



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

27 September 2018

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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Nyngan on Thursday 27 September 2018 at 9.30am.

Dr Peter Hanley will be joining Councillors and staff for morning tea.

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 23 August 2018
6. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 August 2018
7. Committee Meeting Minutes
8. Notice of Motions
9. Mayoral Minute
10. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - People and Community Services
 - Finance and Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
11. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Ellison
Executive Assistant



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 NYNGAN MUSEUM

Attached are the Minutes of the Nyngan Museum Meetings held at the Nyngan Museum on Wednesday 1 August 2018 and Wednesday 5 September 2018.

1.1 Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Nyngan Museum Meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on Wednesday 1 August 2018 and Wednesday 5 September 2018 be received and noted.



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Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: *1st August 2018* Venue: *Nyngan Museum*

Present:

*Glad Eldridge, Leonie Montgomery, Anna Corby, Collin Pardy, Yvonne Pardy, Anne Quarmby
Bay Lovett, Ray Donald, Veneta Dutton*

Apologies:

Margaret Sibbald, Val Keighran

Guests:

Abigail McLaughlin, Kate Sinclair

Minutes last meeting: Move: *Anna* second: *Yvonne Pardy*

Business arising from previous minutes:

Solar farm. There are to be new sliding gates at the solar farm. They will have a button inside the gate but should be automatic. Simon Kelly has said that by the middle of August, the farm should be open seven days from 8am until 5pm. Signage for opening times will be added at the site as well. Abigail has spoken to AGL, but if there is no interest we will proceed with our own publication.

The cheque from Mark Coulton's office has arrived in the bank account. Purchases can now be made.

Signage outside the museum has still not been replaced. Abigail is trying to find out what the next step is.

Abigail has been unable to find out who the alarm contact is. She will have a meeting with Derek Francis before the next meeting to ascertain this.

The show cut out, of the Big Bogan, will return to the VIC. It would be better outside but is not weatherproofed yet. Perhaps it could be somewhat protected if placed near the walls and this will provide some protection.

Treasurers Report attached: read and moved: *Collin* 2nd: *Glad Eldridge*

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Correspondence In:

Letter to confirm a bus visit Wednesday 22nd August. 9 passengers and 2 staff. An invoice will have to be provided.

Correspondence Out:

Co Ordinator's Report:

Thank you to all the people that have covered people who have been away. We should be done with most vacancies by the end of September.

Anna and Leonie are still working on the Museum plan. Abigail will contact us with a time and date to meet with the council.

We keep running out of the kid's pamphlet as it is very popular. Leonie has run off more, and has also designed one for adults that has a map and a brief summary of what can be seen in the museum. It has also been printed and is available at the entry door.

Leonie runs off the pamphlets at her home as she has a laser printer that does a better job than the inkjet owned by the museum. As we now have some available funds, she would like to purchase a multi function laser printer for the museum so that more professional looking items are produced. They are available for under \$500.00 at the moment. Motion: That Leonie look at and purchase a laser printer for the museum. Moved Glad 2nd Collin Pardy. Passed

General business

Motion: That the Men's Shed be approached about making wire toasting forks for sale in the museum. Moved Glad 2nd Anne Q Passed

Abigail has attended an economic development meeting at tourism NSW, looking for new ideas for the VIC. A Night In The Museum is one where local businesses are invited to view the museum and VIC and the services they offer. This could be over nibbles at a 6 – 8pm type time slot Moved Abigail 2nd Leonie. Abigail will come with details next meeting and a date could be set.

Abigail has nominated the museum volunteers for recognition with Volunteers Australia

Meeting Closed 10.15

Next Meeting 5th September



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Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: 5th September 2018

Present:

Glad Eldridge, Leonie Montgomery, Anne Quarmby, Val Keighran, Bay Lovett, Margaret Sibbald, Ray Donald, Kate Sinclair

Apologies:

Collin Pardy, Yvonne Pardy, Anna Corby,

Guests:

Abigail McLaughlin

Minutes last meeting: Minutes read and taken by Leonie second: Ray Donald

Business arising from previous minutes:

Solar Farm: Automatic gates have been installed and the facility is now open from 7am to 6 pm. There is a safety button inside in case the gates close when someone is inside.

Moved Anne Quarmby "That VIC write a letter of thanks to AGL for organizing the solar farm gate." 2nd Val

Volunteer certificates will be presented in Dubbo. Ray is trying to have the presentation moved to Nyngan as first preference.

Moved Abigail "That the museum alarm be changed from back to base to local." 2nd Margaret Sibbald

Night at the museum. The Shire has \$5000.00 to spend on an event in October. The idea is to invite local businesses and showcase what we do. Abigail will organize invitations. October 24th 7pm – 9pm Angie Armstrong has been asked to cater.

Treasurers Report attached: prepared by Collin read by: Ray 2nd: Glad



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Correspondence In:

*#Collin has given the Remembrance Day purchase Order to the shire to be ordered. Freight costs for the glass cabinets is very high so he would like to consult with Anna Corby to make a decision about how to change the order to fit inside the budget.
#Booking request from Port Stephens Coaches for 14th May 2019. We will send a confirmation e mail.*

Correspondence Out:

Confirmation of visit from Port Stephens in 2019. Sent 7th September 2018

Co Ordinator's Report:

School photos are being scanned into the computer. A newspaper request for photos has been placed, and will also be scanned to show a complete record. Any photos brought into the museum, either scan the picture, or put it in an envelope with contact details so that it can be returned.

Abigail's Report:

Bogan merchandise on Prime 7 news.

A formal stock taking process by the Shire, for VIC merchandise, has been put in place.

Funding is available to purchase more goods for VIC, so more stock should be available for purchase.

Eftpos details are sent to the Shire every afternoon, so that income can be sorted between Museum and VIC.

General business

The map in the centre of our brochure has no numbers to show attractions. Swap with single map that already has numbers. Moved Anna (by mail in absence.) Abigail will look into this.

Train photos in the book have been misleading to some customers, and it was pointed out to us by them. The dates do say 2015.

Cotton tea towels are running out, looking to purchase more.



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*Purchase hand towels with Nyngan Museum embroidered on it and then add crocheted edges.
Moved Anne 2nd Glad*

*Motion; Design a cook book, maybe flood memorabilia as well, based on the book Nyngan in the
Bogan produced after the flood. Leonie will see Karen Boyde*

Meeting Closed: 10.25

Nyngan Museum and Visitor Information Centre - August 2018

Site	VIC Cash	VIC EFTPOS	MSG Cash	MSG EFTPOS	Entry Cash	Entry EFTPOS	Discrep.
5/08/2018	\$ 114.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 0.50
6/08/2018	\$ 195.00	\$ 232.80	\$ 90.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 280.00	\$ -	-\$ 6.45
7/08/2018	\$ 304.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 82.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 0.10
17/08/2018	\$ 329.00	\$ 260.50	\$ 103.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 328.00	\$ -	\$ 3.00
21/08/2018	\$155.00	\$191.00	\$71.50	\$143.00	\$102.00	\$27.00	\$0.50
	\$ 1,097.00	\$ 941.80	\$ 2,038.80	\$ 478.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,658.00	-\$ 2.35

Adults	Children
84	6
90	10
82	0
103	19
359	35

Total Visitors	394
Total Cash	\$ 4,315.80
Total EFTPOS	\$ 3,077.80
Total Income	\$ 7,393.60

MSG Income	\$ 2,516.80
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**Notice of Motion to the Ordinary Meeting of
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The following Notice of Motions have been received from Councillor Jackson for consideration:-

1. New Buildings
2. Defibrillators
3. Grants

**Notice of Motion to the Ordinary Meeting of
Bogan Shire Council held on 27 September 2018**

18 September 2018

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

Dear Derek

Notice of Motion

I would like to place the following notice of motion on the business paper agenda for the September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

That all new buildings constructed have a minimum of four bedrooms which caters for larger families and helps in resale value of the property in future if sold.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Graham Jackson", written over a horizontal line.

.....
Councillor Graham Jackson
Bogan Shire Council

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18 September 2018

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

Dear Derek

Notice of Motion

I would like to place the following notice of motion on the business paper agenda for the September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

That Council apply on ratepayers behalf for defibrillators grants that become available again due to their significance in saving lives.

Notes:

Defibrillators:-

Larkin Oval for Senior Rugby League and Nyngan Rugby Union Club.

Frank Smith Oval for Nyngan Soccer Club and Nyngan Cricket Club.

Nyngan Swimming Pool for Nyngan Swimming Club.

Nyngan Junior Rugby League Oval for Nyngan Junior Rugby League Club.

Yours sincerely



.....
Councillor Graham Jackson
Bogan Shire Council

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18 September 2018

The General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
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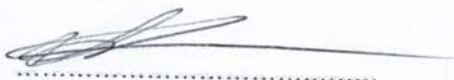
Dear Derek

Notice of Motion

I would like to place the following notice of motion on the business paper agenda for the September 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council:

That Council created a list for all Sporting Clubs, Presidents and Secretaries as well as each Councillor to receive a list of grants available to apply for in Bogan Shire Council of Nyngan, so that the best chance possible is made to secure funding with the assistance of representatives on Bogan Shire Council.

Yours sincerely



.....
Councillor Graham Jackson
Bogan Shire Council



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

Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

The below information has been received from Dr Peter Hanley.

1 FUEL AT NYNGAN AIRPORT

Firstly, at the Medical Centre, as you maybe already aware, we have been endeavouring to provide free air transport for specialist reviews in Sydney.

Mainly with Angel Flights direct from Nyngan Airport. To date, since I have been here, we have had patients fly (via Bankstown airport) to St Vincent's Hospital (oncology and general surgery), Westmead Hospital, The Melanoma Institute in North Sydney, The Seventh Day Adventist Hospital and Royal North Shore Hospital.

Ground transport at the other end is provided for free by Angel Flight to wherever to patient needs to go. It is a great time saver. All these flights have been provided for free by Angel Flight, from Nyngan airport, by volunteer pilots. These pilots volunteer their planes and time. Some of these pilots have flown from Sydney, Orange and Newcastle. We even had a pilot fly from Brisbane to pick up a Nyngan patient!

Unfortunately, I have had feedback from 2 patients that the pilot had to stop off on the way to refuel his plane because there was no self -servicing refuelling facilities at Nyngan Airport. This adds to the flight time and stress for a patient who, is often set for a major surgical operation.

Is there the possibility that Council could look again into some sort of refuelling station at Nyngan Airport? Particularly so, if we are looking into the free services of "little wings" – which provides Paediatric flights for children and parents (which require a bigger plane, more fuel etc).

1.1 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.



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2 Q FEVER VACCINATION

We have had confirmed cases of Q fever. One of the real concerns we have is the cost of the vaccine and testing kit. The Q fever vaccination is not PBS listed, therefore the cost of the vaccine will be covered by the individual.

It is tax deductible for primary producers, however for some farmers, being in the middle of a drought, where every dollar counts, I have a concern that they may not elect to get the vaccine.

My thought is that you may have some direct contacts within the Federal Government (Mark Coulton?/ State Government (NSW Health Minister?) that could put some consideration to a subsidy or PBS listing the Q fever vaccination for primary producers and their families?

2.1 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

Ray Donald OAM

Mayor



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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	27/10/2016	423/2016	Seniors Living – Rental Units	Consult with community to gauge interest in the project before making a decision on which location & how many units to build.	GM	Public Information Meeting 14 December 2016. Community expressed a preference for the Cobar/Dandaloo Streets site. Building Better Regions Grant Program identified as a match for this project. <u>UPDATE:</u> Application under Stronger Country Communities successful.

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2	28/09/2017 <hr/> 22/02/2018	283/2017 <hr/> 016/2018	Medical Centre	<p>The General Manager in consultation with PHN proceeds to recruit & engage a second doctor for the BSMC.</p> <hr/> <p>Council at an appropriate time, invite the current doctors at the BSMC to address Council on their experiences at Rural/Regional Medical Centres.</p>	GM	<p>Recruitment agencies engaged to source locum / permanent second doctor.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Second Locums secured until 30/06/2019. Continuing to explore resourcing options with LHD.</p> <hr/> <p>BSMC locum invited to attend future Council Meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
3	21/12/2017	392/2017	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Strong letter of concern & a request to address Council be send to the relevant rail authorities & a copy to local member.	GM	<p>Letter sent to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure, with copy to Kevin Humphries.</p> <p>Minister has now forwarded the letter onto the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP.</p>

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	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 & that the best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.	MES	Further letter sent 12 July 2018.
4	21/12/2017	421/2017	New Cemetery Entrance Design	Council approve the design presented with changes to the steel column on the right hand side to delete the wheat sheaf & replace with a cow's head and sheep's head.	MDES	UPDATE: Steel cut out received & sign being constructed in workshop for future installation. Work to commence from Monday 24 September 2018. (Remove existing grid & bore footings)

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5	24/05/2018	165/2018	Heavy Vehicle Inspection Shed	An urgent letter be sent to the Minister for Transport strongly objecting to the way vehicle inspections are being carried at Nyngan HVIS. Copy of letter to Kevin Humphries.	MES	Letter has been forwarded. No response to date.
6	21/06/2018	186/2018	Oatley Street Sewer Reticulation System	Council undertakes community consultation via survey to Oatley Streets residents concerning this request.	MES	In progress. Letters sent to residents 11 July 2018. 47 letters sent, 7 responded No, 9 Yes (2 depending on cost). Progressing with design and cost estimates for a full report to Council.
7	21/06/2018	187/2018	Labourer's Position	Two of Council's grader gangs be consolidated to work together so that one position of offsider be removed from rural works & transferred to civil works to achieve budget savings.	MES	In progress – investigating implications. Two graders working towards each other to begin trial. Trial in progress.



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8	21/06/2018	204/2018	Nyngan Rugby Union	Council discuss with the Rugby Union the overcharges they levy on community organisations including the Nyngan Rugby League.	GM	Initial discussions held with Rugby Union 17 July 2018. <u>UPDATE:</u> Meeting held 17/09/2018. Verbal update at Council meeting. COMPLETED
9	26/07/208	345/2018	Pangee Street Parking	Parking be monitored over the next three months.	MES	In Progress.



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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 ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Summary:-

The provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations requires Council to hold elections every two years for the office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Council last held elections in 2016.

2.1 Introduction

This report outlines the provisions for the election of the Mayor along with the Deputy Mayor prescribed by the Local Government Act and Regulations.

2.2 Background

According to Section 230(1), as amended, the Mayor now holds office for two years.

Furthermore, the role of the Mayor has changed with recent amendments to the Local Government Act.

According to section 226 of the Act, the role of the Mayor is:-

- (a) to be the leader of the Council and a leader in the local community;
- (b) to advance community cohesion and promote civic awareness;
- (c) to be the principal member and spokesperson of the governing body, including representing the views of the Council as to its local priorities;
- (d) to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council;
- (e) to preside at meetings of the Council;
- (f) to ensure that meetings of the Council are conducted efficiently, effectively and in accordance with this Act;



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- (g) to ensure the timely development and adoption of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the Council;
- (h) to promote the effective and consistent implementation of the strategic plans, programs and policies of the Council;
- (i) to promote partnerships between the Council and key stakeholders;
- (j) to advise, consult with and provide strategic direction to the General Manager in relation to the implementation of the strategic plans and policies of the Council;
- (k) in conjunction with the General Manager, to ensure adequate opportunities and mechanisms for engagement between the Council and the local community;
- (l) to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral Office;
- (m) to represent the Council on regional organisations and at Inter-Governmental forums at regional, State and Commonwealth level,
- (n) in consultation with the Councillors, to lead performance appraisals of the General Manager; and
- (o) to exercise any other functions of the Council that the Council determines.

2.3 Discussion

The Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government Regulations 2005 make the following provisions for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor by Councillors.

2.3.1 Term of Office

The person elected holds the office of Mayor for two years. The person elected to the office of Deputy Mayor may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.

2.3.2 Returning Officer

The General Manager (or a person appointed by the General Manager) is the Returning Officer.

2.3.3 Nomination

- A Councillor may be nominated without notice for election as Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

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- The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer and the Returning Officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the Council meeting at which the election is to be held.

2.3.4 Election

- If only one Councillor is nominated, that Councillor is elected.
- If more than one Councillor is nominated, the Council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by **preferential ballot**, by **ordinary ballot** or by **open voting**.
- The election is to be held at the Council meeting at which the Council resolves on the method of voting.

In the Regulations:

ballot has its normal meaning of secret ballot.

open voting means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

2.3.5 Voting Method

(i) Ordinary Ballot or Open voting

These provisions apply if the election proceeds by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

Marking of ballot-papers

- If the election proceeds by ordinary ballot, the Returning Officer is to decide the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot-papers.
- An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

Count—2 candidates

- If there are only 2 candidates, the candidate with the higher number of votes is elected.
- If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot.



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Where there are more than 3 candidates additional steps are required.

(ii) Preferential Ballot

Provisions are available for election by preferential ballot.

(iii) General

Choosing by lot

To choose a candidate by lot, the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes are written on similar slips of paper by the Returning Officer, the slips are folded by the Returning Officer so as to prevent the names being seen, the slips are mixed and one is drawn at random by the Returning Officer and the candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is chosen.

Result

The result of the election (including the name of the candidate elected as Mayor or Deputy Mayor) is:

- to be declared to the Councillors at the Council meeting at which the election is held by the Returning Officer, and
- to be delivered or sent to the Director-General and to the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales.

2.4 Procedure

Nomination forms for the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor may be handed to the General Manager at any time including immediately prior to the election process.

2.5 Recommendations

1. That nominations be called firstly for the office of Mayor and secondly for the office of Deputy Mayor.
2. That Council determines the length of office for the Deputy Mayor.



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3 NYNGAN / COBAR WATER SECURITY PROJECT

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the current status of the Nyngan Cobar Water Security Project and to seek direction on certain key matters to progress the project.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the status of the Nyngan Cobar Water Security project.

3.2 Background

Previous reports to Council in March, September and November 2017 as well as February and April 2018 refer.

Following an extraordinary meeting in November 2017, Council wrote to the Deputy Premier setting out our concerns relating to the potential impact on Nyngan water charges if the project was to proceed.

This was followed, in April 2018, by several resolutions which reflected Council's concerns over the viability of the proposed project:

018/2018 RESOLVED that Council considers each of the issues raised and recommendations made by Council's Technical Advisors. **(Boag/Neill)**

Issue 2 - Water Security Solutions

019/2018 RESOLVED that Council strongly request that a second storage be funded and proceed, based on its earlier resolution (September 2017) that off-river storages are solutions to the long-term water security needs of Bogan Shire and Cobar Shire. **(Neill/Jackson) Unanimous**

Issue 3 - Water Pricing Framework

020/2018 RESOLVED that the water pricing report prepared by the Project's Technical Advisors be reviewed by Council's Financial Consultants and Auditors. **(Neill/Jackson)**

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Issue 4 - Agreements with Cobar

021/2018 RESOLVED that Council delegates authority to the Mayor and General Manager to hold talks with Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board in regard to future service agreements, proposed water pricing proposed governance arrangements once this information is available. **(Ryan/Neill)**

Issue 5 - Retain or decommission the Albert Priest Channel

022/2018 RESOLVED that Council engage a consultant to undertake additional consultation and evaluation to determine whether to partially retain, fully retain or decommission the Albert Priest Channel. **(Neill/Ryan)**

Issue 7 - Proposed letter to Minister for Regional Water

023/2018 RESOLVED That Council writes to the Minister for Regional Water regarding water policy issues associated with internal water trading, replenishment flows to Bogan River and Beleringar Creek, impacts to water entitlements for alternate location for the Gunningbar Creek off take and town water licencing. **(Ryan/Boag)**

Issue 8 - Project Funding

024/2018 RESOLVED that Council lodges an Expression of Interest and Detailed Application for grant funding under the NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program to fund the completion of the expanded options development activities and revised Business Case for the project. **(Neill/Boag)**

3.3 Discussion

Following further analysis and discussions involving consultants and the NSW Government, an Economic Assessment of Options report was tabled at the project steering committee meeting held on 14 September 2018. (Executive Summary of this report is attached as Attachment 2).

The report concludes that, with the exception of Options 2a and 2c (off-river storages), all other options – including the proposed pipeline – “do not offer a net benefit. This appears to be because the most recent secure yield model runs show that the recently constructed 650ML storage provides satisfactory supply reliability in most years, despite not meeting the security of supply criteria”.



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The report therefore recommends that Infrastructure Options 2a and 2c (off-river storages) be considered further as these options deliver a net economic benefit.

3.4 Attachments

1. Project Steering Committee Minutes – 14 September 2018
2. Extract of Economic Assessment of Options Report – August 2018

3.5 Recommendation

That Council pursue the necessary processes to secure funding for the construction of a second off-river storage.



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**Minutes of the Nyngan Cobar Water Security Project Steering Committee
Meeting held at Bogan Shire Council Chambers on 14 September 2018**

The meeting opened at 12:35pm

Present: **Bogan Shire Council**
Ray Donald OAM – Mayor (Chair)
Derek Francis – General Manager
Graeme Bourke – Manager Engineering Services
Trevor Waterhouse – Manager Water Supply

Cobar Shire Council and Cobar Water Board
Steve Taylor – Director Engineering Services

NSW Crown Land and Water Division
Matt Parmeter – Senior Urban Water Manager

NSW Public Works
David Watson – Senior Project Manager

Consultants
Mike Brearley – Mike Brearley and Associates

1. Apologies:

Peter Vlatko, Warwick Brown

2. Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.
(Moved Derek Francis, seconded David Watson)

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Water Storage

- Some contractor delays
- Pipework completed
- Testing of Pumps – October

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- Electrical upgrade has not been possible due to budget constraints. Requires approximately \$80,000. Pumps will not be able to operate at full capacity in summer. To be included in funding application for second storage and revisited if this is not successful.

5. Albert Priest Channel Pipeline

Discussion centred around the presentation by Mike Brearley.

- Recommendation to stop further consultant work on channel user consultation by RPS and use the allocated funds to prepare business case for second storage. (Moved David Watson, seconded Trevor Waterhouse)
- Studies now show that options 2a and 2b (additional storages at Nyngan) are the only ones that provide an acceptable net cost benefit.
- It was noted that there was no Federal Government funding forthcoming for the Pipeline project.

6. Future Directions

- Concentrate on second storage as per economic cost benefit report
- Hold urgent discussions with Crown Lands regarding their stock dam affecting the size of the second storage
- Recommendation that Bogan Shire Council pursue the necessary processes to secure funding for the construction of a second storage. (Moved Derek Francis, seconded Steve Taylor) - unanimous

7. Action Sheet

No further actions

8. Other Matters

- Confirmation was given from Cobar Water Board / Cobar Shire Council that they support the decision in (6) above as they had the same concerns as Bogan Shire Council regarding affordability.
- General understanding noted that mines in Cobar Shire and Bogan Shire can purchase additional water using the current infrastructure if they require it.



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Next meeting to be called as required.

The meeting closed at 1:30pm.



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Executive Summary

Introduction

Nyngan and Cobar do not have reliable local sources of water. When the Bogan River ceases to flow for more than a year, supply is completely dependent on the Macquarie River and there is not enough water to meet high levels of demand. In 2007 low water levels in Burrendong Dam caused severe water restrictions and heightened concerns the Macquarie River may not offer the level of water security previously assumed.

The primary driver for this project is delivering water security for the towns of Nyngan and Cobar. A significant secondary consideration is the facilitation of ongoing investment in the mining industry. Gold and copper mining makes a major contribution to the regional economy, but also is a significant user of water for purposes such as cooling and ore processing. New copper and scandium mine developments in the Nyngan region also require a small but reliable water supply. The lack of a reliable water supply at the volumes required is constraining the growth of this industry.

The level of water security available to urban and industrial users falls well short of best practice. Committed investments will reduce the shortfall to some extent but will not resolve the water security issues for the region. The shared nature of the infrastructure requires a coordinated response to ensure the solutions developed address the various stakeholders' security and investment requirements.

This report examines options to address these water security shortfalls. Various water security options have been investigated to identify the optimal infrastructure for delivering water security for high security customers in the Nyngan-Cobar region, subject to financial and economic constraints.

Options

This report identifies nineteen potential options to improve water security, and provides an economic assessment of the eight options shortlisted for more detailed analysis. The full list of options is below:

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No.	Option	Transport	Total Storage ML	Covered component of Storage ML	Approximate Capital Cost (\$M) ¹
1a	Existing storage (without drought mode)		650	0	\$13 M
1b	Existing storage (BASE CASE)		650	0	\$13 M
2a	Additional storage	Existing Albert Priest Channel	1,185	0	\$21 M
2b			4,185	0	\$59 M
2c			4,185	3535	\$67 M
2d			3,260	2610	\$53 M
2e			1,185	535	\$23 M
3a	Pipeline and storages	New pipeline for high security users along a route to be determined	650	0	\$85 M
3b			1,185	0	\$93 M
3c			4,185	0	\$131 M
3d			4,185	3535	\$139 M
3e			2,480	1830	\$114 M
4a			650	0	\$103 M
4b			1,185	0	\$111 M
4c	1,420	770	\$115 M		
4f	7.5 ML/day bore field, with pipeline and storages		650	0	\$106 M
4g			1,185	0	\$114 M
5a	Gunningbar Creek pipeline option	<i>Irrigation Pipeline along Gunningbar Ck with an offtake only activated in droughts for Nyngan, Cobar and Mines. The Albert Priest Channel would remain in use. Pending detailed assessment.</i>			
5b	Old Warren Road pipeline option	<i>Pipeline option could supply all regulated flows to upper Gunningbar & Duck Creeks, Nyngan, Cobar and Mines. Albert Priest Channel would no longer be used, unless required by irrigators along the channel. Pending detailed assessment.</i>			

All options except option 1a include a “drought mode”, which involves installation of a temporary infrastructure in the Bogan Weir Pool to reduce losses. Two operating modes were tested to determine if operating rule adjustments would have a significant impact on water availability.

Demand and the capacity to supply water

The impact of the various options on water availability has been estimated based on water security modelling completed by NSW Urban Water Solutions, 2018 (NUWS). A secure yield target demand for the system is 6,350 ML/a. In the modelling, the secure yield is assigned between the high security users in the following priority order (licences and current and future demands are also shown):

¹ Refer to Appendix F for additional information. The capital costing of the various options is a composite of numerous costings from various sources. In a number of cases the cost of infrastructure has needed to be interpolated from other infrastructure costings.

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Priority	User	Secure Yield – Target demand estimate (ML/a)	Licence (ML/a)	Current Demand (ML/a)	Future Demand (ML/a)
1	Towns	Nyngan 850 Cobar 1200	4,600	2,100	2,100
2	Mines	4,250	4,250	2,490	4,250
3	Domestic and Stock	50	240	246	246
4	General Security Users		2,592	0	1,465
Total		6,350	11,682	4,836	8,061

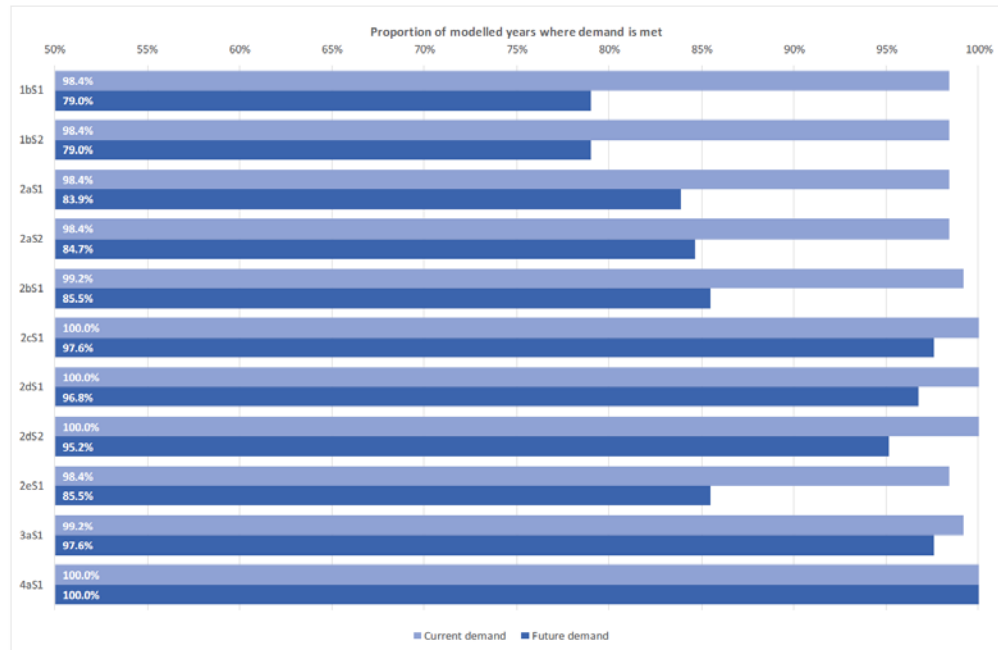
The modelling was based on a 124-year climatic time series for the years 1890/91 to 2013/14. The initial stages of the work identified the secure yield achievable using various infrastructure options. The secure yield characteristics of the various options is summarised below:

Factor	Comments
Capacity to supply: current demand	All options provide a reasonably high level of reliability for high security customers at current levels of demand, although a number of options would not deliver full water supply security for all high security customers.
Capacity to supply: future demand	None of the options would deliver full water supply security at the forecast future demand, although the covered storage and pipeline options perform substantially better than uncovered storages.
Uncovered storage performance	Uncovered storages reduce water availability during wetter years and increase water availability for at least some dry years. Evaporation losses penalises large storages, meaning large storages do not offer significantly more security than the base case.
Channel versus pipeline transport	Options that rely on replacing the Albert Priest Channel with a pipeline offer very high reliability, capable of delivering future demand for high security customers in 98% of years. These options preserve the water previously lost through evaporation and seepage in the channel, meaning they deliver ‘new’ water to customers. The system can deliver considerably more than the future demand forecast in over 90% of years.
Supplementary groundwater	The high performance of the pipeline also means that supplementary groundwater options do not offer major benefits to the high value customers who are the most capable of funding this high cost option.
Covered storages	Covered storages offer similar levels of water security to pipeline options in drier years, but in average and wet years have a similar performance to non-covered storages.
Operating rule variations	There is minimal difference in the results for ‘Scenario 1’ or ‘Scenario 2’ operating rules. Consequently the balance of the assessment focuses on ‘Scenario 1’ options as these operating rules have been modelled for all shortlisted infrastructure options.

The secure yield analysis was then used to conduct a coarse analysis of potential costs and benefits, which formed the basis of a shortlist of promising options. NUWS then modelled “operational” runs for the shortlisted options. The model attempted to deliver 6.35GL per year to the local water utility and mining customers connected to the system, using a combination of water allocations from the Macquarie River, licensed extractions from the Bogan River weir pool and water retained in storages. The model identified, for each year, the water successfully delivered to high security customers and any unused water allocations. The proportion of years where high security demand is met for each of the shortlisted options is shown below:

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Economic assessments are based on the net change in water availability, leading to increased productivity by the various users. Option 1bS1 is the base case. There are consistent gains in water availability achievable by the pipeline and groundwater options, because these options generate “new” water. At the other extreme, the large uncovered storages can sit idle for decades with significant water losses to evaporation and seepage. The large covered storage options offer significant improvements by cutting water losses to make more water available in drought and non-drought years.

Supplementing the surface water supply system with groundwater has been examined as an option to deliver a water supply that can sustain droughts. Reviews by CM Jewell & Associates have indicated that there may be some prospects for accessing groundwater from the southern extremities of the Great Artesian Basin, to the east and the north of Warren. The groundwater could be a high reliability source of “new” water, however the infrastructure costs are high and groundwater allocations would need to be acquired.

Financial modelling

The purpose of the financial analysis is to estimate the long run cost of the various options for water customers. Long run costs include the funding of replacement assets, and are based on two-part tariffs for ‘core’ transportation assets and additional tariffs for assets used for water security purposes.

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A detailed description of the pricing outcomes is shown in Section 4.2 of this report. A summary of the tariffs and effective prices for customers is shown below:

Option	Core transport tariffs ²		Security tariffs ³		RAB ⁴ \$/share	Typical costs (\$/ML) ⁵			
	\$/share	\$/ML	\$/share	\$/ML		LWUs	Mines	D&S	General
Current demand									
1b	\$8.86	\$38/ML	\$2.65	\$12/ML	\$0	\$62/ML	\$70/ML	\$47/ML	-
2a	\$8.86	\$38/ML	\$5.60	\$18/ML	\$141	\$70/ML	\$220/ML	\$50/ML	-
2b	\$8.86	\$38/ML	\$21.38	\$24/ML	\$827	\$92/ML	\$940/ML	\$47/ML	-
2c	\$8.86	\$38/ML	\$49.30	\$41/ML	\$970	\$137/ML	\$1148/ML	\$47/ML	-
2d	\$8.86	\$38/ML	\$38.31	\$37/ML	\$722	\$122/ML	\$878/ML	\$47/ML	-
2e	\$8.87	\$38/ML	\$11.49	\$21/ML	\$171	\$79/ML	\$265/ML	\$47/ML	-
3a	\$32.16	\$37/ML	\$6.72	\$12/ML	\$1,307	\$88/ML	\$1423/ML	\$69/ML	-
4a	\$32.51	\$37/ML	\$34.08	\$21/ML	\$1,620	\$124/ML	\$1792/ML	\$69/ML	-
Future demand									
1b	\$7.40	\$23/ML	\$2.68	\$9/ML	\$0	\$42/ML	\$42/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
2a	\$7.40	\$23/ML	\$5.55	\$13/ML	\$69	\$48/ML	\$117/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
2b	\$7.40	\$23/ML	\$21.26	\$18/ML	\$405	\$69/ML	\$473/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
2c	\$7.40	\$23/ML	\$49.30	\$30/ML	\$475	\$109/ML	\$584/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
2d	\$7.40	\$23/ML	\$38.31	\$27/ML	\$354	\$95/ML	\$449/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
2e	\$7.41	\$23/ML	\$11.52	\$15/ML	\$84	\$57/ML	\$141/ML	\$30/ML	\$29/ML
3a	\$27.20	\$26/ML	\$6.72	\$9/ML	\$640	\$69/ML	\$708/ML	\$53/ML	\$50/ML
4a	\$27.09	\$26/ML	\$34.45	\$15/ML	\$793	\$103/ML	\$896/ML	\$53/ML	\$50/ML

Benefit Cost Analysis

The benefit cost analysis is compliant with the *NSW Government Guide to Cost-Benefit Analysis (TPP17-03)*. Section 5.1.1 of this report describes how the key elements of this guide have been applied.

² The core transportation infrastructure that all users benefit from. This consists of either the Albert Priest Channel or the replacement pipeline, including its associated infrastructure.

³ Infrastructure provided for water security purposes, such as water storages and supplementary groundwater.

⁴ Regulated Asset Base upper bound charges. Under the National Water Initiative pricing principles utilities are required to price non-rural water services inclusive of a return on assets. Mines will be liable for this charge – for LWUs the charge is deemed to be paid for by capital contribution through the NSW government grant.

⁵ These are the costs borne in a typical year where water availability is high. This costing does not include other costs borne by the customer such as water licensing or downstream costs such as payments to the Cobar Water Board, where applicable.

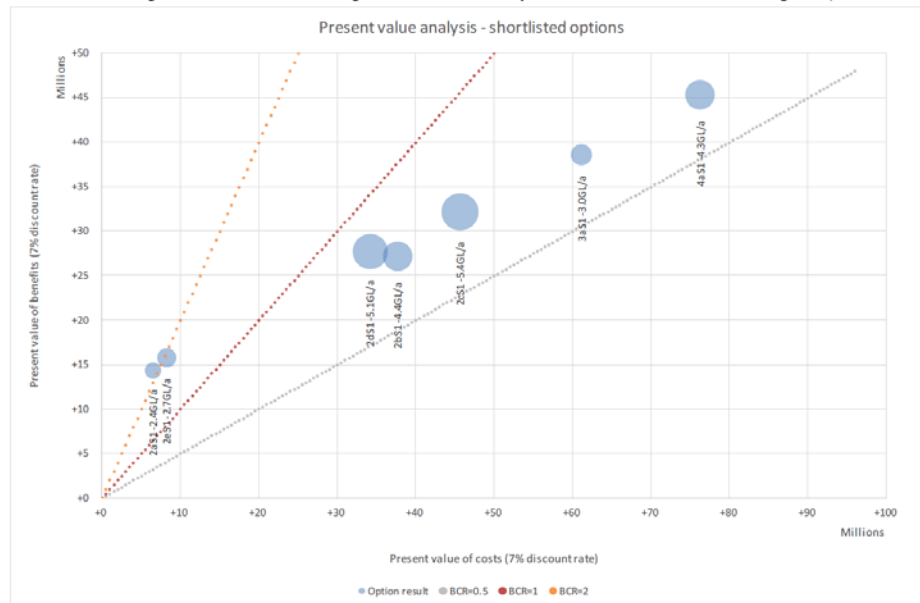
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The results of the benefit cost analysis for the shortlisted options are shown below:

Option	Mean PV Benefits				Mean PV Costs	Net Present Value	Benefit Cost Ratio
	Towns	Mines	Agriculture	Total			
2a	+9,632,188	+3,897,116	+767,637	+14,296,941	-6,568,761	+7,728,179	2.18
2b	+9,632,188	+16,919,085	+607,206	+27,158,479	-37,726,820	-10,568,341	0.72
2c	+9,632,188	+21,696,360	+858,232	+32,186,780	-45,683,539	-13,496,759	0.70
2d	+9,632,188	+17,240,376	+814,263	+27,686,827	-34,222,944	-6,536,118	0.81
2e	+9,632,188	+5,157,182	+943,787	+15,733,157	-8,280,967	+7,452,190	1.90
3a	+9,632,188	+25,818,145	+3,168,100	+38,618,433	-61,181,619	-22,563,186	0.63
4a	+9,632,188	+32,365,066	+4,737,931	+45,283,043	-76,329,522	-31,046,479	0.59

The calculated benefit cost ratio and net present value are illustrated below (Note – the size of the blue circle provides a visual comparison of secure yield associated with each option) :



The results show that most cases currently do not offer a net benefit. The most recent secure yield model runs demonstrate that the recently constructed 650ML storage provides satisfactory supply reliability in most years, despite not meeting the security of supply criteria. This particularly is the case given that the current demand from high security customers is significantly

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lower than the projected future demand, with the effects of discounting significantly reducing present value benefits in those later years.

Option 2e offers the same storage volume as 2a, however the second storage is covered. The effect of this is seen by comparing the mining benefits delivered during droughts (see Figure 5-5 and Figure 5-6), with the larger covered storage delivering significantly more benefits during the modelled 1930-31 drought. However based on the estimates to date the additional present value benefits do not exceed the additional cost of storage covering.

A comparison of options 2a and 2e with the next most viable option, 2d (a total storage of 3,260 ML, with 2610 ML covered), suggests there is potential for the latter option if demand for water increases.

Future directions

This report recommends that Infrastructure Options 2a and 2e be considered further as these options deliver a net benefit. (Option 2a is the additional uncovered 535 ML storage adjacent to existing storage – Option 2e is the same storage volume, with a cover installed)

Covering of large storages is relatively new technology that has not yet been tested in Australia. There is an opportunity here to construct a covered storage, with demonstrated economic and water security benefits. The report also suggests that whilst option 2c and 2d do not deliver a net benefit at this stage, they provide a significantly higher secure yield. These larger storages may also be considered in the medium term, as demand increases.

Further development of any option will require additional funds. This report provides the foundations for a business case that would support option 2a or 2e.

The Macquarie Regional Water Strategy may identify the potential of Gunningbar pipeline options (options 5a and 5b). Whilst this option may be outside Bogan Shire Council's jurisdiction (and is outside the scope of this study), the option has the potential for significant water savings. Extensive landholder consultation and investigations would be required. **It is recommended that Council and the State Government consider a Heads of Agreement to clarify roles and expectations for Option 2a and 2e, and the Gunningbar Creek project (Option 5).**

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4 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the successful projects under the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the successful projects under Round 2 of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

4.2 Background

Council resolved in March 2018 that the following projects, in order of priority, be submitted as Council's applications under the Stronger Country Communities Fund:

1. Swimming Pool (resurfacing) Tiling and Solar Pool Heating
2. Pathway/Cycleway Extension
3. Jockeys Room at Racecourse
4. Seniors Living – 4 Units
5. Scaled back water play with ½ court basketball court (at pool)
6. Improvements to Town Hall
7. Larkin Oval – Improvements to Announcers Box and Canteen
8. Recreational pontoon and shelter

4.3 Discussion

The Mayor and General Manager accepted a cheque from the Kevin Humphries MP for the sum of \$1,523,990 on 13 September 2018. (Attached Press Release refers)

In discussions, the funding of \$350,000 referred to in Mr Humphries's Press Release as "Additional Infrastructure for the Nyngan Community" has been allocated to the Recreational and Exercise Pathway from the Shearing Shed to the river - \$275,000 - (Council priority 2) and Half Basketball Court / other children's infrastructure at the Nyngan Pool - \$75,000 (Council priority 5).



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4.4 Attachments

Press Release – Kevin Humphries MP – 13 September 2018

4.5 Recommendation

That Council accepts funding from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,523,990 for the following projects:-

- Affordable Senior's Living in the Bogan Shire - \$ 995,000
- Recreational and Exercise Pathway - \$275,000
- Solar Heating at Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool - \$118,990
- Half Basketball Court at Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool - \$75,000
- Nyngan Racecourse – Geeing up the Jockey Rooms - \$60,000.



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Press Release

\$1.5 MILLION IN STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES GRANTS FOR BOGAN SHIRE

Member for Barwon Kevin Humphries today announced \$1,523,990 in funding to breathe new life into community and local sporting facilities across Bogan Shire through round two of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Local council secured NSW Government funding for 4 projects, which include upgrades to sporting and community facilities across Bogan's region.

"This fund invests in our regional communities through infrastructure projects.

"I am excited about the great potential of the community projects which will enhance the lives of residents in our regional communities" Kevin Humphries said.

This means a total of \$1,523,990 for projects across 4 community and local sporting facilities including:

1. **\$350,000** - Additional Infrastructure for the Nyngan community
2. **\$995,000** - Affordable Seniors Living in the Bogan Shire
3. **\$118,990** - Warming Up - Solar heating at Nyngan War Memorial Swimming Pool
4. **\$60,000** - Nyngan Racecourse - Geeing up the Jockey Rooms

Bogan Shire residents join counsellors in expressing their appreciation to the NSW State Government for the successful second round of the SCCF fund.

"This funding will enable four projects for be carried out in the Bogan Shire to the total \$1,523,990.

"These projects were prioritised by our community as the ones able to provide significant benefits to all residents.

"Without the NSW State Government support these projects would have been beyond our financial capacity to achieve. Our community has certainly been made stronger by this welcome funding", said Mayor Donald.



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Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said the roll out of the second round of projects takes Stronger Country Communities funding to \$300 million.

"I congratulate Bogan Shire Council and look forward to the local sports and community facility improvements that will make the region an even more attractive place to work and raise a family," Mr Barilaro said.

"The \$300 million Stronger Country Communities Fund is part of the NSW Government's \$1.6 billion Regional Growth Fund that is employing local tradies, putting local suppliers to work and providing the right environment to operate regional businesses," he said.



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5 BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL DROUGHT APPEAL FUND

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the status of the Bogan Shire Council Drought Appeal Fund.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the status of the Bogan Shire Council Drought Appeal Fund.

5.2 Background

At its meeting held on 23 August 2018 Council resolved to establish the Bogan Shire Council Drought Appeal Fund to operate on a voucher basis available to all Bogan Shire residents.

Council also resolved that a Committee be established consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Boag and the General Manager and that this Committee assess applications for assistance on a case by case basis.

5.3 Discussion

The Committee met on 27 August and 3 September 2018 to discuss the operation of the Fund and communications.

A letter addressed to all businesses was hand delivered to Pangee Street businesses as well as other areas identified by the Committee. Information about the operation of the Fund was also publicised in the Nyngan Observer. Request for Financial Assistance forms are available from the Shire offices as well as the library and on Council's website.

The Committee met on 17 September 2018 to consider applications for assistance and determined to provide vouchers in the amount of \$300.00.

The following information is provided in relation to the separate Bogan Shire Council Drought Appeal Fund bank account:



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- Opening Bank Balance – 27 August 2018: \$0.00
- Income from donations: \$600.00
- Expenditure on assistance (vouchers) given: \$300.00
- Closing Bank Balance – 18 September 2018 \$300.00

5.4 Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council endorses the decision of the Bogan Shire Council Drought Appeal Fund Committee to provide assistance in the amount of \$300.00 for the period 27 August 2018 to 18 September 2018.

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6 CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR CLOSURE

Summary:

- *The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval for the closure of Council offices over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.*
- *As a long-established practice in common with other Councils, Bogan Shire Council has closed its Council offices between Christmas and New Year.*
- *Following the past practice, this would mean that the Shire offices would be closed for what would otherwise be normal working days on Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday 24, 27, 28 and 31 December 2018.*

6.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval for the closure of Council offices over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

6.2 Background

As a long-established practice in common with other Councils, Bogan Shire Council has closed its Council offices between Christmas and New Year.

6.3 Discussion

Christmas Eve falls on Monday, a normal working day. Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on a Tuesday and Wednesday this year (Public Holidays) and New Year's Day on the following Tuesday.

Whilst normal practice is to close the Shire offices between Christmas and New Year with 24 December 2018 being a Monday, Council will need to decide if the Shire offices close on Christmas Eve.

Following past practice, this would mean that the Shire offices would be closed for what would otherwise be normal working days on Monday 24, Thursday 27 Friday 28 and Monday 31 December 2018.

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6.4 Recommendation

That in addition to the public holidays over the Christmas / New Year period, Council closes the Shire Offices on 24, 27, 28 and 31 December 2018 and advises the community accordingly.

7 DECEMBER / JANUARY RECESS

Summary:

- *The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the option of going into recess during December / January.*
- *Council has in the recent past not held an Ordinary Monthly Meeting in January.*
- *It is common for Councils to go into recess over the holiday season.*

7.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the option of going into recess during December / January.

7.2 Background

Council has in the recent past not held an Ordinary Monthly Meeting in January.

7.3 Discussion

It is common for Councils to go into recess over the holiday season. At that time of year a number of people, including Councillors and staff take holidays. Generally speaking, this is a quieter period for Government, suppliers and professional advisors as well, resulting in less need for Council decision-making than at other times of the year.

Not having regular meetings can result in delays in decision-making. Council has previously, subject to the limitations in Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, delegated certain Council functions, including making decisions that would otherwise be made by Council, to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager for this period – with Councillors to be contacted if practical. These decisions should be reported to the Council at its first meeting in the New Year.



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7.4 Recommendation

1. Council goes into recess from 24 December 2018 until 31 January 2019 and consequently does not have an Ordinary Meeting during January 2019.
2. Pursuant to and subject to the limitations of Section 377 of the Local Government Act, Council grants authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager with Councillors to be contacted if practical, to make decisions on behalf of Council during this recess period.
3. Any such decisions are to be reported to the Council at its first meeting in 2019.

**Derek Francis
General Manager**

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

Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:-

1 AUSTRALIA DAY 2018 NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to request Council to review the Australia Day Award categories, nomination form, guidelines and voting system.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to request Council to review the Australia Day Award categories, nomination form, guidelines and voting system.

1.2 Background

At its meeting in September 2015, Council discussed the nomination form, criteria for nominees and the voting system, with the following resolutions:

1. To include the wording "I, the nominee, agree to be nominated for this award" on the nomination form.
2. Community members are able to vote on nominees.
3. Nominations for Australia Day Awards should open from the beginning of October 2015 and that all clubs be contacted.

In 2016, Council was provided with information from the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, advising Council that it can award as many winners as it sees fit. The Australia Day Council will provide official certificates to Council with no requirement as to how they are awarded. At its meeting in September 2016, Council resolved to:

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1. Present awards to all Meritorious Nominees,(375/2016): and
2. Elect a Committee to evaluate the merit of nominations, comprising of the following members, (377/2016):-
 - Mayor
 - Deputy Mayor
 - General Manager
 - Manager People and Culture (now Manager People and Community Services)
 - Two (2) community members.

Should Council decide to present awards to all nominees in 2019, it will still be necessary for the elected Committee to assess nominations and decide on their merit.

1.3 Discussion

Council will shortly begin the process of emailing and sending out nomination forms to various clubs, community organisations, NGOs and Nyngan High School. The nominations will also be promoted in the Nyngan Observer over the coming weeks. The closing date for nominations this year will be Monday 3 December 2018 to allow for effective coordination of the event and for all necessary awards and certificates to be obtained and ready in advance of the event.

1.4 Attachment

1. Australia Day 2019 Nomination Form.

1.5 Recommendation

That Council:

1. Considers whether or not to present awards to all meritorious nominees.
2. Considers the process for assessing nominations, which it is recommended takes place at or before the December Council meeting.
3. Elects a Committee to evaluate the merit of nominations received.



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Bogan Shire Council Australia Day Awards Nomination Form

Nomination for:

- ☐ Citizen of the Year (26 years or older on 26 January 2019)
☐ Young Citizen of the Year (under 26 years of age on 26 January 2019)
☐ Sportsperson of the Year
☐ Junior Sportsperson of the Year (18 years and under on 26 January 2019)
☐ Sports Team of the Year
☐ Community Event of the Year

DETAILS OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

Surname: Title:
Other names:
Address:
Suburb: Postcode:
Telephone:
Email:
Date of birth: Age:

- Does the nominee currently live and/or work in Bogan Shire? YES/NO
Is the nominee an Australian citizen? YES/NO
Will nominee be aged 26 years or over on 26 January 2019? YES/NO

I, the nominee, agree to be nominated for this award.

Nominee's Signature -----Date

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CONTRIBUTION/S TO THE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH THE PERSON IS NOMINATED (including membership or life membership of community and/or sporting groups, awards and other significant achievements):

Please attach additional sheets/material if required.

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****If nominating a Community Event of the Year please complete this section:***

Event Name: _____

Date of Event: _____

Organiser / Organisation's Name: _____

Address:

Email: _____

***COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR – REASON FOR NOMINATING – HOW HAS THE ORGANISATION / EVENT CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY?**

Please attach additional sheets/material if required.

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OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE:

Name:	_____	Name:	_____
Position:	_____	Position:	_____
Relationship to Nominee	_____	Relationship to Nominee	_____
Address:	_____ _____	Address:	_____ _____
Telephone:	_____	Telephone:	_____
Email:	_____	Email:	_____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Surname:	_____	Title:	_____
Other names:	_____		
Address:	_____		
Suburb:	_____	Postcode:	_____
Telephone:	_____		
Email:	_____ _____		
Organisation (if any):	_____		
Signature	_____		
Date:	_____ _____		

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Please use this checklist to ensure that your nomination is complete

- I have read the Nomination Guidelines and Criteria
- The information provided in this nomination is accurate.
- Supporting material, including references and media (newspaper clippings) are attached
- The nominee has signed the Nomination Form.

Nominations close on Monday 3 December, 2018

Please send completed form to:

The General Manager

PO Box 221

Nyngan NSW 2825

The awards will be announced on Australia Day Saturday 26 January 2019.

2 BOGAN SHIRE MEDICAL CENTRE

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations and statistics of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations and statistics of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

2.2 Discussion

Below are the activities and statistics of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre.

Statistics

Total number of registered patients as at 01/09/2018:	2,732
Total number of patients who have utilised GP services:	2,261
Total number of CDM (Chronic Disease Management) patients:	198
Total number of RAC (Residential Aged Care) patients:	26

During the period that the Medical Centre's books were closed for new patients there were 170 new patient enquiries. For the period 28/8/2018 to 14/09/2018 the Medical Centre has registered 60 new patients who have been seen by the BSMC Locum and the Nyngan Health Service Locum.

Current waiting periods for Dr Hanley are 1-3 days, with appointments available with the Locums on the day.

Activities

Dr Peter Hanley underwent accredited Q Fever training earlier this year and is now qualified to administer Q Fever vaccinations. This is a vital service that the Medical Centre can provide for our community, particularly those working in high-risk occupations and given the current drought conditions in the area. The cost of the vaccination is \$350.

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The Measure Up Van (bone density scanning) will be visiting the Medical Centre on October 31 and November 1, and will be offering bulk billed scans to everyone over the age of 70 who has not had one in the last 12 months. The van will be located in the parking area at the western end of the Medical Centre, near the Big Bogan.

Allied Health Services

The following Allied Health Services are provided at the Medical Centre:

Type of Service	Service Provider	Days	Frequency	Service Accessed by
Pathology	Douglas Hanly Moir	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Weekly	Anyone holding a pathology request form – not required to be a patient of BSMC
Podiatry	Margot Downing	Wednesdays	Weekly	BSMC Referral or Private appt.
Dietician	Laura Bate	Wednesdays	Two in three weeks	BSMC Referral
Diabetes Educator	Lesley Wilcox	Tuesdays	Monthly	BSMC Referral
Mental Health Nurse	Scott Hanson	Thursday & Friday	Monthly	BSMC Referral
Provisional Psychologist	Kristie Robl	Thursday	Fortnightly	BSMC Referral + telehealth
Psychiatrist	Tristram Duncan	Wednesday	Three monthly	BSMC Referral
Drug & Alcohol Counselling	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Tuesday & Thursday	Fortnightly	BSMC Referral or Private appt.
Cardiologist	Dr Chatoor	Wednesday	Two Monthly	BSMC referral



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Locum Coverage

The General Manager has contracted the services of locums for the second GP position (in addition to Dr Hanley and the Nyngan Health Service locum) to cover the period 18 October 2018 through to 30 June 2019.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the Bogan Shire Medical Centre as at 14 September 2018 be received and noted.

**Debb Wood
Manager People and Community**

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

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 BANK RECONCILIATION

Summary:-

The report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 31 August 2018.

1.2 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 31 August 2018.

1.3 Background

The presentation of the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Accounts is not a requirement of any Act, however historically it has been provided for the information of Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation for August 2018	
Council General Fund	
Bank Statement Balance	\$100,000.00cr
Add Deposits not yet presented	\$ 32,199.58cr
Less Unpresented Payments	\$ 1,962.58dr
Balance as per Council	\$ 130,237.00cr
Represented by the following in Council Ledgers	
Account	
19001.8000.8000	\$ 130,237.00cr
Difference	\$ 0.00

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1.4 Recommendation

That the Bank Reconciliation Report as at 31 August 2018 be received and noted.

2 INVESTMENTS AUGUST 2018

Summary:-

- *The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of August 2018.*
- *At 31 August 2018 Council had \$13.4 million invested. There has been an increase of \$2,027 million due to the 1st instalment of rates for 2018/2019 falling due. In addition the 1st Qtr FAG Grant has been received and several outstanding claims have been received for Capital Projects including Hermidale/Nymagee Road, Water Storage Facility and the APC Feasibility Study.*

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of August 2018.

2.2 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.

2.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for August 2018 is shown below. At 31 August 2018 Council had \$13.4 million invested. There has been an increase of \$2,027 million due to the 1st instalment of rates for 2018/2019 falling due. In addition the 1st Qtr FAG Grant has been received and several outstanding claims have been received for Capital Projects including Hermidal/Nymagee Road, Water Storage Facility and the APC Feasibility Study. All money has been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

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

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Investment Movements for August 2018

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	Taken up	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal July 18	Bal Aug 18
3204	NAB	11/06/2018	10/12/2018	182	2.770%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
4608	NAB	1/06/2018	1/06/2019	365	2.570%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
300023	Commonwealth	06/06/2018	5/06/2019	364	2.530%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
4736229	Bankwest	19/07/2018	15/01/2019	180	2.750%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	4/05/2016	At Call		1.900%	4,610,557.49	6,638,258.15
	Balance securities held					11,410,557.49	13,438,258.15
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200					11,410,577.49	13,438,258.15
	Summary by institution						
	Commonwealth					2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
	NAB					7,610,557.49	9,638,258.15
	Bankwest					1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
						11,410,557.49	13,438,258.15

2.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report as at 31 August 2018 be received and noted.

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3 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

- *This report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 August 2018, with the same period last year.*
- *Total arrears have increased from \$510,417 at 31 August 2017 to \$513,997 as at 31 August this year.*

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31 August, 2018, with the same period last year.

3.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2018-2019	2017-2018
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2018	307,293	339,928
First Instalment Outstanding as at 31/08/2018	206,704	170,489
Second Instalment Outstanding as at 31/08/2018	989,410	971,741
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 31/08/2018	1,012,305	992,986
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/08/2018	1,019,038	1,001,087
Total Arrears	513,997	510,417
Total Outstanding	3,534,750	3,476,231
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	5,242,833	5,251,787
Add: Adjustments	7,249	4,897
Less: Payments to end of August	-1,639,074	-1,703,484
Less: Rebates	-79,194	-79,839
Add: Postponed	2,936	2870
Gross Total Balance	3,534,750	3,476,231
Arrears of total amount levied %	9%	9%

Total arrears have increased from \$510,417 at 31 August 2017 to \$513,997 as at 31 August this year. As at 13 September arrears have decreased by \$36,275 to \$477,722.



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Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,311,000.

(Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

There has been an additional \$64,410 collected at 31 August 2018 to 31 August 2017.
As at the 13 September 2018 there has been an additional \$76,395 collected.

3.3 Recommendation ,

That the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report as at 31 August 2018 be received and noted.

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4 ADOPTION OF THE 2017/2018 DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Summary:-

- *Statutory Accounts for 2017/2018 must be adopted and referred to audit under Sect 413 of the LG Act.*
- *Audit will occur on 19, 20 and 21 September 2018.*
- *Consolidated Accounting Surplus of \$9,605,000.*
- *Surplus of \$2,351,000 in the General Fund is due mainly to \$1,300,000 R2R funding, \$678,000 of Restart NSW and \$524,000 of Block Grant & Repair Grant funding included in the operating result and the expenditure being capitalised.*
- *Surplus of \$7,347 in the Water Fund is due to \$7,370,000 for the 700MI Water Storage from Restart NSW included in the operating result and the expenditure being capitalised.*
- *Consolidated unrestricted cash reserves of \$3,999,000.*

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the 2017/18 Draft Annual Statements and refer them for audit.

4.2 Background

Section 413 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993 requires Council to prepare a set of financial reports for each year and refer them for audit as soon as practicable after the end of the year.

The accounts are final except for some minor adjustments to the notes. There may be slight alterations which occur because of the audit process, although staff are confident that these will be minimal. If material changes are required the accounts will be brought back to Council.

A copy of the statements is attached. At the time of writing they had not been audited.

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The on-site audit is scheduled to occur on 19 and 20 September 2018. An electronic copy of these statements will be sent to the auditor when adopted by Council.

Once the audit is complete they will be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer. They will then be forwarded to the Office of Local Government, advertised and presented to the public at the next meeting of Council.

4.3 Issues

The figures within the financial accounts indicate how Council has performed financially over 2017/18 financial year.

There are some areas that vary significantly to previous years. Some of the favourable and unfavourable outcomes for the year are as follows:-

Favourable

- Large positive consolidated result due to the capitalisation of the re-sheeting and construction of rural roads from R2R Grants at a total of \$1,300,000, \$678,000 Capital Grant from Restart NSW, \$150,000 Block Repair Grant and \$374,000 from the Regional Roads Grant and as well as several smaller grants where the expenditure has been capitalised and the income is shown in the income statement.
- A \$1.5 million increase to unrestricted cash.
- Strong cash positions in General and Sewer funds.
- RMCC Ordered Works increased by \$852,000 for 2017/2018.
- Increase in own source revenue from Medical Centre.
- Water and Sewer supply user charges increased by \$355,000 due to increased usage by ratepayers and other users.
- Additional Fuel Rebate received \$66,000.

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Unfavourable

- Investment returns decrease by \$50,000 due to low interest rates.
- \$199,000 increase to employee leave entitlements.
- \$99,000 overall increase to depreciation costs. Roads due to a revaluation as at 30 June 2018 and buildings due to some of Council's new assets now being depreciated.

The consolidated accounts are made up of three funds. General, Water and Sewer. Unless otherwise stated, this report refers to the consolidated accounts.

The summarised performance of the three funds is shown in the table below:

Item	Water \$000's	Sewer \$000's	General \$000's	Consolidated \$000's
Income	10,398	677	18,076	29,151
Expenditure	3,051	770	15,725	19,546
Surplus (Deficit)	7,347	(93)	2,351	9,605
Current Assets	1,188	2,715	12,457	16,360
Non-Current Assets	30,692	9,305	186,978	226,975
Total Assets	31,880	12,020	199,435	243,335
Liabilities	11	3	6,120	6,134
Equity	31,869	12,017	193,315	237,201

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General Fund

- The cash operating result for the General Fund was \$226,000 surplus. The General Fund shows an operating result of \$2,351,000 surplus however \$5,951,000 of expenditure was capitalised in the General Fund. This then leaves an accounting deficit of \$3,600,000. Add back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$3,255,000 and loss on disposal of property, plant & equipment of \$506,000 and take off non-cash income of \$387,000 for the RFS Buildings.

Water Fund

- The cash operating result for the Water Fund was \$220,000 surplus. The Water Fund shows an operating result of \$7,347,000 profit however \$7,612,000 of expenditure was capitalised in the water fund. This then leaves an accounting deficit of \$265,000. Add back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$436,000 and loss on disposal of plant & equipment of \$49,000.

Sewer Fund

- The cash operating result for the Sewer Fund was \$61,000 surplus. The Sewer Fund shows an operating result of \$93,000 deficit, \$10,000 of expenditure was capitalised in the sewer fund. This then leaves an accounting deficit of \$103,000. Add back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$162,000 and loss on disposal of plant & equipment \$2,000.

The unrestricted cash balance has increased from \$2,475,000 to \$3,999,000 a difference of \$1,524,000. One of the main reasons for this is the Water Fund having no external restriction due to a negative cash balance at the end of June 2018. There was \$1.7 million dollars in grant debtors for the 700MI Water Storage and the Feasibility Study for the Channel outstanding at 30/6/18. These have since been paid however the cash was not on hand as at 30/6/18 therefore there was no restriction of cash for the fund. Council needs to be aware that this cash now belongs to the Water Fund and should be taken into account when looking at the unrestricted cash.

A full set of draft financial statements will be tabled at this meeting and will be available upon request. The Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Statement of Cash flows is shown below.



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Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2018

Original unaudited budget 2018	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2018	Actual 2017
Income from continuing operations				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
4,760	Rates and annual charges	3a	4,743	4,610
3,711	User charges and fees	3b	6,013	4,356
291	Interest and investment revenue	3c	270	321
770	Other revenues	3d	306	513
6,973	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	3e,f	8,643	10,228
7,887	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	3e,f	9,176	1,184
<i>Other income:</i>				
–	Net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method	14	0	4
24,392	Total income from continuing operations		29,151	21,216
Expenses from continuing operations				
6,331	Employee benefits and on-costs	4a	6,993	6,712
80	Borrowing costs	4b	77	74
3,982	Materials and contracts	4c	6,542	5,194
3,499	Depreciation and amortisation	4d	3,853	3,754
1,498	Other expenses	4e	1,524	1,494
–	Net losses from the disposal of assets	5	557	7
15,390	Total expenses from continuing operations		19,546	17,235
9,002	Operating result from continuing operations		9,605	3,981
9,002	Net operating result for the year		9,605	3,981
9,002	Net operating result attributable to Council		9,605	3,981
1,115	Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes		429	2,797

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
Net operating result for the year (as per Income Statement)		9,605	3,981
Other comprehensive income:			
Amounts that will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result			
Gain (loss) on revaluation of IPP&E	9a	9,240	13,795
Other comprehensive income – joint ventures and associates	14	0	–
Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		9,240	13,795
Amounts that will be reclassified subsequently to the operating result when specific conditions are met			
Nil			
Total other comprehensive income for the year		9,240	13,795
Total comprehensive income for the year		18,845	17,776
Total comprehensive income attributable to Council		18,845	17,776

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2018

\$ '000	Notes	2018	2017
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6a	6,412	3,468
Investments	6b	5,800	7,800
Receivables	7	3,684	2,673
Inventories	8	398	263
Other	8	66	39
Total current assets		16,360	14,243
Non-current assets			
Receivables	7	193	395
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	9	226,729	208,841
Investments accounted for using the equity method	14	53	53
Total non-current assets		226,975	209,289
TOTAL ASSETS		243,335	223,532
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	1,921	1,043
Borrowings	10	186	186
Provisions	11	1,571	1,385
Total current liabilities		3,678	2,614
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	11	2,456	2,562
Total non-current liabilities		2,456	2,562
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,134	5,176
Net assets		237,201	218,356
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	12	156,582	146,977
Revaluation reserves	12	80,619	71,379
Total equity		237,201	218,356

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Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2018

Original unaudited budget 2018	\$ '000	Notes	Actual 2018	Actual 2017
Cash flows from operating activities				
Receipts:				
4,658	Rates and annual charges		4,788	4,523
3,287	User charges and fees		7,160	3,922
284	Investment and interest revenue received		361	248
15,438	Grants and contributions		15,910	10,574
–	Bonds, deposits and retention amounts received		21	1,894
978	Other		1,768	1,347
Payments:				
(7,298)	Employee benefits and on-costs		(6,827)	(6,521)
(3,243)	Materials and contracts		(7,046)	(5,871)
(80)	Borrowing costs		(80)	(41)
–	Bonds, deposits and retention amounts refunded		(10)	(1,895)
(1,240)	Other		(2,934)	(1,592)
12,784	Net cash provided (or used in) operating activities	14b	13,111	6,588
Cash flows from investing activities				
Receipts:				
410	Sale of investment securities		4,800	4,808
492	Sale of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		485	245
–	Deferred debtors receipts		16	12
Payments:				
–	Purchase of investment securities		(2,800)	(6,800)
(13,556)	Purchase of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment		(12,562)	(6,736)
–	Contributions paid to joint ventures and associates		(0)	–
(12,654)	Net cash provided (or used in) investing activities		(10,061)	(8,471)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Receipts:				
340	Proceeds from borrowings and advances		–	2,800
Payments:				
(106)	Repayment of borrowings and advances		(106)	(53)
234	Net cash flow provided (used in) financing activities		(106)	2,747
364	Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,944	864
1,537	Plus: cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year	14a	3,468	2,604
1,901	Cash and cash equivalents – end of the year	14a	6,412	3,468
Additional Information:				
	plus: Investments on hand – end of year	6b	5,800	7,800
	Total cash, cash equivalents and investments		12,212	11,268

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4.4 Recommendation

That Council adopt the 2017/18 Draft Annual Statements and refer them for audit.

5 MANAGING CROWN LANDS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the implications of the changes to the Crown Lands Management Act, which took effect on 1 July 2018. Council is now responsible for the management of the majority of Crown Lands in Bogan Shire.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the implications of the changes to the Crown Lands Management (CLM) Act, which took effect on 1 July 2018. Council is now responsible for the management of the majority of Crown Lands in Bogan Shire.

5.2 Background

In 2012 the NSW Government began the first major review of Crown Land in 25 years, prompting a comprehensive consultation process with community and other interested parties about the future management of Crown Land. This extensive review process culminated in the NSW Parliament passing the new CLM Act in November 2016 and the Crown Land Legislation Amendment Act in May 2017.

5.3 Discussion

As a result of the new legislation Council is now required to classify, categorise and produce Plans of Management for 44 Reserves handed to Council under the new legislation. Two of these will include the School of Arts buildings in Coolabah and Girilambone.

Council will be required to undertake the task of classifying, categorising and producing management plans over the next three years and will require co-operation and a large amount of input from all departments within Council. Council will also be required to appoint a Native Title Manager to complete the Plans of Management. This appointment can be done externally or a member of our current staff can be trained to fulfil the role.

To aid in the implementation of the Plans of Management Council has been allocated funds by the State Government to complete this task within a three year period.

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Council has been given a list of identified parcels of land that it will now be responsible for and Council's first priority is to classify all reserves as either Community or Operational Land under section 25 of the Local Government Act. Council is also required to categorise each reserve as either a natural area, a sportsground, a park, an area of cultural significance or general community use. Council staff have provided recommendations in respect of classification, however, the determination of classification of public land is one of these functions that cannot be delegated under Section 377 (1) of the Local Government Act and must be determined by Council resolution.

5.4 Attachment

Classifications and Categories for each Reserve listed in the attachment.

5.5 Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. Council determines the Classifications and notes the Categories for each Reserve listed in the attachment.

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6 REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RATES

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a request for waiver of rates from the Christian Community Centre Nyngan.

6.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a request for waiver of rates from the Christian Community Centre Nyngan for 16 Terangion Street, Nyngan.

6.2 Background

The Christian Community Centre Nyngan has requested Council waive the rates on the building they lease, being the old Masonic Lodge, or part of the rates as they intend to hire one side of the premises out.

6.3 Discussion

Under the Local Government Act 1993, as the Christian Community Centre do not own the building, they are not entitled to an exemption from rates because it is being run as a Church. Council would need to resolve to make a donation to the Christian Community Centre instead.

Council has not seen a copy of the lease agreement with the owner of the building and is unaware of what is actually being paid by them as part of the lease, however, the rates levied on the building for 2018/2019 are listed below:

General Rate 2018/19	Water Access 2018/19	Waste Collection Site 2018/2019	& Non-Res Sewer 2018/2019	Total Rates Levied 16 Terangion St Nyngan
\$568	\$591	\$538	\$540	\$2,237



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6.4 Attachment

Correspondence received from the Christian Community Centre Nyngan.

6.5 Recommendation

That Council note the request and make a donation to the Christian Community Centre Nyngan, as rates cannot be waived.

**Stephanie Waterhouse
Manager Finance and Corporate Services**

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Christian Community Centre Nyngan
16 Terangion St, NYNGAN NSW 2825

1st August, 2018

Bogan Shire Council,
81 Cobar Street,
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Bogan Shire,

To Whom It May Concern.

This letter is in reference to the Christian Community Centre Nyngan, as a church we are currently leasing the building at 16 Terangion Street, which was the old Masonic Lodge. We would like to put forward a request to have the rates waived for this premises as it is being used for the purpose of a church, or partly waived as we wish to hire out the Hall on one side.

If you would find favour upon our request it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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Ps. Michael Dutschke.

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**Engineering Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council
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**REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – MANAGER OF
ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Civil Works

Work undertaken during this reporting period from 13 August 2018 to 10 September 2018 consisted of the following:-

- Commencing the concreting works out the front of Nyngan Truck and Travel in Nymagee Street.
- Completing the brickwork to close window at the water supply depot in Bogan Street.
- Assisting the carpentry crew with the removal of concrete slabs and the pouring of new ones at the SES Building in Lawlor Street.
- Completing maintenance and repairs at the Nyngan Town Hall.
- Continuing to provide assistance to the carpentry gang for the construction of stage 2 of Heritage Park in Nymagee Street.
- Completing maintenance and repairs at the Nyngan Showground.

1.2 Community Facilities

Work undertaken by Council's Community Facilities during this reporting period consisted of the following:-

- Assisting with repairs to the irrigation system at Frank Smith Oval.
- Mowing and maintenance of ovals and reserves.
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Preparing for private functions.
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips.
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts.
- Digging and backfilling of graves.

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1.3 Roads

The work undertaken during this reporting period by Rural Works Crews consisted of the following:-

No.	Name	Comments
14	Gilgai Road	Resheeting completed.
5	Piesley Road	Maintenance grading completed.
12	Coffil's Lane	Maintenance grading completed.
13	Bourkes Road	Resheeting completed.
44	Koomanganon Road	Maintenance grading completed.
MR424	Monkey Bridge Road	Maintenance grading completed.
14	Gilgai Road	Maintenance grading completed.
77	Tubbavilla Road	Maintenance grading completed.
25	Merryanbone Road	Resheeting commenced.
78	Okeh Road	Maintenance grading completed.
24	Canonba Road	Resheeting commenced.
79	New Bogan Road	Maintenance grading completed.
60	Whiterock Road	Maintenance Grading commenced.
51	Curran's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
80	Larsens's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
43	Kelly's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
54	Jeffery's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
9	Glenn Garriff Road	Maintenance grading completed.
7	Warrah Road	Maintenance grading completed.
37	Logan's Road	Maintenance grading completed.

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21	Gongolgon Road	Maintenance grading completed.
92	Colane Road	Grid repairs completed.

The Jet Patcher completed maintenance on the following roads:-

- Gilgai Road
- Mitchell Highway
- Girilambone Streets
- Barrier Highway
- Mulla Road
- Colane Road
- Nyngan Town Streets
- Canonba Road
- Hermidale Nymagee Road
- Murrawombie Road
- Cobar Condo Road
- Old Warren Road
- Arthur Hall 'VC Way'

The works program for the remainder of September and October is solely governed by where the roads crews can access water, and includes but is not limited to the following works:-

- Commencing or continuing maintenance grading or resheeting of the following roads - Merryanbone Road, Canonba Road, Whiterock Road, and Dandaloo Road.
- Construction and sealing of 1km of Mulla Road and Colane Road.
- Crack sealing of Nyngan town streets.
- Heavy Patching on the Mitchell Highway.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Operational Report, including Civil Works, Community Facilities and Roads for the reporting period 13 August 2018 to 10 September 2018 be received and noted.

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2 WOOL LOADING RAMP REPAIRS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the upgrading of the disused wool loading ramp in Nymagee Street Nyngan.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the upgrading of the disused wool loading ramp in Nymagee Street, Nyngan.

2.2 Background

Over the past few years the condition of the old wool ramp has become worse with some repairs to damaged sleepers being carried out and just recently the replacement of an unrepairable sleeper.

2.3 Discussion

The following photos show the current deterioration, and recent repair of the loading ramp.



Council has tried on several occasions to obtain good quality second hand sleepers without success. New hardwood sleepers can be purchased but are very expensive.

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The recent repair was carried out using treated pine softwood sleepers. Council may consider allocating an annual maintenance budget to carry out repairs as required. It is difficult to estimate annual expenditure for repairs but it is expected that the frequency of repair is likely to increase over the next several years.

A long term solution would be to carry out a permanent repair that would eliminate maintenance for many years. The estimated cost to replace all the existing sleepers with treated pine is \$7,000. To replace all the sleepers with 200mm high steel sections is estimated at \$9,000. Both new materials require the manufacturing and installation on new brackets and modifications to the existing supports.

2.4 Recommendation

For Council's Consideration.

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3 REUSE OF LARKIN OVAL LIGHTING

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the reuse of the existing Larkin Oval lights and posts.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the reuse of the existing Larkin Oval lights and posts.

3.2 Background

The new Larkin Oval lighting is due to be completed in November with the contractor removing the existing light poles while on site. Council resolved to consider a report to the September meeting regarding various options for the redundant lights from Larkin Oval.

3.3 Discussion

There are fourteen light poles to be removed from Larkin Oval to make way for the four new lighting towers. The following comments are made on other sporting locations in Nyngan:-

- The netball courts at Larkin Oval will have lights installed in the current contract.
- The Nyngan Swimming Pool already has six light poles, the same design as those being removed at Larkin Oval.
- The Nyngan Tennis Courts have had two light poles removed due to white ant damage.
- The Nyngan Junior Rugby League had expressed interest in obtaining some of the Larkin Oval lights for the purpose of night training.
- Frank Smith Ovals are considered too big to use the existing lights.

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Laser Electrical have provided the Nyngan Junior Rugby League with a \$25,000 estimate to run electrical cable along the eastern side of the field and install three poles, using existing lights for night training. The contractor has also offered an alternative, to provide a new 18 metre pole and new lights installed in the centre on the eastern side to provide a better light coverage for training.



Some of the newer lights may be used at the pool to improve the current system if required (no use in the dark at the moment) and two of the poles could be used at the tennis courts. Other uses of the lights may include security lighting at the works depot or improved lighting for specific events but each location would require an individual quote from an electrician to provide accurate costs.



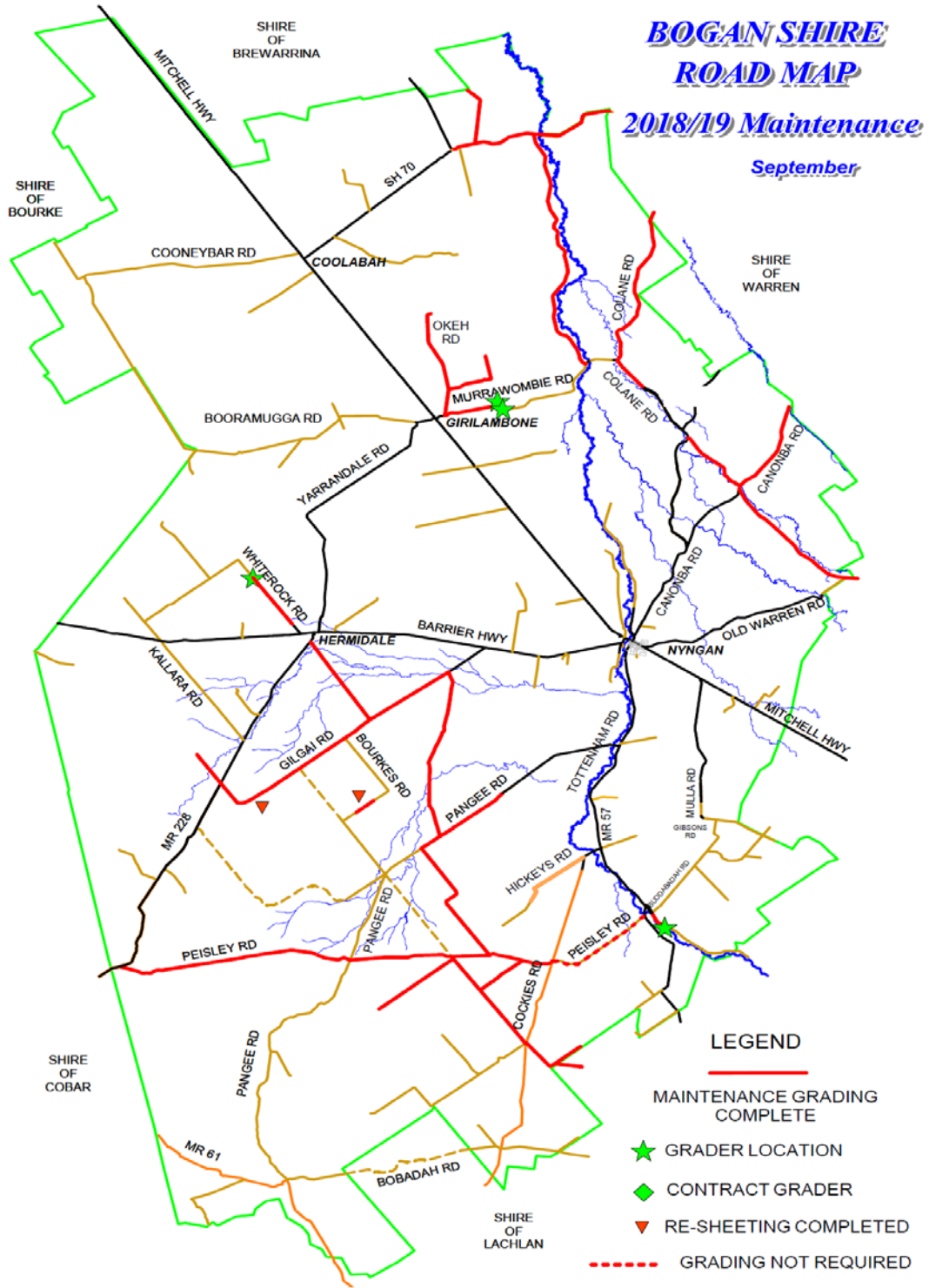
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3.4 Recommendation

1. Council call for expressions of interest from local organisations wishing to use the lights.
2. The remaining light poles and lights be advertised for sale.

Graeme Bourke
Manager Engineering Services

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**Development and Environmental Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of
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**REPORTS TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL - MANAGER OF
DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT**

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Five (5) Applications have been approved since Council's August 2018 meeting.

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2014/001	Dr Ryan Heggie	Canonba Road, NYNGAN	Hangar	64,000	Applicant advises that the DA will continue subject to lease negotiations.
2018/004	Mr Greg Pack	22 Bourke Street, Girilambone	Use of Existing Building as a Dwelling	15,000	Under assessment
2018/016	Mr Robert Gudgeon	11 Derrybong Street, Nyngan	Change of Use to New Gym	10,000	Approved 13 September 2018
2018/018	Wright Way Building and Construction	93 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Dwelling	550,000	Approved 23 August 2018
2018/019	Mr Rex Rees	50 Hospital Road, Nyngan	New Private Shed	11,000	Approved 30 August 2018
2018/020	Ms L Pascoe	118 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	18,000	Approved 11 September 2018
2018/021	Benzmax Pty Ltd	1832 Kallara Road, Hermidale	Subdivision	10,000	Under assessment
2018/022	Mr M C Armstrong	586 Dandaloo Road, Buddabadah	Farm Stay and Function Centre	335,000	Under assessment

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2018/023	Mr Rex Rees	50 Hospital Road, Nyngan	Patio Cover	22,710	Under assessment
2018/024	Mr Sam Wear	42 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	10,000	Under assessment
2018/025	Mr Terry Nicholls	58 Warren Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	12,000	Approved 3 September 2018
2018/026	Mr Brett Burton	98 Cannonbar Street, Nyngan	New Transportable Dwelling	123,100	Under assessment
2018/027	Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Booramugga Road, Girilambone	Paste Fill Plant	5,000,000	Under assessment

1.1 Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report since the August 2018 Council Meeting be received and noted.

2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the key works undertaken since Council's August 2018 meeting by the Parks and Gardens Team and Weeds Officer.

2.2 Discussion

Key works that have been undertaken by the Parks and Gardens Team consisted of the following:-

- Routine maintenance duties including manual watering (where required), whipper snipping, mowing, weed removal in Heritage Park, Nyngan Cemetery, Davidson Park, Vanges Park, Medical Centre, Teamsters Rest, Town Hall and Senior Citizens Area, Flood Memorial Rest Area, Council Administration Building, Moonagee Street Park, Early Learning Centre, Rotary Park, Pioneer Park, Lions Park and Centenary Park.
- Designing of new garden beds to be constructed in Heritage Park.
- Preparation of Nyngan Memorial Swimming Pool for upcoming season.
- Creation of new trial garden beds located in Pangee Street.
- Ongoing construction at Heritage Park.

Key works that have been undertaken by the Weeds Officer consisted of:-

- Routine Roadside Inspections.
- Completion of private property inspections.
- Spraying of Boxthorn at Nyngan Cemetery, Cross Country Course behind Nyngan Showground, Tottenham Road Weir, Merryanbone Road, Tottenham Road.
- Inspections of Rest Areas and Water Courses.
- Spraying of Noxious Weeds identified in town streets and laneways.
- Assist Parks and Gardens with construction of Heritage Park.
- Attendance at Promoting Compliance and Public Awareness Training in Dubbo.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report, including Parks and Gardens Teams and Weeds Officer be received and noted.

3 PALAIS THEATRE

Summary:-

This report is to outline concerns raised in relation to public safety at the Palais Theatre located at 8 Tabratong Street, Nyngan and to bring to Council's attention the need to consider future plans for the Palais.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline concerns raised in relation to public safety at the Palais Theatre located at 8 Tabratong Street, Nyngan and to bring to Council's attention the need to consider future plans for the Palais.

3.2 Discussion

Approximately four (4) weeks ago staff from Council's Development and Environmental Services Department identified substantial movement and damage to the floor, walls and roof of the Palais Theatre building.

In response, a suitably qualified structural engineer was engaged to further investigate and provide a detailed report for Council's consideration.

Review of the report identifies numerous structural failings, which are considered to be an immediate threat to public safety.

Extracts of note from the report are as follows:-

- *The inspection of the building noted that there were extreme floor slope variations, extreme wall rotation and severe ceiling damage. The investigation also revealed that the façade is deflecting which is inducing a compression to the western face of the façade which is causing the pressed metal tiles to dislodge.*
- *Due to the extent of damage at the Palais Theatre, it is recommended that the building remain closed to the public.*
- *It is expected that the repairs to the building will not be economically viable and the rectified result will still be subject to ongoing maintenance.*

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- *Consideration should be made to demolishing the building and replacing it with a new theatre that has been built to comply with current standards and building codes.*

Initial cost estimates to repair the Palais Theatre are projected to be up to \$5,000,000.

3.3 Recommendation

The following recommendations are presented to Council for consideration:-

1. That Council commission an Architect to develop options for the replacement of the Palais Theatre, which could possibly include the relocation of the building to the rear of Council's Town Hall building (existing Town Hall façade to remain unaffected, back portion to be demolished).
2. That the General Manager investigate costs associated with the demolition of the Palais Theatre.
3. That the General Manager investigate options for ensuring public safety in relation to the pressed metal tiles located over the road reserve, which could include the fencing of the site or removal of the tiles.
4. That following selection of options and plans, detailed costings be obtained to facilitate a grant application for a new structure.
5. That the General Manager be authorised to incur necessary costs in relation to the above with a budget adjustment being made at the next budget review.

Tony Payne

Manager Development and Environmental Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry advising Council that he has approved a grant of \$50,000 from the NSW Government's 2018-2019 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program to the Nyngan Showground and Racecourse Reserve Land towards the construction of entrance gates shelters, installation of underground drainage and repairing of the jockey rooms at the Nyngan Showground and Racecourse.

1.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence received from the Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Lands and Forestry advising Council that he has approved a grant of \$50,000 from the NSW Government's 2018-2019 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program to the Nyngan Showground and Racecourse Reserve Land towards the construction of entrance gates shelters, installation of underground drainage and repairing of the jockey rooms at the Nyngan Showground and Racecourse.

2 THE HON DR JOHN McVEIGH MP

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP advising that Council is one of the eligible Councils included in the Drought Communities Program to support communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia. This program will provide eligible Councils, including ours, with up to \$1 million to support rural towns through the drought. The funding is intended to provide short-term support to communities facing hardship arising from the drought. There is no requirement for Council to match funding under the program. Funding is only available this financial year and projects must be completed by 30 June 2019.

2.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence received from the Hon Dr John McVeigh MP advising that Council is one of the eligible Councils included in the Drought Communities Program to support communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia.

3 NYNGAN GOLF CLUB

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Nyngan Golf Club thanking Council for its support in obtaining the grant for the irrigation system, which is operating successfully on a daily programmed schedule. Council is also asked to consider any suitable equipment that is being withdrawn from Council's fleet and available for external procurement for the Golf Club.

3.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW

Attached is a request for financial assistance for legal costs associated with the appeal of Land and Environmental Court rating categorisation decision – City of Sydney Council, North Sydney Council and Bayside City Council in respect of an appeal of the Land and Environmental Court's decision in Karimbla Properties v the three Councils. Council's share of the legal costs is \$1,493.58. There is no obligation on Council to provide financial assistance.

4.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

5 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICES

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the NSW Rural Fire Services advising of the 2018-2019 Allocations – NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund. A schedule of key allocations including firefighting appliances, infrastructure, equipment and grants provided directly to Council is advised. Also attached is a schedule of approved Hazard Reduction works and a list of ongoing additional support to Rural Fire Districts.

5.1 Recommendation: That the correspondence received from the NSW Rural Fire Services advising of the 2018-2019 Allocations – NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund, be received and noted.

6 HERMIDALE COMBINED SPORTS GROUND COMMITTEE

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Hermidale Combined Sports Ground Committee advising of their distribution of the Village Grant. Six organisations are listed to receive funds. Council is thanked for the Grants.

General Manager's Note: Council pays organisations upon receipt of invoices / quotes from the village fund.

6.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

7 FEDERAL MINISTER FOR REGIONAL SERVICES

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Federal Minister for Regional Services, the Hon Bridget McKenzie inviting Council to submit new nominations to the National Mobile Black Spot Program opening of the mobile black spot database. The Database will be used by Mobile Network Operators when developing funding proposals for Round 4 of the Commonwealth Mobile Black Spot Program. The Database is open to nominations from 13 September to 11 October.

7.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

8 WEEKLY CIRCULARS

Weekly Circulars dated 17 August 2018, 24 August 2018, 31 August 2018, 7 September 2018 and 14 September 2018 have been emailed to Councillors for information.

8.1 Recommendation: That the Local Government Weekly Circulars be noted.

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The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Lands and Forestry
Minister for Racing

Ref: DOC18/129336 (F594704)

Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

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31 AUG 2018

Dear Mr Francis

Thank you for your application to the Public Reserves Management Fund Program (PRMFP).

I note that the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* commenced on 1 July 2018. As a result, the PRMFP is now known as the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program (CRIFP).

I am pleased to advise that I have approved a grant of \$50,000 from the NSW Government's 2018-19 CRIFP to the Nyngan Showground And Racecourse (R78811) Reserve Land Manager towards the construction of entrance gate shelters, installation of underground drainage, and repairing of the jockey rooms at the Nyngan Showground and Racecourse.

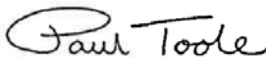
This financial assistance is offered on the terms set out in Annexure A.

The funds will be paid electronically following your indication of acceptance and advice of banking details as set out in Annexure B. Offers that are not accepted within two months of the date of this letter will be considered as lapsed and be withdrawn.

Please note that this information is embargoed until your Local Member of Parliament contacts you to announce your grant. The embargo means you cannot release any information about the success of your grant application publicly until otherwise advised.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the Funding Team on 1300 886 235 (option 7).

Yours sincerely



Paul Toole MP
Minister

GPO Box 5341, Sydney NSW 2001

Phone: (61 2) 8574 7000 Fax: (61 2) 9339 5552 Email: office@toole.minister.nsw.gov.au

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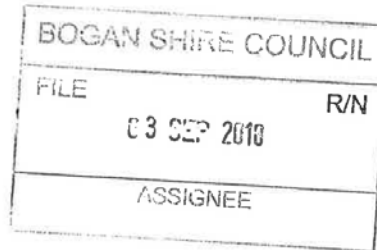


The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP

**Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government
Federal Member for Groom**

MS18-002333

Cr Ray Donald OAM
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825



23 AUG 2018

Dear Cr Donald

The Coalition Government is standing shoulder to shoulder with farmers and rural, regional and remote communities across Australia to ensure they can survive the severe and widespread drought that has affected so many.

Our drought support package has increased to \$1.8 billion and we will continue to monitor conditions and respond accordingly to ensure we meet local needs.

Recognising that the drought bites just as hard on main street as it does in the paddock, over the weekend I announced a \$75 million boost to the Drought Communities Programme to support communities in the most drought-affected regions of Australia.

This program will provide eligible councils, including your council, with up to \$1 million each to support your small, rural towns through the drought. This funding is intended to provide short-term support to communities facing hardship arising from drought. It will fund projects that provide local employment, keep money flowing through local shops and suppliers and support drought-relief activities.

I am currently finalising the program guidelines, which will provide more information on the roll-out of the program and how to access funding. While I am doing this, I invite you to start thinking about the type of projects that would provide the most benefit to your communities. Some examples might include: employing local contractors to undertake repairs or maintenance; upgrading or building new community facilities; holding events and undertaking drought-relief activities; and carting potable water if required.

The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP
Parliament House Canberra | (02) 6277 7990 | minister.mcveigh@regional.gov.au
216 Margaret Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

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There is no requirement for your council to match funding under the program. Funding is only available this financial year and you must be able to complete any projects by 30 June 2019.

I encourage you to make the most of this support. AusIndustry will contact you in the near future when applications open. In the interim, if you have any questions please contact my office on 02 6277 7990 or at minister.mcveigh@regional.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McVeigh", is written over a printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Dr John McVeigh MP

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Bogan Shire Council

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Nyngan, 2825

Dear Bogan Shire Council,

To provide a brief introduction, my name is Sam Keating I am the current President of the Nyngan Golf Club and along with fellow board members (8) have been active in our elected roles as of June 6th, 2018 AGM.

It is on behalf of the Nyngan Golf Club Board that I have taken the opportunity to write this letter. Firstly to thank the Bogan Shire for its support and give a brief update on the newly commissioned irrigation system; provide some background on the current status of our course maintenance equipment; and lastly share an awareness to the challenges the club is facing in the near term with regards to sustainable course maintenance, and what opportunities we are exploring to procure appropriate equipment for the future.

The irrigation system at present is operating successfully on daily programmed schedule, with some minor tweaking of key area times under review. There have been some instances of pipe ruptures of varying degrees of severity within the old pre-existing network. These events do appear to have subsided of recent and confidence is now reaching a point to where automated night time watering should commence over the next month.

With respects to course maintenance the existing mowing fleet comprises of three key pieces of equipment.

- Hustler Sport ride-on mower: (small) used for tees & greens also adapted for green raking.
- Kubota F3060 Ride-on mower: (medium) utilised for off-fairway & selective slashing requirements.
- Kubota M4030 Tractor & Nayjon mower/slasher (~12ft): primary mowing unit with loader & general tractor capabilities.

In terms of mechanical condition, the first two machines are dated and semi-reliable in current state, however would benefit from a mechanical overall/tune-up and would then likely suffice our needs over the next 2 years.

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Nyngan Golf Club



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Nyngan Golf Club  nyngan@westnet.com.au



The M4030 Tractor and slasher unit however is proving problematic now, both in terms of reliability and its general capacity to meet our increased mowing requirements. It's our view that this mower needs replacing as soon as practicable and as such we are exploring all sensible options available to us.

Given that purchasing a new machine is not an attainable option now, second-hand mowers in good reliable working condition are being targeted.

To date we have reached out to other clubs in our region, being following the usual advertising sources, and actively probing our contacts by word of mouth.

In an effort to cover all available avenues could we please ask the Bogan Shire Council to take our needs into consideration should any suitable equipment become withdrawn from the shire fleet, and available for external procurement?

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

We look forward to building on a close working relationship with Council.

Warm regards,



Sam Keating
Nyngan Golf Club
PRESIDENT

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Our File Ref: R17/0031
Further contact: Jessica Wood, Legal Officer: 9242 4125

7 September 2018

General Manager
Mr Derek Francis
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Dear Mr Francis

Request for financial assistance for legal costs associated with the appeal of Land and Environment Court rating categorisation decision – City of Sydney Council, North Sydney Council and Bayside City Council

We are writing to request your assistance with legal costs incurred by the above councils in respect of an appeal of the Land and Environment Court's decision in *Karimbla Properties v Council of the City of Sydney; Bayside City Council and North Sydney Council* [2017] NSWLEC 75. The judgement can be viewed on the Land and Environment Court's website.

On 6 October 2017, the Board of LGNSW resolved to approve applications for legal assistance made by the City of Sydney Council and Bayside Council in accordance with the *LGNSW Legal Assistance Policy and Guidelines (November 2015)*, which is available at <https://www.lgnsw.org.au/files/imce-uploads/127/legal-assistance-policy-guidelines-november-2015.pdf>. On 9 February 2018, the Board approved an application for legal assistance made by North Sydney Council.

The LGNSW Board considered that this case is of importance to local government throughout NSW.

By way of background, the case concerns the interpretation of section 516 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, being the categorisation of ratable land as "residential". The Land and Environment Court held that land, on which development for the purposes of a residential development was being carried out in accordance with a development consent, is to be categorised as "residential", even though building construction was not complete and occupation certificates for use of buildings for residential accommodation had not been granted. The Court also found that Karimbla Properties are entitled to refunds of any rates paid for the land as a result the land being categorised by the councils as "business".

The three councils appealed the Land and Environment Court's decision. The Court of Appeal heard the matter in late July and has reserved its decision. Judgement is expected later in the year.

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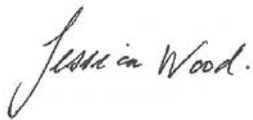
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Our request for assistance is detailed in the attached invoice. There is no obligation on Council to provide financial assistance. If Council chooses not to provide assistance, the invoice may be disregarded.

Please contact me on (02) 9242 4125 if you would like to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Jessica Wood
Legal Officer

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Tax Invoice

Invoice Number 80158
Date 07/09/18

Invoice to:
Bogan Shire Council
Po Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Customer Code ZZBOGA
Customer Reference

Item Code	Item Description	Invoice Quantity	Per	Price	GST	Amount
LEGA	Legal Costs incurred in the matter of Karimbla Properties v Council of the City of Sydney; Bayside City Council; and North Sydney Council [2017] NSWLEC 75 which considered the construction of section 516 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993 (please refer to attached letter) Attn: The General Manager	1		1357.80	135.78	1,493.58

Terms: 30 Days Invoice Date

Total Includes GST of 135.78 **Total 1,493.58**

Payment to: Local Government NSW BSB: 062005 Account No. 00090198

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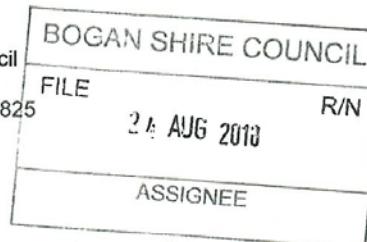


NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Your ref:
Our ref: R18/2961



22 August 2018

Dear Mr Francis 

2018-19 ALLOCATIONS – NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND

The Minister for Emergency Services, the Honourable Troy Grant MP, has approved allocations for the 2018-19 Rural Fire Fighting Fund which supports volunteer brigades who protect your local community.

Following amendments to the *Rural Fires Act 1997* during 2017, the statutory contribution by relevant Councils is now determined by reference to the 'rural fire brigade funding target' defined in section 103 of the Act. For 2018-19 the funding target is \$313.697 million, a reduction of 3.0% from the prior year.

In 2018-19 the Government continues its pre-existing commitment to the NSW Rural Fire Service including:

- \$38.0 million for mitigation and hazard reduction works;
- \$10.9 million for fire fighting equipment and personal protective equipment;
- \$33.2 million for new and refurbished tankers and other vehicles;
- \$19.9 million for volunteer brigade stations and Fire Control Centres; and
- \$3.2 million to repurpose Black Hawk helicopters provided by the Australian Defence Force for use by the NSW RFS.

The Office of State Revenue provided each Council with an Annual Assessment Notice that identified the amount of statutory contribution in respect of 2018-19 prior to 30 April 2018.

As previously advised, the NSW Rural Fire Service has moved to a percentage based allocation of the Rural Fire Fighting Fund. This has been used to determine the allocation by Council.

Shown at Appendix A is a schedule of key allocations including fire fighting appliances, infrastructure, equipment and grants that will be provided directly to your Council in the 2018-19 year. Attached at Appendix B, for relevant councils, is a schedule of approved Hazard Reduction works. Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the outlined infrastructure works listed in Appendix A during the 2018-19 year is requested.

Postal address

NSW Rural Fire Service
Locked Bag 17
GRANVILLE NSW 2142

Street address

NSW Rural Fire Service
15 Carter Street
LIDCOMBE NSW 2141

T (02) 8741 5555
F (02) 8741 5550
www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

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As in previous years, payments to Council for the Maintenance and Repairs grant will be made towards the end of the second quarter provided Council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions due to the Office of State Revenue at that time.

Council will continue to receive ongoing additional support to Rural Fire Districts including:

- **Training and Volunteer Support**
Costs associated with volunteer relations including the cadets program, work health and safety programs for volunteers, critical incident support, Chaplaincy, learning and development, volunteer training and competency.
- **Fire Mitigation Works**
Bush fire mitigation works including the State Mitigation Support Services (SMSS) that operates across Local Government areas completing mitigation works, fire trail and hazard management works.
- **Insurances**
Volunteer workers compensation insurance and other insurances (excluding red fleet insurance).
- **Radio Communications**
Costs associated with communication assets, the private mobile radio network, the paging network and the Government Radio Network.
- **Emergency Fund**
Costs associated with responding to bush fire emergencies including out of area assistance.
- **Aviation and Other Operational Support**
Provision of the State Air Desk and aviation resources for emergency events, training and support of volunteers in aircraft operations and other operational support services such as Neighbourhood Safer Places, RART team and vulnerable communities support.
- **Engineering and Other Infrastructure**
Design and development of mobile infrastructure including tankers, other vehicles and fire fighting equipment. Insurance of the red fleet of fire fighting appliances. Development of designs and standards for the construction of brigade stations and fire control centres.
- **Communications and Public Awareness**
Management of media and corporate communications including the community advertising campaign, social media monitoring and provision of emergency messaging in emergency events.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Mr Stephen O'Malley, Executive Director, Finance and Executive Services on (02) 8741 5102 or at stephen.omalley@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



**Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM
Commissioner**

cc: NSW RFS District Manager
Mayor

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Appendix A

NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund Allocation - 2018-19

Council: Bogan Shire Council

Infrastructure Projects

Girilambone	TOILET INITIATIVE	External Toilet	\$60,000
Subtotal: Infrastructure Projects			\$60,000

Appliances

Nyngan Headquarters	NEW APPLIANCE	Cat 6	\$424,420
Nyngan Headquarters	REFURBISHED APPLIANCE	Cat 1	\$71,000
Subtotal: Appliances			\$495,420

Equipment

Fire Fighting Equipment			\$52,449
Personal Protective Equipment			\$15,000
Community Education			-
Subtotal: Equipment			\$67,449

Hazard Reduction

Hazard Reduction Grant			\$31,080
Subtotal: Hazard Reduction			\$31,080

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Maintenance and Repairs Grant	
Appliances and Other Vehicles (not White Fleet)	
Vehicle Service	\$26,000
Vehicle Repair	\$15,000
Fuel and Oil	\$7,000
Registration	\$500
Insurance Vehicles (not Red Fleet)	
Vehicles Other	
Subtotal: Appliances & Other Vehicles	\$48,500
Stations and FCC	
Maintenance & Repair Stn	\$5,000
Maintenance & Repair FCC	\$7,000
Pest Control Stn	\$2,600
Pest Control FCC	\$1,000
Cleaning Stn	
Cleaning FCC	\$4,000
Security Stn	
Security FCC	\$1,500
Insurance Stn	\$2,000
Insurance FCC	\$1,000
Subtotal: Stations and FCC	\$24,100
Utilities	
Electricity Stns	\$2,000
Electricity FCC	\$2,000
Gas Charges Stn	
Gas Charges FCC	
Telephone Fixed Line Stn	
Telephone Fixed Line FCC	\$6,000
Telephone Mobile (non RFS)	
Telephone Data (non RFS)	
Subtotal: Utilities	\$10,000
Radio	
Insurance Radio	
Base Stn Site fees	
Maintenance & Repair Radio	
TOTAL Radio	-
Miscellaneous	
Postage	
Printing	\$377
Fee for Service (contracts)	\$2,000
Other	
Training Brigades	\$2,000
Subtotal: Miscellaneous	\$4,377
Total: Maintenance & Repairs	\$86,977

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Appendix B

Approved RFF Hazard Reduction 2018/19 - Bogan

Region	District	LGA	ID	BRIMSHR#	Title	Selected Method IDs	Control Line	Traffic Management	Catering	Mowing/Siashing	Hand Clearing	Total Approval
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066283	HR18022783225	Girilambone Village APZ	114637 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066282	HR18022683193	Coolabah Tip SFAZ	114557 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066281	HR18022683195	Coolabah Village APZ	114587 Mechanical Line 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066279	HR18022783227	Hermidale Village APZ	114642 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066278	HR18022783229	Hermidale Tip SFAZ	114645 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066277	HR18022783233	Nyngan Tip SFAZ	114648 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066276	HR18022783238	Nyngan Town SFAZ	114652 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066275	HR18022783243	Yarrandale Rd	114662 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066274	HR18022883268	Murrawombie Rd	114709 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 550.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066273	HR18022883274	Murrawombie Rd	114721 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 710.00	\$ -	\$ 710.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066272	HR18022883286	Old Warren Rd	114744 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 510.00	\$ -	\$ 510.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066271	HR18022883288	Bucklinguy Rd	114746 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 210.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066263	HR18022883289	Gilgai	114748 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 830.00	\$ -	\$ 830.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066261	HR18022883306	Pangee Rd	114780 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066260	HR18022883311	Gongolgon Rd	114786 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066259	HR18022883318	White Rock Rd	114801 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ -	\$ 320.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066257	HR18022883320	Mulla Rd	114804 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00
Region West	North West	Bogan	FUND201803066246	HR18030283381	Canonba Rd SFAZ	114880 Mechanical Line 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00
TOTAL											\$ 31,080.00	

HAZARD REDUCTION

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Wonga
Hermidale. 2831

14th September. 2018

General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box221.
Nyngan. 2825.

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE	R/N
17/61	17 SEP 2018
ASSIGNEE	

Dear Sir

On the 12th September 2018 a community meeting was held at the Combined Sports Ground to distribute the Village Grant. The amount to allocated was \$26,510.00. The following organizations benefit:

Community Centre	\$10,000.00 To replace carpet in Centre. Greg Moody is charge of this project.
Beach Volley Ball.	\$2,000.00Nets and Sand to start Club. Michael Wells-Budd in charge.
Park Committee	\$2,000.00 Repairs to play equipment. Jamie Thompson in charge.
Gun Club	\$1,500.00 Repairs Gun Traps. Buttons Powell in charge.
Gymkhana	\$2,000.00. Repairs to bar area. Rodney Robb in Charge.
Combined Sports Ground Mobile Grand Stand, Tables and	\$9,010.00, Repairs storm damage to Cricket Shed, Fencing, Stools for under Peter Dutton's Annex, Fans for main hall.. Rodney Dewhurst, and Buttons Powell in charge .

The community "Thanks "the Shire for this Grant.

Yours sincerely


Joan Jeffery
Sec/ Treasurer
Combined Sports Ground.

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Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie

Deputy Leader of The Nationals
Minister for Regional Services
Minister for Sport
Minister for Local Government and Decentralisation
Senator for Victoria

Ref No: MS18-002417

Cr Ray Donald OAM
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Cr Donald OAM

Mobile Black Spot Program – Opening of the mobile black spot database

Following the success of previous rounds, I am writing to give the Bogan Shire Council the opportunity to help your regional communities benefit from the Coalition Government's Mobile Black Spot Program (the Program). In particular, you are invited to submit new nominations to the National Database of Reported Black Spot Locations (the Database).

The Database is being re-opened for nominations from local and state governments and Federal Members of Parliament for a four week period from 13 September to 11 October 2018. The Database will be used to support the next round (Round 4) of the Program.

As you may be aware, the Coalition Government has committed \$220 million to the Program to invest in telecommunications infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and competition across Australia. The Coalition Government's commitment has leveraged more than \$680 million through co-contributions from state and local governments, Mobile Network Operators (Optus, Telstra and Vodafone), businesses and local communities.

This is delivering 867 base stations across the country with over 600 base stations already on air and the remainder to be delivered by 30 June 2019.

On 10 June 2018, I announced that up to \$25 million had been committed to Round 4 of the Program to improve mobile coverage in more regional and remote communities in Australia. Round 4 will also target mobile black spots at Public Interest Premises (PIPs) including economic centres, emergency service facilities, health facilities, educational facilities, indigenous community organisations, local government facilities and not-for-profit organisations.

Your black spot nominations, including PIPs nominations, will be used to update the Database. Mobile Network Operators will use this Database when applying for Round 4 of the Program.

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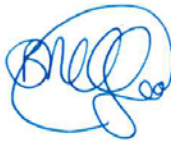
Nominations can be made using the online nomination form at www.bit.ly/mbspdatabase. The form includes instructions on how to identify locations. A document setting out the black spot nomination process has been attached. Local and state governments and Federal Members of Parliament in electorates with eligible areas are able to nominate new black spots.

Any questions about the program or the nomination process should be directed to the Mobile Black Spot at the Program, Department of Communications and the Arts: mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au

A key success of the Program has been the funding co-contributions by state governments, local governments, businesses and local communities. I would encourage you to engage with the mobile carriers to bring forward proposals in your area. You may wish to consider whether the Bogan Shire Council could offer a financial or in-kind contribution to encourage a proposal, though this is not a mandatory requirement of the Program.

I look forward to your black spot nominations and your support for this important Program which is delivering improved mobile coverage to regional and remote Australia.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bridget", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRIDGET MCKENZIE

13/09/2018

Encl.

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Coalition Government's Mobile Black Spot Program

Round 4

Process for nominating mobile black spot locations

Introduction

The National Database of Reported Black Spot Locations (the Database) will open for new nominations for a period of four weeks from 13 September to 11 October 2018.

Local and state governments and Federal Members of Parliament in electorates with eligible areas are able to nominate new black spots.

The Database will be used by funding applicants for Round 4 of the Mobile Black Spot Program (the Program) tender process when preparing proposals later in 2018.

While the Database is designed to assist funding applicants, it is not compulsory for funding applicants to use the database when developing their Round 4 funding proposals.

Who can nominate a black spot?

Local, state and territory governments, Federal Senators and Federal Members of Parliament in electorates with eligible areas are able to submit nominations through this process.

Nominations received directly from the public will not be accepted.

Do I have to re-nominate a black spot if it is already on the Database?

No, all existing reported black spots will remain on the Database.

You can check whether a location has previously been included before submitting a nomination. The locations that are currently in the Database can be viewed on the National Map at www.nationalmap.gov.au (by selecting the Mobile Black Spot Database dataset within the Communications tab on the left hand navigation menu).

How do I nominate a black spot?

Nominations can be made using the online nomination form at www.bit.ly/mbspdatabase. The form includes instructions on how to identify locations.

Alternatively, if you have a large number of nominations you can request a spreadsheet from the Department via mobilecoverage@communications.gov.au

Unfortunately, direct nominations to the above email address will not be accepted. All nominations must be made via the online form, or via a requested spreadsheet.

Why do I need to provide the latitude and longitude for the black spot?

The latitude and longitude is required to ensure the Round 4 applicants can accurately identify the black spot location. The latitude and longitude does not have to be exact as it will be taken to represent the broader geographic area.

Why am I being asked for contact details?

The information provided in section “**Mobile black spot information**” (i.e. location common name, road section, latitude and longitude and state) will be published in the Mobile Black Spot Program’s National Mobile Black Spot Database on the Department’s website.

The information in sections “**Nominating organisation information**” and “**Public Interest Premises information**” will not be publically published in the Database or on the Department’s website. This information will be used by the department for the purposes of identifying mobile coverage issues to support the Program and to assist with the development of communications policy and programs. This includes making this information available, with the Database, to funding applicants (i.e. Mobile Network Operators and Mobile Network Infrastructure Providers) during the Program’s application process to assist with the development of proposals.

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The privacy of your personal information is important to us and your name, contact details and other information will not be provided to any other person or organisation with the exception of the above without your knowledge and consent unless required by law.

You may request that your details are removed from our database and mailing lists at any time.

For further information about the Department's privacy obligations (including in relation to how to access or correct personal information or make a complaint) and its contact details for privacy matters, please see the Department's Privacy Policy at:

www.communications.gov.au/documents/australian-privacy-principles-privacy-policy

Which areas are eligible for nomination?

Consistent with previous rounds of the Program, Round 4 is targeting mobile black spots in regional and remote Australia.

In order to be deemed eligible, a black spot location must have poor or no mobile coverage and not be located in areas classified by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as 'Major Urban' (i.e. with a population of 100,000 or more).

You can check whether a location is eligible on the National Map at www.nationalmap.gov.au (by selecting Mobile Black Spot Database within the Communications tab on the left hand navigation menu). Ineligible areas are shaded light grey on the map.

Any black spot nomination in an ineligible area will not be added to the Database.

What is a Public Interest Premises?

A **Public Interest Premises** is defined as a premises or location that the Program considers is used on a continuing basis for a public interest purpose, and which may include:

- (a) an economic centre;
- (b) an emergency services facility*;
- (c) a health facility*;
- (d) an educational facility;
- (e) an indigenous community organisation;
- (f) a local government facility*;
- (g) a not-for-profit organisation.

***Note:** Mobile solutions should not be utilised in the supply of life-critical systems.

In considering whether a local area is an **economic centre** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the local area or precinct generates economic activity for the community.
- (b) Whether the local area or precinct is:
 - i. a tourist site;
 - ii. a park or wildlife facility;
 - iii. a local business centre; or
 - iv. an industrial precinct.

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In considering whether a premises is an **emergency services facility** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the facility is:
- i. an emergency services call centre or operations base;
 - ii. Public Safety Agency Facility;
 - iii. State Emergency Services;
 - iv. Voluntary Rescue Associations; or
 - v. a designated community emergency evacuation point.

In considering whether a premises is a **health facility** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the organisation responsible for the premises is:
- i. a general practice or medical centre;
 - ii. a specialist medical service or surgery;
 - iii. a community health centre;
 - iv. a hospital (to be determined on a case by case basis).

In considering whether a premises is an **educational facility** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the organisation responsible for the premises is:
- i. a privately or publically funded primary or secondary school;
 - ii. a privately or publically funded preschool or kindergarten facility;
 - iii. a school of the air;
 - iv. an adult registered training and education facility which provides ongoing services; or
 - v. any other facility that a Department of Education has determined or approved as a school.

In considering whether an organisation is an **Indigenous community organisation** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the organisation is:
- i. a registered Indigenous corporation;
 - ii. an organisation recognised by the Commonwealth as an Indigenous community organisation;
 - iii. an Indigenous Community Council; or
 - iv. a non-Indigenous organisation or collective, with the stated intention of providing a service to members of an Indigenous community on a not-for-profit basis.

In considering whether a premises is a **local government facility** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the facility is:
- i. a local government childcare centre;
 - ii. a library;

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- iii. a council office;
 - iv. a sport and recreation facility;
 - v. an Indigenous community facility operated by local government; or
 - vi. a community health centre or other care-related facility operated by local government.
- (b) Whether any other facility is a local government facility as determined by the Decision Maker on a case by case basis.
- (c) A local government facilities should be a distinct place of business operated by the local council. In some in circumstances there may be multiple community services provided by the same local government at the same premises.

In considering whether an organisation in a **not-for-profit organisation** the Program will take into account the following non-exhaustive factors:

- (a) Whether the organisation:
- i. was formed for social recreational, educational, charitable, philanthropic or other lawful purposes, where any profit earned can only be applied for the purposes of the organisation as a whole and not distributed to individual members;
 - ii. is not associated with any Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agency;
 - iii. has a unique Australian Business Number; and/or
 - iv. has a unique work location set up in a manner that represents a distinct place of operation for the not-for-profit organisation.

