nyngan Bowling Club
0459703989

15.4 CORRESPONDENCE FROM IMOGEN WARDMAN

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Imogen Wardman regarding “Safer Crossings for Nymagee Street”.

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Imogen Wardman

Recommendation

For Councils consideration.

Imogen Wardman
41 Wambiana St
Nyngan, NSW, 2825

Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO BOX 221
Nyngan NSW 2825
admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au

Subject: Safer Crossings for Nymagee St
Date: 23rd July 2024

Dear Mr. Derek Francis,

I am writing to request the council's consideration of adding safer crossings along Nymagee Street. As a main route through town, Nymagee Street experiences a high volume of traffic, including trucks. With the recent addition of new paths leading to the river from the Flood Memorial Park, this area has become a popular destination for families, including my own, as well as many others I observe during my travels.

To enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists, I propose the installation of additional traffic islands along Nymagee Street. These islands would provide safer crossing points for pedestrians. Additionally, the inclusion of appropriate bike lanes would further improve safety for all road users.

I understand that the cost of concrete and signage can be significant. Therefore, I respectfully request that the council consider including the addition of these traffic islands and bike lanes in future applications for grants related to safer transport, such as the Get NSW Active grants.

Thank you for considering my request.

Kind regards,
Imogen Wardman

15.5 CORRESPONDENCE FROM P & A PARTNERSHIP

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from P & A Partnership.

Director Engineering Services Note: Monkey Bridge Road requires a lot of gravel replacement, as do most of our unsealed regional and local roads.

The budget cost comparisons are:

5km construct & seal	\$ 800,000
5km gravel re-sheeting	\$125,000
5km maintenance grade x 2	\$ 15,000

Attachments

1. P & A Partnership

Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

P & A Partnership
TUBBA VILLA
1106 Tubbavilla Road
COOLABAH NSW 2831

July 13th, 2024

To Whom It may concern,

Due to the increasing traffic load on the Monkey Bridge Road,
I am writing to propose the possible bitumising of the first 5 or more kilometres
at the Brewarrina Road end, nearest to Coolabah.

It is obvious by the current condition of the road that it is impossible simply for road graders to
keep it in adequate condition, not to mention the cost of trying to do so.
Certain portions are even becoming quite dangerous, particularly muddy when wet and heavy
bulldust when dry.

For the long-term viability and continued safe use by all road users, could this not be a feasible
option in the not-too-distant future?

Yours Sincerely



Amanda Dunn

edwards.dunn@outlook.com.au

Phone 0427332134

15.6 CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR VINCENT WREN

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Mr Vincent Wren.

Director of Engineering Services Note: Council is still working on Priority One kerb & gutter replacements, and this section is rated as a priority four. The location has been surveyed and there is a rise in the kerb that holds some water in the driveway layback.

The gutter runs full in heavy rain and drains away slowly when it stops. Mr Wren has also asked for his driveway from the kerb to his boundary to be concreted and has been advised that this is his responsibility and was provided with contacts for suitable contractors.

Attachments

1. Vincent Wren

Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

From: Vincent Wren
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Bogan Shire Council <administrator@bogan.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: CM: General Manager, August Council Meeting

Dear Sir

I wish to bring to your attention the broken kerbing at side 93 Wanbianabiana, Nyngan. It has been like that since I moved in five years ago. I have made many attempts to have it fixed and although council employees have visited the site and photos have been taken n I have been told I am a very low priority.

As I want to start using the shed which the driveway to I cannot as every time it rains we have to river outside the in the gutters and as you senter i drive away and you scrap the front and bottom of the car.

I have been told there are many priority jobs in front of me, but could the council see a way of fixing this problem in the near future.

Thanking you in advance
Regards
Vincent Wren

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