



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

25 February 2021



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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 25 February 2021 at 9.30am.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 December 2020
5. Development and Environmental Services Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Compactor at Nyngan Waste Facility

The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
6. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 December 2020
7. Megan Dixon, Orana RDA to present to Council 10.00am
8. Rodney Robb, Nyngan Pony Club President, has been invited to address Council regarding Precis item 5, at 10.25am
9. Notice of Motion
10. Committee Meeting Minutes
11. Mayoral Minute
12. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - People and Community Services
 - Finance and Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
13. Correspondence
14. Invited Guests for Lunch: Mr Phillip Gibson OAM, Mrs Noelle Gibson and Mr Bruce Gibson

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Melissa Salter

Acting Executive Assistant



**Notice of Motion to the Ordinary Meeting
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Glen Neill
PO Box 93
NYNGAN NSW 2825

9 February 2021

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

Dear Derek

Notice of Motion – Business to be Considered at February 2021 Council Meeting

I would like to give notice of Business to be considered at the February 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting:

"I move that Council paints the Walker Pavilion using grant funding - if available. If not, that the works be funded in the next year's budget".

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glen Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Councillor Glen Neill
Bogan Shire Council



**Committee Meeting Minutes to the Ordinary Meeting
of Bogan Shire Council held on 25 February 2021**

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 MUSEUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attached are the minutes of the Nyngan Museum Committee meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on Friday 5 February 2021.

1.1 Recommendation

That the minutes of the Nyngan Museum Committee meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on Friday 5 February 2021 be received and noted.



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Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: 5th February 2021 Venue: Nyngan Museum

Present:

Hugh Sibbald, Margaret Sibbald, Glad Eldridge, Leonie Montgomery, Anna Corby, Ray Donald, Val Keighran, Abigail, Anne Quarmby, Collin Pardy, Yvonne Pardy, Vince Wren, Gwen

Apologies:

Veneta Dutton

Guests:

Minutes last meeting: Move: Yvonne second: Vince

Business Arising from Minutes, and Leonie's report:

- *Ray to meet with Benn next week to discuss student volunteers*
- *The builder sent by John Holland (originally fixed ladies toilet) has approval to repair guttering, kitchen ceiling, ladies toilet floor and broken windows. He will finish one job at a time so that the work will be ongoing. No start date as yet.*
- *Our letter of thanks to Bogan Shire Council was read at the last general meeting*

Correspondence In:

*Cruise Express Heritage Railmotor 11am Friday 9th July. 80 people, lunch in town
Coach 22nd June 40 people, Midstate Shearing Shed, then morning tea with us.*

*Family Requests Dorothy May Lee
 Les, George and Jack Hennessy
 Ronnie Steele
 Albret George Douglas*

Correspondence Out:

Answers to above



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Treasurers Report attached: read and moved: 2nd: **Margaret**

General Business and Leonie's Updates:

- *A thank you letter be written to John Holland to thank the company for their on going help and support with the station building repairs and upkeep. Moved Annie Quarmby 2nd Yvonne Ray will try to find a contact person who could be invited to a meeting.*
- *The platform floor for the projectors will be finalised next week. Thanks Stewart and Leonie*
- *Uniforms are on hold at the moment, waiting for funding.*
- *Air coolers still not working*
- *\$2000.00 grant received to cover cost of glass for fireplace display. Waiting now for matching donation to complete the order.*
- *Vince has brought in weights for the pharmacy scale*
- *Annie has donated memorabilia from Queen's visit 1954*
- *A certificate awarded to Ella Robinson by the Red Cross signed by Alice Creswick, Principal Commandant of the society.*
- *Hugh and Leonie have cleaned the projectors*
- *The laundry is complete, including old buckets and a cobweb broom donate by Annie Q*
- *The floor for the Jackaroo's camp is still to be done*
- *The Prince's wing needs to be checked out for something to be included in the royal visit collection.*
- *Congratulations to Leonie for her award as Australian of the Year.*

Meeting Closed: **10.10 am**

**Mayoral Minute to the Ordinary Meeting
of Bogan Shire Council held on 25 February 2021**

MAYORAL MINUTE

1 Nyngan Bore and Pipeline

A meeting was held in Nyngan on 29 January 2021 between Council representatives and representatives from Public Works, DPIE (Water) and Water NSW to discuss what progress had been made to connect water from a bore sunk last year 13kms NE of Nyngan (adjacent to the Old Warren Road) and Nyngan's Filtration Plant. A flow of good quality water from this bore of 2.1ML/day has been determined and could adequately supply water for Nyngan residents only for critical human needs under severe water restrictions, if all water from existing sources (Burrendong Dam, Macquarie River, Albert Priest Channel and Emergency storages, all of which are shared with Cobar), is no longer available. This situation was approaching early last year prior to some good falls of rain that eased the drought and commenced replenishment of storages.

Consensus from the meeting was that Bogan Shire Council should proceed to connect the availability of water from this bore to the Nyngan Filtration plant, with necessary tanks, pumps and valves connected and Bogan Shire Council would own this system. State Government Funding of \$4.3M has been made available with Council required to contribute \$270,000 towards this installation. This bore has still not received a licence.

Future emergency water for Cobar and Cobar mines, if existing traditional supplies are not available, remains a vague part of the Draft Regional Water Drought Strategy that includes reference to further exploration for underground water further north east of our bore, into Warren Shire. Council have already made a response to the main draft parts of this Regional Strategy. This meeting mentioned a larger size pipe (375mm instead of the funded 200mm), to take extra underground water from sources still unknown for Cobar. This larger pipe would run from our bore to the Cobar Pump Station, with the necessary infrastructure in place to have water from our bore, via valves taken off this pipeline to our filtration plant.

Extra Government Funding needs to be sourced if a shared pipeline with Cobar is to be installed, and arrangements made by water authorities to share future costs of transporting the water and depreciation. As the State Government are substantially funding the pipeline, an approach to share depreciation is worthwhile making, as depreciation costs will become part of Bogan Shire Council water charges. A copy of the notes taken at this meeting are available if any Councillor wishes to read them prior to the Council Meeting.

I recommend Council proceed with finalising the necessary procedures to have the water from this bore connected to our Filtration Plant, to ensure domestic water for

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Nyngan residents' critical human needs is always available should future drought conditions return that exhaust other supplies. Council take out a long term loan to cover our contribution of \$270,000 to ease the adverse effect of this money on our budget.

Recommendation:

For Councils Consideration.

2 Bogan Shire Official Visitors Guide

This booklet is currently available at our Visitors Information Centre and contains a lot of attractive and interesting information and photographs to guide and inform tourists and visitors to Nyngan and Bogan Shire. Like all Guides of this nature, they need periodic updating to remain current as new attractions are established in Nyngan and the Shire, or require extra information to be added to current sections or photographs. Some suggestions for inclusion are our walking and cycle cement pathway from the Shearing Shed to the River, Heritage Park one and two, request the Land Council to include some paragraphs about local Aboriginal history under the History of Nyngan, Garford Fire Engine, our three new Emergency Service Buildings, Swimming Pool and upgrades to Larkin Oval, shots of the Showground, Racecourse Complex, shots of our two grain receival complexes currently full, to replace old grain silos, signpost our dog exercise area, promote our Service NSW, Centrelink and Medicare offices and Local Land Council office. As the pages in the booklet are stapled together, extra pages could be added and a number reused to help costs. Council consider this upgrade, to be funded from a budget review or included in next year's estimates.

Recommendation:

For Councils Consideration.

3 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant

Late last year, Council were advised that it had successfully obtained another Federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant of \$680,000. The criteria for this grant appears to be much the same as previous ones. I suggest Council consider locating half this money to upgrades and improvements to kerbing and guttering and the town's internal drainage infrastructure, and the other half to roadworks.

Recommendation:

For Councils Consideration.

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4 Nyngan Railway Wool Dump

One of the projects listed in a previous report to Council to upgrade our tourist attractions was to promote the old Railway Wool Dump where thousands of bales of wool over many years were loaded onto rail tracks to be transported to wool stores for processing and sale. Mrs Anna Corby from the Museum has some photographs of wool being unloaded, with a couple of colour photographs of the wool dump that formerly had a railway line beside it, and draft wording describing what occurred, all of which could be transferred onto an information plaque on a stand adjacent to the dump. A short cement path from the existing walking cycle pathway to the plaque could be considered, all of this funded from grants or budget allocations to promote tourism.

Recommendation:

For Councils Consideration.

5 Honour Board

Prior to the 1980's National Awards to recognise outstanding community service were called the British Empire Medal (BEM). Since then, awards on Australia Day and the Queen's Birthday weekend have been Australian awards (AM, AC, OAM). I am aware of two local (deceased) residents of Bogan Shire who received the BEM. Phillip Gibson's father, The Late Mr Wilfred Gibson, and Councillor Boag's grandmother, The Late Mrs Gwen McLaughlin. There may be others that a search of National records would reveal. I think it would be good to have the recipients of such National recognition named and dated on an Honour board, (similar to the OAM Recipients in the Council front office), either in the Museum or somewhere in the Shire Chambers. This board could also list local recipients of the National awards like Rob Avard who received The Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM), or Victoria Cross winners like Arthur Hall VC

Recommendation:

For Councils 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	28/09/2017	283/2017	Medical Centre	The General Manager in consultation with PHN proceeds to recruit & engage a second doctor for the BSMC.	GM	Recruitment agencies engaged to source locum / permanent second doctor. Locums secured until 30/06/2021. UPDATE: Discussions held on 17/02/2021 with Meeting held with Local Health District to finalise plans for joint recruitment of Hospital VMO / BSMC GP.

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2	21/12/2017	392/2017	Increase of train speed through Nyngan	Strong letter of concern & a request to address Council be sent to the relevant rail authorities & a copy to local member.	GM	Letter sent to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure, with copy to Kevin Humphries.
	21/06/2018	293/2018		<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>The best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.</p>	DES	<p>406 Petitions received.</p> <p>On-site meeting held with Deputy Premier.</p> <p>Met with Minister for Regional Transport & Roads in Bourke on 25 November 2019.</p> <hr/> <p>Council advised that this crossing is not a priority for John Holland Rail.</p>

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	28/05/2020	110/2020		<p>Council engage a Safety Consultant to inspect the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & to provide a report documenting the safety factors of the Crossing which can then be forwarded to the John Holland Rail & Minister for Regional Transport & Roads.</p>		<p>Report complete.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Report has been forwarded to the Hon Sam Faraway who is making representations on Council's behalf to the Minister for Regional Transport and John Holland Rail.</p>
3	24/04/2019	117/2019	Cobar Water Board	<p>Whilst Council is prepared to have discussion with CWB to explore options for delivery of water to minor users within the Bogan Shire LGA, it does not agree to the Board's proposal at this stage.</p>	GM	<p>Further correspondence sent to CWB. Following meeting with CWB held on 11 January 2020, further agreements are to be negotiated.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Meeting with CWB held on 16/02/2021 to discuss – verbal report will be given at the Council meeting.</p>

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4	22/08/2019	264/2019	Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3	Council works with community orgs who deliver youth and other community support services to investigate methods of funding for ongoing employment of a part-time Youth Worker & further upgrading to the facility.	DPCS	<p>Discussions yet to commence – reprioritised due to current pandemic circumstances.</p> <p>UPDATE: Grant funding for salary secured for 3 years. It is suggested that this matter be deferred until 2022/23 and that in the meantime it is marked complete.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
5	26/09/2019	292/2019	Garford Fire Engine	Council proceed with the respray of the Garford Fire Engine, with funds to be provided from the Historical Society \$5,224, Community Arts & Culture Fund \$15,362 &	DES	<p>Quotes for the Garford to be resprayed and the exterior restored have been requested.</p> <p>UPDATE: Council has accepted ownership and will arrange safekeeping and preservation.</p>

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	24/10/2019			Accumulated Funds \$9,414. Council examine options on the best way forward.		COMPLETED
6	28/11/2019	366/2019	Regional Water Supply Pipe Network	Council supports in principle the investigation of a Regional Water Supply Network servicing the communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.	GM	Water NSW is progressing investigation for pipeline from Narromine bore fields to Nyngan. Water NSW investigating bores in the Warren Shire and will notify land-owners in the surrounding area. UPDATE: Mayoral Minute refers.
7	28/11/2019	368/2019	Repairs to Nyngan & Cobar Emergency Water Storage	The General Manager be authorised to procure sufficient quantities Geosynthetic Clay Liner & Geotextile material to complete the remediation works, according to specifications provided	DES	Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor. UPDATE: Work recommenced on 01/02/2021 with rain stopping work again that night.

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				by NSW Public Works. The procurement be carried out by way of quotations.		
8	23/07/2020	192/2020	Crown Land to convert the Perpetual Special Lease 78218 (Saleyards) to freehold & transfer title to Council.	<p>1. Council purchase the Nyngan saleyards from the Crown at a cost of \$35,100 funded from Council's reserves.</p> <p>2. The GM present a report to Council on necessary measures to allow future use of the site, including an RMS heavy vehicle uncoupling station, wash bay for trucks & hold over are for livestock.</p>	GM	<p>1. In progress.</p> <p>2. UPDATE: Meeting requested with RMS.</p>
9	23/07/2020	193/2020	Speed limit in Nyngan CBD	Survey responses received for reducing speed limit in Nyngan CBD to 40km/hr between Terangion &	DES	<p>Referred to RMS.</p> <p>UPDATE: Formal application with RMS in progress.</p>

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				Dandaloo Streets presented to Traffic Committee Meeting August 2020.		
10	22/10/2020	306/2020	Hermidale Park	Further community consultation be carried out by way of a survey which includes a larger plan of the proposed new site, next to the Phillip Dutton Rest Area	DPCS	Community Survey distributed and tabled at Council's December meeting. UPDATE: Correspondence from Hermidale community included in precis. COMPLETED
11	24/09/2020	277/2020	Loop the Levee	A report suggesting locations and costs concerning the levee or parts of it to be a shared pedestrian/cycle path be presented to Council.	DES	UPDATE: Inspection carried out of levee bank with identification of opportunities and issues. Report to Council to follow.

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12	24/09/2020	257/2020	Nyngan Golf Club	Council approach the NGC offering them a sign with our logo and other details of Bogan Shire Council to be put on one of the 18 holes	DPCS	<u>UPDATE:</u> Awaiting details of signage for approval by Council and sponsorship invoice from NGC.
13	26/11/2020	329/2020	Centre of NSW Cairn	<p>1. Council request a meeting with representatives from Lachlan Shire, Collierina Hall Committee and Tottenham Progress Association to further discuss options.</p> <p>2. Signage Option 1 selected, inclusive of large rocks in place to prevent vehicle access.</p>	DPCS	<u>UPDATE:</u> Meeting held 17/02/2021– verbal report will be given at the Council meeting with a further written report to follow.

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			Centre of NSW Cairn	3. Report on final design recommendations, including costs to a further meeting of Council for approval and budget consideration, following meeting of four parties.		
14	17/12/2020	357/2020	Pangee Street Fig Tree	Council introduce measures to monitor the tree's health and stability for a period of time	GM	<p>UPDATE: Motion sensors installed, fig tree anchored to a palm tree in Davidson Park. Based on assessed risk GM has not blocked off any parking places.</p> <p>Further arborist's report expected in time for March Council meeting.</p>

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15	17/12/2020	363/2020	Hermidale Speed Limit	Council does not accept the RMS decision on the speed limit in Hermidale and refers this back to the RMS	DES	UPDATE: Letter sent to TfNSW requesting a review of the speed zone.
16	17/12/2020	372/2020	Hera Resources Pty Ltd Donations 2021	<p>Council continue discussions with Aurelia Metals and also meet with Aeris Resources to determine Council's priorities for the whole of the Bogan Shire community</p> <p>Council work in partnership with both companies to obtain financial assistance for identified projects for the long term benefit of the community.</p>	DPCS	UPDATE: To be discussed at the next meeting of the Aeris Consultative Committee on 23/02/2021 - verbal report will be given at the Council meeting.

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17	17/12/2020	373/2020	Lack of Vacation Care/Before and After School Care in Nyngan	<p>Council approach both primary schools in Nyngan.</p> <p>Council bring this matter to the attention of local State Member and Hon. Sam Farraway MLC.</p>	DPCS	<p>UPDATE: Raised with Minister for Regional Youth and Hon Sam Farraway on 10/02/2021. Meeting scheduled with primary schools on 23/02/2021.</p>
18	17/12/2020	362/2020	Installation of Bench Seating in Pangee Street	<p>Council proceed with the installation of two bench seats in Pangee Street, between Nyngan Rural Agencies and St Marks Op Shop, to be funded by the CBD improvement grant</p>	DES	<p>UPDATE: To be completed when grant works commence.</p>

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 DECEMBER / JANUARY RECESS – DELEGATED DECISIONS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of delegated decisions of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager during the recent December / January recess.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of delegated decisions of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager during the recent December / January recess

2.2 Background

At its meeting held on 17 December 2020 Council granted authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor (in the Mayor's absence) and General Manager to make decisions on behalf of Council during the Christmas / New Year recess period, subject to the limitations of Section 377 of the Local Government Act and with Councillors to be contacted and consulted about the decision, if practical.

2.3 Discussion

Following consultation with available Councillors the following decisions were taken under this delegated authority

- Summer Break Program

Decision to use the Summer Break Program grant allocation of \$10,000 towards the purchase of a new outdoor movie system and cost of running movie sessions for children during the school holidays. The movie system was used at the Nyngan Pool and Nyngan Town Hall in accordance with the provisions of the grant funding agreement and is now available for further use at community events and/or the Youth and Community Centre.

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- Support to Nyngan Community Homes

Decision to support, in principle, cash contributions to the Nyngan Community Homes in relation to their grant application for the construction of units on the former Palais Theatre site as follows:

1. Up to \$20,000 towards the cost of architect's fees for construction drawings.
2. Up to \$15,000 towards the cost of quantity surveying
3. Up to \$25,000 towards the cost of project management

As a formal decision to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons cannot be delegated under the provisions of the Local Government Act, a resolution confirming this in-principle decision is required

2.4 Recommendation

1. That Council notes the decision to use Summer Break grant funding to purchase a new outdoor movie system and cost of running movie sessions for children during the school holidays.
2. That Council undertakes to make the following cash contributions to the Nyngan Community Homes in relation to their grant application for the construction of units on the former Palais Theatre site as follows:
 1. Up to \$20,000 towards the cost of architect's fees for construction drawings.
 2. Up to \$15,000 towards the cost of quantity surveying
 3. Up to \$25,000 towards the cost of project management

3 COMPLETION OF CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the current status of capital projects and to seek direction for relative prioritisation, if necessary, where it is anticipated that projects are not likely to be completed by 30 June 2021.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the current status of capital projects and to seek direction for relative prioritisation, if necessary, where it is anticipated that projects are not likely to be completed by 30 June 2021.

3.2 Background

Each year Council prepares a Capital Budget which comprises a number of projects. These projects are carried out during the course of the year and usually each year, as in any Local Government, despite the best efforts of Council staff there are incomplete projects at the end of the year which have to be carried over to the following year. Reasons for carry overs can include delays on weather-dependent projects, delays with government approvals, procurement delays, volume of work and competing priorities. Also, some projects are actually programmed to span more than one financial year.

Project completion is monitored by Directors and the General Manger continuously throughout the year to minimise carryovers so as to deliver services for our community.

3.3 Discussion

For the 2020/21 financial year, Council approved a capital budget, including prior year carryovers but excluding the plant fund and capital loan repayments, of \$24.3 Million. Due to increased funding, including success with grant applications this has now risen to \$31.9, an increase of 31%.

An increased capital budget naturally implies additional effort that has to be put into delivering the additional projects. This, in turn, usually requires additional resourcing or reprioritisation of projects. Some projects can only be delivered by external contractors, some can only be delivered by Council staff. In some cases projects could be delivered by external contractors but it may be considered preferable for Council staff to undertake the work as the funding can be used to pay Council staff to help support our operating expenses. In all cases, senior Council staff are carrying out the responsibility for administering, managing and reporting on the projects, whether the work is done externally or not.

Given the large increase in the Capital Budget it is considered important that, at this stage of the financial year, Council is informed of progress towards completion of all capital budget projects and the impact that this increase may have on their completion by 30 June 2021. It may be necessary to examine some projects in terms of relative priority for completion this financial year.

Council's Directors have been asked to provide input into the attached document which lists all capital budget projects. The document has been divided into three sections:

- Completed projects
- Projects anticipated to be completed in Quarter 3 (Jan 21 to Mar 21) Quarter 4 (Apr 21 to Jun 21)



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- Projects anticipated to be completed after 30 June 2021

At the meeting it is envisaged that Councillors will have the opportunity to ask questions about individual projects and, potentially, give management direction about relative priorities amongst projects for completion this financial year.

This report should be read in conjunction with the Director of Engineering Services' report on Roads and the Director of Finance and Corporate Services' report on the Second Budget Review.

3.4 Attachments

Status of Capital Projects – 2020/21

3.5 Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council considers which of the anticipated carryover projects, if any, to prioritise for completion this financial year, together with any consequences this decision may have for other projects.

Derek Francis

General Manager

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

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 LIBRARY REPORT

Summary:-

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

1.1 Introduction

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

1.2 Discussion

Over the past 3 months the Library and staff has:

- Held a Holiday Craft Activity Morning in October with 4 children in attendance,
- Held Story Time sessions with children on site at both the Early Learning Centre and the Preschool.
- Held weekly Story Time sessions with 58 children and 27 adults in attendance.

It is important to note that with the continuation of COVID-19, the types of activities that were able to be held during this period has been severely restricted and that numbers to organised activities were also limited due to the need for COVID-safe measures to be implemented in order to ensure continued health and safety of the community and Council staff.

The North Western Library held its AGM meeting on 4 November 2020 with Warren Shire hosting the meeting this year. Reports were given by the North Western Library Manager, Pam Kelly, and each Shire Librarian. Councillor Pauline Serdity was voted in as Chair Person for 2021.

The Financial Statement was delivered, with Council contributions for the 2020/2021 period as follows:

Operational Expenses:	\$25,377
Management and Administration:	\$11,908
Computer Software Maintenance:	\$12,787
Technical Support Officer:	\$8,657
Freight on Stock rotation:	\$756
Total:	\$59,485

**People and Community Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council
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IPART has determined the rate-pegging increase for 2021/22 at 2.0% which would equate to an increase of \$1,190.00 in the overall per Council contribution.

A copy of the North Western Library Co-Operative AGM Report can be made available upon request, with a copy also available to Councillors at the meeting.

The North Western Library Co-Operative Agreement is due for renewal on 1 July, 2021. It is a requirement that the North Western Library Co-Operative be legally recognised by the State Library of NSW as a Regional Co-Operative. The new agreement must be adopted by each Council under the seal prior to 30 June 2021 (See attachment).

The North Western Library held its Librarian's meeting on 3 December 2020 in Warren. Discussion items included stock purchases, setting the date for the bi-annual stocktake and other routine matters. The bi-annual stocktake and changeover of books has been scheduled to take place between 8 and 12 June 2021 and will require the Library to be closed to the public during this time.

North Western Library will be trialling the Beanstack Website for 12 months. This website is used a tool for facilitating reading programs, primarily in libraries and schools, which includes a system for curating children's books in order to deliver personalised recommendations to library patrons and will be set-up individually for each Library to use and promote their library activities. Training will be provided to staff to the website.

Borrowed items are now issued for 30 days with an automatic renewal of another 30 days giving members a 60 day loan period in recognition of the current COVID-19 Public Health measures still in place.

North Western Library will continue to support the Kanopy app (free access to movies) as the cost of this service is low and some films can be used in the Library.

Gutenberg e-Books, an online library of free eBooks and the first of its kind, will now move across into a borrowing app on the North Western Library website and be removed from our catalogue.

Up Coming Programs

- Library Lover's Day Chocolate Draw - drawn Friday 12 February,
- 1000 Books before school – May,
- National Simultaneous Story time – May,
- Stig, a performer who promotes Borrow Box to primary aged children and encourages children to become members of the Library will be visiting both primary schools – April (COVID-19 Public Health Orders permitting)

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The Summer Reading Programme commenced to encourage children to read over the summer holidays. This year's theme is "Discover a new world". A good number of children have registered for the programme.

Statistics

Statistics for the past quarter dating from 1.10.20 to 31.12.20 are as follows with a comparison of the previous year figures for the same period. Membership figures have decreased due to a system audit and clean-up of non-active members conducted by North Western Library.

October 1st – December 31st, 2020		October 1st – December 31st, 2019	
Adult Fiction	331	Adult Fiction	497
Western Fiction	13	Western Fiction	47
Large Print	87	Large Print	196
Magazines	89	Magazines	146
Adult Non Fiction	39	Adult Non Fiction	105
Talking Books	79	Talking Books	43
Inter Library TBs	0	Inter Library TBs	0
Junior Fiction	75	Junior Fiction	140
Junior Non Fiction	0	Junior Non Fiction	10
Easy & Easy2 & RR	141	Easy & Easy2 & RR	299
Toys	2	Toys	5
Stories are Magic	0	Stories are Magic	27
Junior Talking Books	0	Junior Talking Books	0
Young Adult Fiction	13	Young Adult Fiction	22
Equipment	2	Equipment	1
DVD's	78	DVD's	214
TOTAL ISSUES	947	TOTAL ISSUES	1752
TOTAL MEMBERS	1071	TOTAL MEMBERS	2489
New Members	12	New Members	21
Internet Usage	255	Internet Usage	1069
IT Help	87	IT Help	151
Wi-Fi	26	Wi-Fi	61
People counter	727	People counter	2799
Reference Inquiries	28	Reference Inquiries	33
Scans and emails	45	Scans and emails	33

Note: This report includes reference inquiries (searching for customer's requests), Wi-Fi usage and IT Help, which staff give to computer users. These figures have been added to show the hands on help staff provide to customers. Internet usage is measured in half hour bookings.

1.3 Attachment

1. North Western Library Co-Operative Agreement 2021-2025.

1.4 Recommendation

That:

1. The Library report be received and noted.
2. Council adopt the North Western Library Service Agreement (2021 -2025).
3. Council approves the \$1,190 IPART rate pegging increase in payment to the North Western Library Co-operative for the 2021/2022 financial year.
4. Council include the \$1,190 increase in the 2021/22 budget allocation.

2 BOGAN BUSH MOBILE TERM 4 REPORT

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the Term 4 activities of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the Term 4 activities of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

2.2 Background

At the end of each term, an operational Bogan Bush Mobile report is provided for the information of Councillors.

2.3 Discussion

Term 4 2020

12 October - 18 December 2020

Statistics

Total children enrolled: 106 - official enrolments, 72 families

Term 4 attendance: 85 children

Term 4 sessions: 55 sessions

Vehicle kilometres: 10,697km

Current venues visited in term 4:

Marthaguy, Marra, Hermidale, Trangie, Collie, Collereina, Tottenham, Mungery, Narromine and Girilambone.

Term 4 Activities

Bogan Bush Mobile had a very busy term 4, with Christmas parties being held in December at all venues. The team designed photo books for each of the children that were heading off to "big school" in 2021 as is customary as families appreciate this small token as a reminder of their child's time with the Bogan Bush Mobile.

The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus visited all venues to deliver information about important ear health and hearing loss prevention strategies for all children and families. The

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responses from families was very positive and we look forward to having the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus back again in the near future.

All sessions have been really busy with attendance numbers reaching 100% capacity at the Long Day Care session at the Marra which is fantastic.

The team are continuing with COVID-19 safe practices within the service and at all venues, ensuring strict cleaning procedures are followed at all times and wearing masks in the Ute during travel between Nyngan and venues.

2.4 Recommendation

That the Bogan Bush Mobile report be received and noted.

3 LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant and for Council's consideration of eligible projects.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on funding from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant and for Council's consideration of eligible projects.

3.2 Background

Guidelines for the second round of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI) were released in December 2020. Bogan Shire Council is eligible for funding for projects up to \$675,503.

The objective of the LRCI Program is to stimulate additional infrastructure construction activity in local communities across Australia to assist communities to manage the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The intended outcomes of the LRCI Program are to:

- provide stimulus to protect and create local short-term employment opportunities through funded projects following the impacts of COVID-19; and
- deliver benefits to communities, such as improved road safety, accessibility and visual amenity.

Maintaining overall capital expenditure

Given its intended objective as an economic stimulus measure, the LRCI Program requires Councils to undertake infrastructure projects which are additional to projects that they had planned to undertake using their own funds.

Taking into account the timing of funding under this second round, and recognising that Councils have not yet confirmed next financial year's infrastructure spending in their budgets, the Program stipulates that Councils must maintain their overall capital spending on roads and community infrastructure, funded by their own revenue, at or above their 2020-21 capital spending level. Proof of maintaining capital expenditure will be a requirement for an Eligible Funding Recipient to receive their full Phase 2 Allocation. The Guidelines state that, in exceptional circumstances, exemptions to this requirement will be considered.

Eligible Local Road projects:-

Eligible Local Road Projects are projects that involve the construction or maintenance of roads managed by Councils. Councils are encouraged to consider works that support improved road safety outcomes. This could include projects involving any of the following associated with a road:

- traffic signs;
- traffic control equipment;
- street lighting equipment;
- a bridge or tunnel;
- a facility off the road used by heavy vehicles in connection with travel on the road (for example, a rest area or weigh station);
- facilities off the road that support the visitor economy; and
- road and sidewalk maintenance, where additional to normal capital works schedules.

Eligible Community Infrastructure projects:-

Eligible Community Infrastructure Projects are projects that involve the construction, maintenance and/or improvements to council-owned assets (including natural assets) that are generally accessible to the public.

All projects must deliver benefits to the community, such as improved accessibility, visual amenity, and/or safety. Examples of eligible works include:

- Closed Circuit TV (CCTV);
- bicycle and walking paths;
- painting or improvements to community facilities;
- repairing and replacing fencing;
- improved accessibility of community facilities and areas;

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- landscaping improvements, such as tree planting and beautification of roundabouts;
- picnic shelters or barbeque facilities at community parks;
- community/public art associated with an Eligible Project
- playgrounds and skate parks (including all ability playgrounds);
- noise and vibration mitigation measures; and
- off-road car parks (such as those at sporting grounds or parks).

Ineligible projects or expenditure:-

Eligible Funding Recipients cannot use grant money to pay for business as usual activities and costs, or any other activities and costs not associated with Eligible Projects.

Program guidelines state that co-contributions from Council are not required and that all Eligible Projects must be completed by 31 December 2021.

3.3 Discussion

In considering eligible projects for grant funding

Additional works on Council's road network would be an eligible project. With significant other works, including anticipated flood damage repairs, already being undertaken on the network the Director of Engineering Services recommends that, if Council wanted to allocate funding to roads from this grant, it goes towards additional maintenance grading and that this be carried out between July and December 2021. Alternatives include gravel re-sheeting or construction. The amount of annual maintenance grading Council is able to undertake is limited by our budget funding and an additional allocation of up to half of the grant amount for next financial year could be accommodated in addition to our works program and is supported by the Director Engineering Services.

As Council's Asset Management processes continue to improve, relative areas of need start to emerge within our infrastructure assets; one of these areas being kerb and gutter remediation and another being footpaths. Due to the flat nature of Nyngan's streets, the gutters are particularly susceptible to backing up after rain if there are any significant defects in them. These defects are mainly caused by footpath tree roots that have lifted the concrete. A recent Asset Management audit of kerb and guttering has indicated a significant volume of work that needs to be done as a priority – around 2,600 metres at a cost of \$390,000. An audit of footpaths suggests that the highest priority areas, to address safety issues, are 2986 metres in extent which would cost \$314,000 to replace. Again the Director Engineering Services supports up to half of the grant amount being spent on kerb and gutter/footpaths. Council has amounts of \$14,676 and \$20,000 respectively for kerb

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and gutter and footpath maintenance in its current capital budget. It is expected that any significant increase in these works would require the use of contractors.

In relation to Community Infrastructure, at its Grants Workshop held on 14 July 2020, Councillors and management identified numerous community projects for consideration for funding at the Council meeting held on 23 July 2020. Many of these projects and programs were funded by Round 1 of the LRCI program or by the Resources for Regions grant.

3.4 Recommendation

That:

1. Council considers, determines and prioritises which eligible projects to submit for funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant.
2. Application is made for funding under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant for the projects determined above.

4 COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the COVID-19 vaccine national roll-out strategy and the vaccination program planned for the Bogan Shire community.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the COVID-19 vaccine national roll-out strategy and the vaccination program planned for the Bogan Shire community.

4.2 Background

Council was recently contacted by the Federal Government announcing that the national roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine would be coming into effect shortly as Australia's regulator, the Therapeutic Goods Administration – TGA has announced it has provisionally approved the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in Australia.

Priority groups such as aged care and disability care residents and workers, frontline health care workers, and quarantine and border workers will be the first to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

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Accredited General Practices, such as the Bogan Shire Medical Centre wanting to be involved in the COVID19 vaccine rollout were invited to submit an EOI for Phase 1b of the national rollout strategy, which is expected to start in March 2021. EOI's closed on 1 February 2021.

4.3 Discussion

Council is still awaiting response to our submission of an EOI to administer the vaccine under Phase 1b of the roll-out, but in the meantime, Medical Centre staff are working on the administrative and clinical processes that will need to be implemented to ensure smooth running of the vaccine program for our community.

The Australian Government has partnered with the Australian College of Nursing to develop and deliver free and accredited training for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines, which will be available for authorised immunisation providers, non-clinical and administration staff and included administration, handling, storage and reporting on the vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine has been provisionally approved in Australia for people 16 years of age and over, with 2 doses required and administered at least 21 days apart. The vaccine comes in a multi-dose vial (MDV), with 10 doses per vial which must all be used on the same day – it cannot be partially administered with remaining doses leftover for another time of administration.

The National Rollout Strategy (see attached) details how the vaccine will be distributed more widely over coming months through over 1,000 distribution sites.

Council will be notified as soon as the outcome of the EOI has been determined and Council staff will undertake advertising and promotion of the vaccination program within the community.

4.4 Attachment

1. COVID-19 vaccine national rollout strategy.
2. Media Release – COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

4.5 Recommendation

That the COVID-19 Vaccination Program report be received and noted.



The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

MEDIA RELEASE

22 January 2021

GPs' key role in COVID-19 vaccination rollout

The Australian Government is seeking expressions of interest from all accredited general practices to take part in the planned delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine.

General practices will play a key role in the Australian Government's rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, in what will be one of the greatest logistical exercises, public health or otherwise, in Australian history.

Providing access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for everyone in Australia is a key priority for our Government.

General practices will help deliver the vaccine initially to priority groups, starting with people over 70, adults with underlying medical conditions and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in phase 1b. Three more phases will follow until the whole country has been offered the vaccine.

The Government will also work closely with Primary Health Networks to determine general practice distribution points for the vaccine. Over time, there will be more than 1,000 distribution points across Australia.

Applications open 9am tomorrow, at www.health.gov.au.

Australian GPs have considerable experience administering vaccines, with the Australian Government's highly successful childhood immunisation program and the influenza vaccines both exceeding expectations with record engagement. General practices are key players in Australia having one of the highest vaccination rates in the world.

General practices are the core of our health system and those involved in supporting the vaccine rollout will include GPs and primary health care nurses, as well as their support staff, including practice managers, receptionists, cleaners, and IT support.

The vaccine rollout in Commonwealth-funded GP-led Respiratory Clinics and Aboriginal and Community Controlled Health Services will be administered through separate processes. They are not required to complete an expression of interest to take part in the rollout.

The COVID-19 vaccine rollout is a new frontier. It will bring new challenges, and I am very confident that our health care workforce is well placed for this immense task.

An expression of interest for pharmacies will be released next week.

-END-

Authorised by Greg Hunt MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Somerville, Victoria.

5 ADDRESSING LOCAL JOB VACANCIES

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to discuss the issue of attracting skilled workers to the Bogan Shire area and to consider options for addressing this.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to discuss the issue of attracting skilled workers to the Bogan Shire area and to consider options for addressing this.

5.2 Background

Council was recently approached by a local business owner highlighting several job vacancies for skilled workers. The suggestion was made that Council should lead a promotional campaign further afield to encourage a "tree change" to the Bogan Shire, emphasising the great facilities we have to offer. The suggestion acknowledged that availability of good accommodation / housing is a challenge.

5.3 Discussion

Some years ago, in 2015, the Orana Economic Development Network which was part of the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) developed a Regional Relocation Project called 'Love the Life we Live', which included its own website. The intent of this Project and website, which was supported by nearly all OROC Councils, was to do exactly what has now been suggested – attract people from other regions by demonstrating how attractive the Orana Region was, incorporating an online job vacancy board.

Unfortunately the initiative does not appear to have been a success with, apparently, issues around driving or directing the right traffic (or internet inquiries) to the website via internet search engines. As a result the website is no longer operational.

The Economic Development Network is still in operation, post-OROC, comprising Economic Development staff from Councils in the region including our own. During 2020 the Economic Development Network was made aware of a Workforce project being carried out by Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana.

In 2020, RDA Orana conducted research into skills shortages in the Orana region, with 16 Bogan Shire businesses participating in the survey. RDA Orana's intention was to use this information to ensure that they had data that accurately reflected the needs of our region to successfully advocate to all levels of government. RDA Orana will undertake a new survey in March and April this year to update their data.

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RDA Orana has also produced two videos that can support employers in their recruitment activities:

- Village Life – Orana <https://youtu.be/rzd3J9Uaunw>
- Migrants Welcome <https://youtu.be/NTI2pmZf8eE>

RDA Orana promotes the region and towns to migrants through their welcome project and has joined the Regional Activators Alliance, which is a group brought together by the Regional Australia Institute (RAI) to help create its national awareness campaign aimed at driving population to the regions.

RDA Orana reports that they continuously advocate for the region on behalf of businesses around policies and incentives that support relocation and settlement of people in to the region.

Megan Dixon, Director of Regional Development, RDA Orana has offered to attend Council's meeting to discuss this issue further. Megan strongly encourages local businesses that can't find workers to make contact with her, so that RDA Orana is aware of the shortages and can then direct people with the appropriate skills to make contact with these businesses.

Bogan Shire Council plays an important role, together with our community, in ensuring that we provide safe and clean towns and villages that people want to relocate to in preference to other areas.

In support of this goal, our services include:

1. Supporting family life
 - Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre
 - Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre
 - Bogan Shire Seniors Living
2. Essential services
 - Bogan Shire Medical Centre
 - Well-maintained road network
 - Waste and recycling
3. Recreation and visual amenity
 - Parks and sports fields
 - Nyngan Pool
 - Pathways and riverside developments
 - Main street beautification and maintenance

At a strategic level, Council has identified, through community consultation, a need to support and promote local business and industry to identify gaps and develop

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initiatives for sustainable economic growth and local employment opportunities (Community Strategic Plan, Strategy 4.1.1). This strategy includes the following activities:

- i. Work with local businesses to identify issues
- ii. Maintain and develop relationship with Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana
- iii. Support and strengthen local business networks to encourage the sharing of information and resources to build the capacity of local business and industry.
- iv. Work with local businesses to ensure sustainable, well designed and visually appealing premises which meet the needs of our community and visitors

As a way of helping to address the lack of residential accommodation available in Nyngan, Council had previously identified the potential to establish a new residential subdivision off Hospital Road.

5.4 Recommendation

That:

1. Council continues to work with local businesses to identify issues and engages Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana to assist local businesses and industry to address local job vacancies.
2. A report be presented to Council on what steps are required to establish the Hospital Road residential subdivision.

Debb Wood
Director People and Community Services

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

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 INVESTMENTS JANUARY 2021

Summary:-

The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

At the 31st January 2021 Council had \$14.4 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$450,000 due to the payment of creditors during December and January.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the months of December 2020 and January 2021

1.2 Background

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

1.3 Discussion

The Investment Reports for December 2020 and January 2021 are shown below. At the 31st January 2021 Council had \$14.4 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$450,000 since the last Council meeting, due to the payment of monthly creditors and expenditure of some grant funding paid in advance.

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 December 2020

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

REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal Nov 20	Bal Dec 20
3204	NAB	07/12/2020	182	0.950%	2,000,000.00	-
4608	NAB	25/02/2021	365	1.450%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
3994	NAB	2/03/2021	365	1.370%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
9467	NAB	11/01/2021	182	0.850%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.650%	7,049,497.55	9,339,525.11
	Balance securities held				14,849,497.55	15,139,525.11
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				14,849,497.55	15,139,525.11
	Summary by institution					
	Commonwealth				0.00	0.00
	NAB				14,849,497.55	15,139,525.11
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6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.650%	9,339,525.11	9,597,924.59
	Balance securities held				15,139,525.11	14,397,924.59
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				15,139,525.11	14,397,924.59
	Summary by institution					
	Commonwealth				0.00	0.00
	NAB				15,139,525.11	14,397,924.59

1.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report be received and noted.

2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

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

Total arrears have increased from \$542,706 at the 31st January 2020 to \$797,389 as at 31st January this year.

2.1 Introduction

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

2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2020-2021	2019-2020
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2020	522,417	347,962
First Instalment In arrears as at 31/01/2021	76,756	64,898
Second Instalment In arrears as at 31/01/2021	198,216	129,846
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 31/01/2021	994,733	958,764
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/01/2021	1,046,955	1,021,002
Total Arrears	797,389	542,706
Total Outstanding	2,839,077	2,522,472
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,046,688	5,508,777
Add: Adjustments	548	35,184
Less: Payments to end of January	-3,129,490	-2,944,095
Less: Rebates	-78,669	-80,422
Add: Postponed	0	3,028
Gross Total Balance	2,839,077	2,522,472
Arrears of total amount levied %	13%	9.8%

Total arrears have increased from \$542,706 at the 31st January 2020 to \$797,389 as at 31st January this year. Total arrears had decreased to \$519,551 by the 15th February, 2021.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,512,000 (Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)



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Council has 5% in arrears on the first instalment.

Council has 13.1% in arrears on the second instalment

As at the 31st January Council had collected \$185,395 more than at the same time last year. At the time of writing this report council has collected an additional \$151,106.

2.3 Recommendation

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

3 SECOND QUARTER 2020/2021 Budget Review

Summary:-

Council remains in a sound financial position and is broadly on budget.

Cash Balance is strong although decreasing as expected due to advance payments being expended.

Second quarter adjustments to the year-end position are a nett favourable amount of \$6,106.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is twofold:

1. To review actual performance against budget for the first six months of the 2020/2021 financial year up to 31 December 2020.
2. To adjust the budget in response to changes in the financial landscape and changes to Council's corporate goals.

3.2 Background

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that Council complete a budget review within 2 months of the end of each quarter. More importantly the review should be completed to enable good financial management of Council's resources.

Referring to Appendix A, the Projected Year End Result has been adjusted to allow for second quarter recommended changes. The second quarter changes are shown in a separate column and discussed below and need to be approved at this meeting. A copy of the updated Capital Budget is shown in Appendix D.

The figures in the Projected Year End Result column are the estimate of income/spending at the end of the financial year. It is the sum of the originally adopted budget for 20/21, plus or minus approved changes and carry-forwards made at the first quarter review, plus or minus recommended changes at this second quarter budget review.

3.3 Discussion

Performance Against Budget

The year to date performance against budget shows a \$308,710 change to the original projected balance. Net favourable adjustments for the December 2020 quarter total \$6,106. Council originally budgeted for a cash surplus of \$249,939 overall after transferring amounts from cash reserves of \$413,847 in the General Fund and \$35,628 in the Sewer Fund. Changes to the budget now show a cash deficit of \$58,771 across all funds. The main reason for this deficit was due to adjustments in the September budget review in the Water Fund for \$270,000 to contribute towards the Nyngan Emergency Water Supply bore and also the General Fund for \$44,816 due to receiving less than budgeted Financial Assistance Grant for 2020/2021.

The general fund now shows a cash surplus of \$24,737 which is slightly improved on the first budget review. It should be noted that the surplus is still attributable to the Plant Fund and can only be used for these purposes.

All budget changes for this quarter have been offset against changes in other areas. Most of the changes have been due to additional grant funds being received in the second quarter of 2020/2021 being Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant Round 1 and Resources for Regions Grant funding.

The Sewer Fund has no changes to the original budget.

The Water Fund still shows a cash deficit of \$83,508. The Water Fund does have sufficient Cash Reserves to fund this amount.

The state of the individual funds is shown in Appendix C:

As always Councillors and staff need to be aware of decisions and their impact on Councils budget. It is important that corresponding savings are found when making decisions on additional spending outside the current budget. This is particularly important as Council started the 2020/2021 year with a budget deficit and used cash reserves to fund the budget so if savings cannot be found then cash reserves will decrease further.

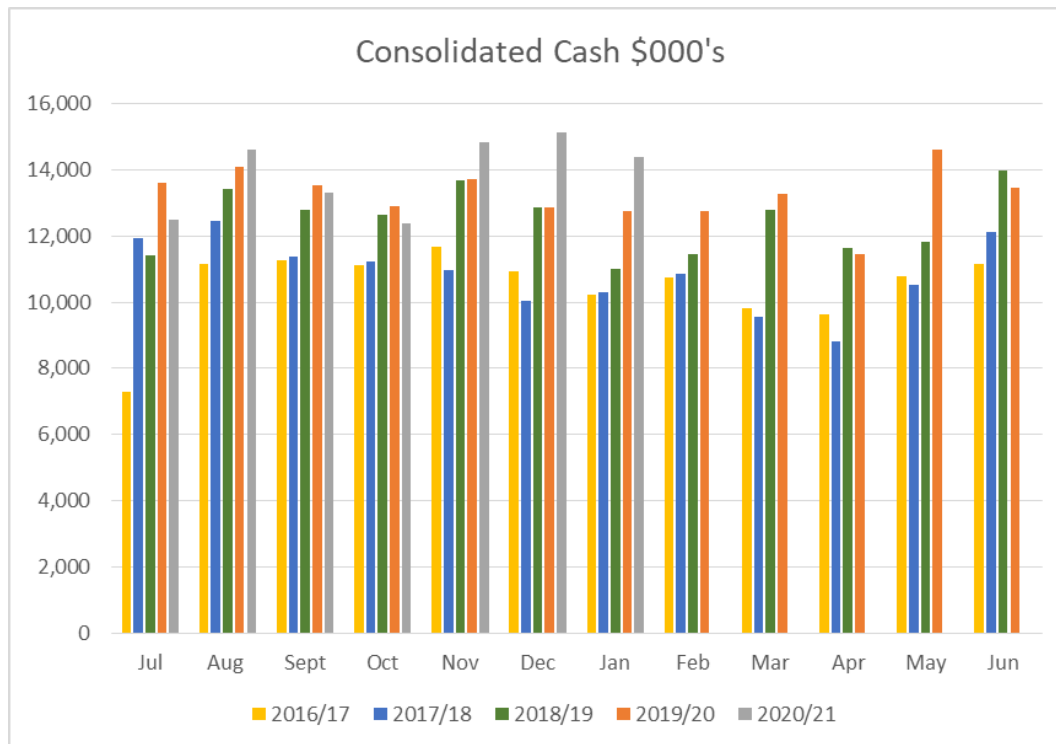
The second quarter adjustments are divided into favourable and unfavourable and explained below:

Favourable adjustments are where Council has found that it is going to get more income than budgeted or expects to spend less than originally budgeted. Unfavourable adjustments are the reverse. These are where the program is going to cost more than originally budgeted or income is going to be less or Council has resolved to spend additional funds to the original budget. The budget is therefore adjusted accordingly to reflect these changes.

These have been summarised in Appendix B.

Cash

Council is still holding significant cash balances at the moment due to the prepayment of Fixing Local Roads Grant, Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant. The cash balance is expected to decrease further over the next six months as funds received in advance are expended.



Consulting and Legal Expenses

The budgeted and actual spending on consultants and legal expenses is shown below. The consultancy expenditure has been spent on Library, Early Learning Centre, Medical Centre, Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Compliance Management, IT Services, Water and Sewer services.

Additional consultant expenditure of \$100,000 has been transferred from Council wages costs to consulting costs in Environmental Services to assist pay for the contractors Council is using to cover staff long term leave in the department. An amount of \$44,145 was also carried forward from 2019/2020 for a consultant at the Early Learning Centre where funds obtained were from a specific purpose grant and cannot be used for any other purpose.

CONSULTING & LEGAL EXPENSES			
Expense	Budget \$	Expenditure YTD \$	Revised \$
Consultancies	349,695	301,342	498,470
Legal	55,000	599	55,000

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The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bogan Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/12/20 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/21 will be *satisfactory* at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

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Signed: _____ date: 13/02/2021
Stephanie Waterhouse
Responsible Accounting Officer, Bogan Shire Council

3.4 Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Council adopts the budget amendments shown on the Budget Review Statement (Appendix A) for the 2020/2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Attachments:

- Appendix A – 2020/2021 Second Quarter Budget Review Summary
- Appendix B – 2020/2021 Budget Review Statement of Adjustments
- Appendix C – 2020/2021 Cash Position of Funds Projected Operating Result
- Appendix D – 2020/2021 Capital Budget Updated



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4 LICENCE EXPIRING OVER RESERVE 97917

Summary:-

This report is to advise Council that the Licence, currently held by John and Penelope Hoy for the whole of Reserve 97917 at Nyngan, is expiring on 30th June 2021.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the Licence, currently held by John and Penelope Hoy for the whole of Reserve 97917 at Nyngan, is expiring on 30th June 2021 and to make recommendations for a new licence for Council to consider.

4.2 Background

Council received advice on 13th January 2021 from the Department of Planning Industry and Environment that the above licence between the Bogan Shire Council and John and Penelope Hoy for the purpose of grazing is expiring.

4.3 Discussion

Council is the Crown Land Manager for this Reserve and has for the past ten years granted tenure to John & Penny Hoy to graze livestock. John and Penny have fenced the land, at their own cost, and have paid an annual rental fee which has been adjusted annually with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The fee is currently \$1,885.40 including GST. The current licensee has met all the terms and conditions of the current licence.

Under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (CLM Act) a Council manager of dedicated or reserved Crown land that is a public reserve must manage the land as a public reserve under the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) and has for the purpose all the functions that a local council has under the Act in relation to a public reserve.

Council is required to consider if they wish to grant tenure again to a third party, if they do Council are required under Section 47A of the Local Government Act 1993 to give public notice of the proposal and to allow submissions.



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Council has the following options:

- 1 To not offer the land for tenure and the existing licensee will need to be notified.
- 2 To negotiate a new licence over a fixed term to the existing licensee. If this occurs Council will need to give public notice of this and set a date for submissions to be reviewed and considered by Council prior to granting the licence.
- 3 To advertise for expressions of interest (EOI) in obtaining a licence over the land for a fixed term with offers to Council for an annual rental fee. Council would then need to review the EOI's received and decide on a licensee and then give public notice and set a date for any submissions to be reviewed prior to granting a licence.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Director Finance and Corporate Service

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

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Roads

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 14th November 2020, to 12th February 2021 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
40	Plummer's Road	Maintenance grading & flood damage repairs completed.
24	Canonba Road	Resheeting completed.
3	Buddabadah Road	Maintenance grading continuing.
10	Pangee Road	Resheeting completed, maintenance grade commenced.
78	Okeh Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
30	Eulo Glenn Road	Maintenance grading completed.
80	Larsen's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
79	New Bogan Road	Maintenance grading completed.
Various	Nyngan Town Streets	Maintenance completed.
92	Colane Road	Maintenance grading & heavy patching commenced.
2	Gibsons Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
5	Peisley Road	Resheeting commenced.
21	Gongolgon Road	Patch grading to repair causeways completed.
13	Bourke's Road	Maintenance grading completed.
4	Dandaloo Road	Resheeting completed.

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20	Murrumbidge Rd	Maintenance grading completed.
17	Booramugga Road	Resheeting completed.
Various	Rural Roads	Tree clearing after storms.
	Regional Roads	
MR 424	Monkey Bridge Road	Resheeting completed.
	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Pothole patching continuing.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Haulage of material for Mulla Road Project commenced.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Slashing commenced.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermidale Nymagee Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Streets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Warren Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mulla Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Highway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrier Highway

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

- Continuing maintenance grading, re-sheeting, or flood damage repairs of the following roads:- Coffil's Lane, Cobar Condobolin Road, Honeybugle Road, Moonagee Road, Logan's Road, Yarrandale Road, Pangee Road, Benah Road, Colane Road.
- Commencing approximately 2.8km of shoulder widening on the Mitchell Highway continuing from last year's shoulder widening near the property Wilgaree.
- Commencing tree clearing on Colane Road & Barrier Highway.

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1.2 Works and Services

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

Civil Works

- Continuation of Capital works showgrounds / Racecourse / Upper & lower Weirs
- Installed concrete slabs under grandstands junior league oval
- Replaced sections of footpath Pangee St & Dandaloo St
- Repair of culvert at intersection of Terangion & Wambiana Sts
- Installation of culvert Derrybong St entrance to Mick Glennie Hostel
- Carrying out vermin (mice) control on council Buildings
- Installation of access rails at swimming pool
- Non slip paving paint applied to entrance of council chambers
- Assisting in Girilambone railway station restoration
- Repairs carried on APC downstream meter structure
- Assisted in clean up Barrier Highway truck roll over
- Replaced signage at cemetery
- Carried out maintenance on truck wash facility at sale yards

Community Facilities

- Mowing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan.
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips.
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts.
- Painting of pedestrian bridges Bogan & Cobar Sts
- Ongoing ant poisoning being carried to town streets & levee bank
- Assist in application of motion sensors to fig tree in Pangee St
- Cleaned out levee bank pump station at Peter Sinclair Bridge
- Assisting in Upper & Lower weir projects
- Carried out replacement of sand in long jump pit at Larkin oval

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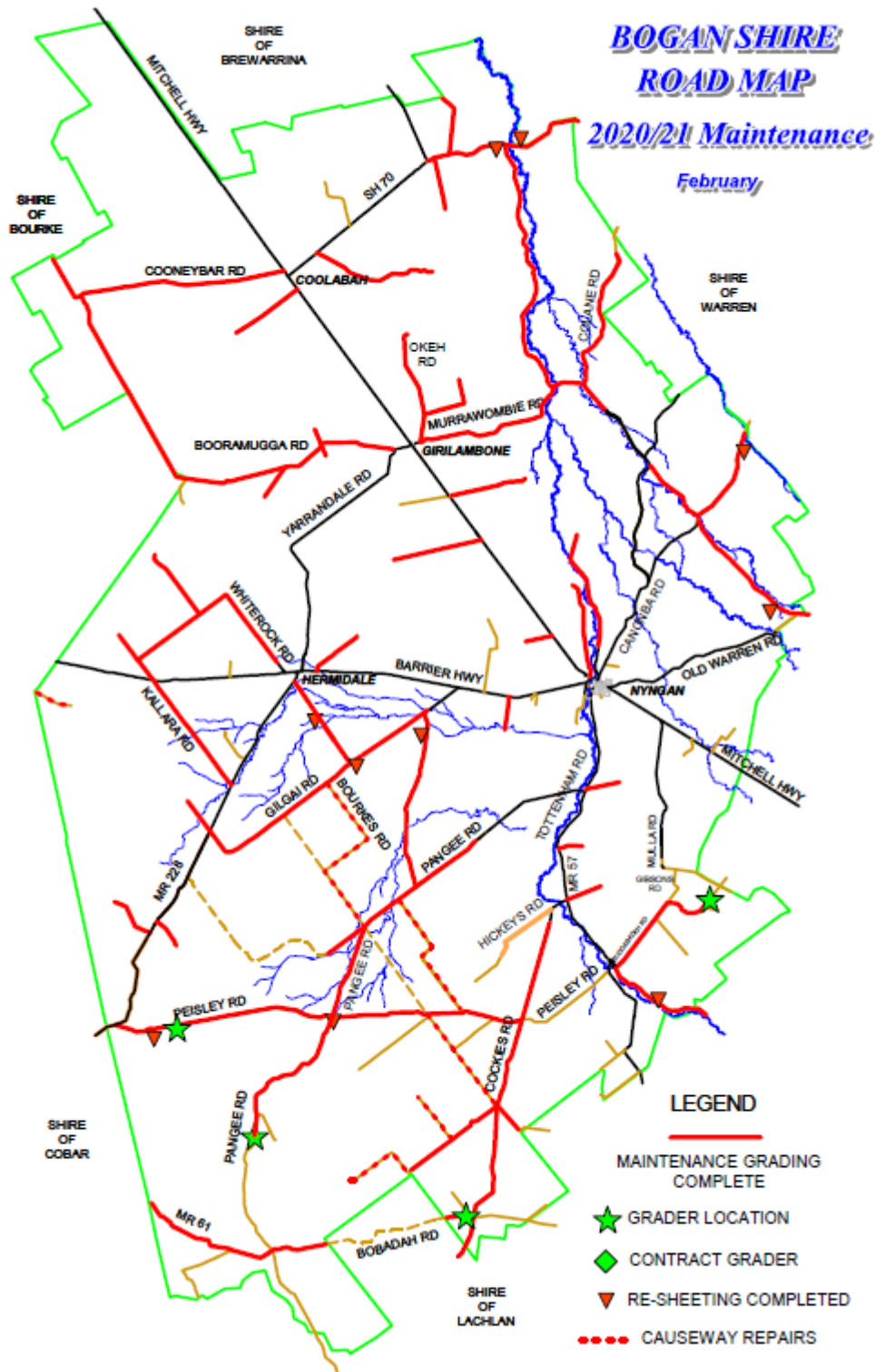
Water & Wastewater

- Repairs carried out on raw water system at the Showground
- Installed 200 meters of new main Hoskins St to corner of Merilba St
- APC commenced 15/2/21 & ordered until 23/3/21
- Repairs carried out on sewer reticulation system in Cannonbar St
- Replacement of Channel crossings carried out on "Mullengudgery" & "Gudgery Park"
- Installed new valves in Coolabah reticulation system in preparation for installation of replacement overhead tanks

1.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report be received and noted.

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2 PURCHASE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that various road construction materials are purchased from WT & TS Roach of Nyngan, without seeking alternate quotations.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that various road construction materials are purchased from WT & TS Roach of Nyngan without seeking alternate quotations.

2.2 Background

Bogan Shire Council has a Purchasing Policy that requires three quotations to be obtained for items valued over \$5,000 and that tenders are called for purchases over \$250,000 including GST.

2.3 Discussion

Council purchases ready mixed concrete, sealing aggregates, road base, crusher dust, ballast, sand, and loam from WT & TS Roach without seeking alternate quotations from other suppliers.

Roach's are the single source supplier for these particular quarry products because their rock quarry is located 54kms south of Nyngan while the sand and loam is supplied from their other quarry 3kms away. These products are not provided by other businesses in the Shire at present and suppliers from outside the Shire are unable to compete with the price due to the high cost of transport. Any purchases over \$250,000 (inc GST) would still be subject to tender procedures.

2.4 Recommendation

That Council continues to purchase road construction materials from WT & TS Roach as a single source supplier, if the purchase price for an individual contract is less than \$250,000 including GST.

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3 ROADWORKS BUDGET 2020-2021 QTR 2 & 3

Summary:-

The purpose of this report to update Council on the roadworks program for the remainder of the 2020-2021 financial year.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report to update Council on the roadworks program for the remainder of the 2020-2021 financial year.

3.2 Background

As reported to the July 2020 meeting, roads expenditure budget for the 2020-2021 financial year had almost doubled from the previous year. This was without including additional projects considered from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure and Resources for Regions grant funds.

3.3 Discussion

The following make up our Road Works Program for the year:

Roads to Recovery

Council was required to have additional drought stimulus funds spent by the end of December 2020, this resulted in a large amount of resheeting and maintenance grading during the 2nd quarter after harvest. Bitumen resealing is programed to be completed during March and April 2021 in conjunction with our construction and rehabilitation program.

Regional Roads Block Grant

Council has been successful this year by receiving Repair Program funds to construct 2kms of Cockies Road (\$150,000, 50% of constructing the 2kms) and an additional \$200,000 as a 50% contribution to rehabilitate 2kms of the Tottenham road.

Fixing Local Roads

Council has also received Fixing Local Roads funds to complete additional maintenance works on the following roads

- Yarrandale Road \$863,009
- Pangee Road \$480,000
- Colane Road \$478,354

Total \$1,821,363

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These funds are provided for heavy patching, shoulder grading and edge repair, resealing and linemarking on the Yarrandale Road. Maintenance grading, crushed rock resheeting, and tree trimming has been funded on the Pangee & Colane Roads.

State Highways Maintenance

Transport for NSW has funded the following work on the State Highway network:

- 3.6 kms of rehabilitation work on the Mitchell Highway at the Mulla Road intersection: \$2,411,890.
- Culvert repairs Mitchell Highway near Mulla Road: \$128,807
- Shoulder widening Mitchell Highway at "Tonkey" \$616,327
- Additional routine maintenance funds of \$564,985.

Hera Mine Voluntary Planning Agreement

In 2019 Council negotiated a Voluntary Planning Agreement with the Hera Mine at Nymagee to contribute \$120,000 per annum towards the maintenance of the Hermidale Nymagee Road. As this work has been unable to be completed to date, there is an additional \$240,000 for maintenance and improvements on that road.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant

Council allocated \$76,524 to resheeting and \$84,000 to bitumen resealing from this program.

Flood Damage Repairs

Council has submitted a claim for flood damage repairs comprising:

Emergency repair work	\$ 638,000	approved
Immediate reconstruction work	\$ 63,000	approved
Reconstruction work	\$6,100,000	under assessment.

A lot of our unsealed roads have gravel loss attributed to the storm damage last year. The Roads to Recovery program is based on the higher priority areas requiring gravel resheeting being included in the flood damage program.

Resheeting priorities may change if some flood repairs are not approved or if roads suffer from further damage if rain continues into spring.

3.4 Attachment

The attached table shows all planned works with anticipated completion timeframes.

3.5 Recommendation

That this report be received and noted.

Graeme Bourke
Director Engineering Services

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

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Three (3) applications has been approved and four (4) applications are under assessment since Council's meeting of 17 December 2020 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2020/007	ITP Development Pty Ltd	Pt Lot 2 DP 222408 Moonagee Road, Nyngan	5MW Solar Farm	\$6,600,000	Awaiting Additional Information
SSD-10415	BayWare Projects Australia Pty Ltd	Lot 21 DP 704061 Mitchell Highway, Nyngan	State Significant Development – Solar Farm	\$42,000,000	Approved
2020/024	Roman Catholic Church	28-34 Warren Street, Nyngan	Alterations and Additions to Education Building	\$1,650,000	Approved
2020/030	Mrs Debb Wood	41 Flashman Avenue, Nyngan	New Above Ground Swimming Pool	\$3,000	Approved
2020/031	Mr Nicholas Zounis	33 Budther Street, Coolabah	Approval for Unauthorised Building Works	\$20,000	Awaiting Additional Information
2020/032	Nyngan RSL Civic Club	106-122 Pangee Street, Nyngan	Outdoor Gaming Facility	\$46,610	Under Assessment
2021/001	Mr Stewart McKenzie	94 Cannonbar Street, Nyngan	New Transportable Dwelling	\$180,000	Awaiting Additional Information

1.2 Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report since 17 December 2020 be received and noted.

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2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline key works undertaken by Council's Gardening Team, Ranger and Noxious Weeds Officer for the reporting period 7 December 2020 to 15 February 2021.

2.2 Discussion

The Gardening Team were kept very busy with the continuing warm weather. General routine works continued at the Nyngan Cemetery and all key areas the team are responsible for including the Seniors Living and Early Learning Centre. Watering demands have lessened somewhat with the recent rain, which has certainly improved the appearance of lawns and general garden areas about town. However, ongoing routine watering will still continue during the warmer weather.

Council's Compliance and Waste Officer completed a range of duties throughout the reporting period with no dogs being surrendered and no complaints of barking dogs being received, however a strong relationship continues with Rural Outback Animal Rescue.

Two (2) Penalty Infringement Notices were issued during the reporting period by Council's Compliance and Waste Officer for dog not being under control in a public place and dog not being registered. A break and enter occurred at the Pound with a dog being taken. Following observing the CCTV footage, the matter was referred to the NSW Police for follow up.

The Biosecurity and Weeds Officer completed a range of works that included weed inspections and spraying throughout the Shire.

Roadside weed inspections allow for problematic weeds to be identified and assist with prioritizing roads for spraying. Weed inspections were carried out on the following roads: Yarrandale Road, Canonba Road and also completed at numerous properties in accordance with the WAP program.

Weeds spraying was completed at the following: Nyngan Tennis Courts, Nyngan Showground, Nyngan Weir, Girilambone Railway, Nyngan Saleyards, Frank Smith Oval, town streets and also numerous private jobs for the local community.

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2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report, including Council's Gardening Team, Ranger and Noxious Weeds Officer for the reporting period 7 December 2020 to 15 February 2021 be received and noted.

3 NYNGAN MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL: WATERPLAY AND WATERSLIDE PROJECT

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on proposed works at the Nyngan Memorial Swimming Pool to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant for Council's consideration.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the scheduling of the proposed works at the Nyngan Memorial Swimming Pool which is to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant.

3.2 Background

At its meeting in July 2020, Council resolved to apply for funding under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI) for improvements at the Nyngan Pool including completing the water play area and construction of a waterslide.

3.3 Discussion

Requests for quotes for the waterslide was advertised and the successful contractor was subsequently appointed. The works are programmed to commence onsite in Autumn/Winter, with consultation taking place with the Pool Manager around timing and location. During the same period the additional components for the water play area will be installed.

3.4 Recommendation

1. That the report be received and noted.

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4 DRAFT FIXED LEVY INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN

Summary:-

This report is to provide information to Council on the preparation of a Draft Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the preparation of a Draft Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan.

4.2 Background

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 22 October 2020 Council considered a report discussing the merits or otherwise of a Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan.

Following consideration of the report Council resolved "That Council Officers prepare a report for Council consideration proposing a Draft Fixed Levy Contributions Plan".

In order to progress consideration of this matter Council officers have prepared the draft plan which is attached to this report.

Legislative Framework

The concept of Fixed Levy Contributions Plans is not a new one and its main aim is to allow appropriate development contributions to be levied in areas such as rural and regional areas, where there are traditionally slow rates of development or where development is sporadic.

It was considered that in such areas, it is difficult to determine the expected types of future development, the rate at which development will occur or where it will occur. This Section of the Act authorises the imposition of a levy which is calculated as a flat percentage of development cost and does not require any connection between development which pays the levy and the object of the expenditure of the levy.

Clause 25K of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000 (the Regulations) provides for a maximum levy of 0.5% where the proposed cost of the development is between \$100,000 and \$200,000 and 1% where the proposed cost of the development is in excess of \$200,000.

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State and Regional Perspective

It is estimated that of the 128 Local Councils in NSW approximately 120 have at least one (1) Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan in place.

As noted in the October report the majority of Councils have adopted the maximum levy provided for under Clause 25K of the Regulations

4.3 Discussion

The draft Fixed Levy Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan (draft plan) which is attached to this report authorises the Council or Registered Certifier to impose conditions on Development Consents or Complying Development Certificates requiring payment of the s7.12 levies for certain development where the proposed cost is in excess of \$500,000.

It is intended that the draft plan will collect contributions for community infrastructure in all its forms. Generally existing infrastructure throughout the Bogan Shire Area provides a level of service that meets the current demands of the community, and there is little or no capacity for this infrastructure to cater for demand that is likely to be generated by new development within this area.

It is anticipated that the draft plan will collect contributions for a number of infrastructure projects which will include:

- Community and Cultural Facilities
- Local Parks and Facilities
- Local Roads

Infrastructure upgrades identified in Schedule 1 of the draft plan are contingent on the development being undertaken, if there are no additional development projects, which the draft plan applies to then there are no infrastructure levies available for the proposed infrastructure projects identified and also no need to increase the capacity of the infrastructure network.

Nexus is the relationship between the extra demand on infrastructure a development will have and the ability of existing infrastructure to meet this demand. Nexus is therefore another factor in the determination of the amount payable for the development.

Council's Director Finance and Corporate Services described the issue of nexus in a practical way when she observed "Due to the Bogan Shire low land values, rate categorisation and rate pegging, developments of a significant proportion in the area have not been able to be rated proportionately to their demand on Councils infrastructure, and this would be a way of ensuring for future development Council is able adequately fund repairs and maintenance to infrastructure".

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To clarify, industrial, commercial, and all other non-residential developments costing more than \$500,000 are subject to the draft plan, if adopted by Council.

It is acknowledged that this is a balancing exercise for Council to consider, on the one hand Council wishes to promote the economic growth of the Shire and does not wish to stifle development from the area. On the other hand Council has a responsibility to ensure that developers contribute to the reasonable cost and provision of local public facilities and community infrastructure.

Internal Consultation

The infrastructure identified in Schedule 1 of the draft plan has been developed and refined through internal consultation with the General Manger and Directors of other Council Departments.

It is proposed to have consultation with Councillors at the Estimates Workshop on 8 April 2021

External Consultation

Clause 28 of the Regulations requires that following preparation of the draft contributions plan that Council must publish the following on its website:

- (a) The draft contributions plan and any supporting documents,
- (b) The period during which submissions about the draft plan may be made to the Council.

Conclusion

The provision of a Contributions Plan is an industry accepted and contemporary practice in Local Government and is legitimately used as a vehicle for Council to improve its Community infrastructure framework whilst not discouraging development in the area.

Adoption of the proposed recommendation by Council simply engages the next stage of the process to place the draft plan on public exhibition in order to receive community feedback on the draft plan. It does not commit Council to adoption of the draft plan



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4.4 Attachments

1. Bogan Shire Council Draft Fixed Contributions Plan

4.5 Recommendation

1. That the Draft section 7.12 plan in the attachment to this report is placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. That following the completion of the exhibition period a further report is presented to Council outlining the content of submissions received and a suggested course of action regarding the adoption or otherwise of the draft plan.



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5 INTRODUCTION OF KERBSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION

Summary:-

This purpose of this report is to advise Council of the status of its Resolution to provide a green waste bin to the domestic waste service.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the status of its Resolution to provide a green waste bin to the domestic waste service.

5.2 Discussion

Council resolved (026/2019) in February 2019 '....and that green waste bins be purchased and distributed for collection as part of Council's existing waste service.' At the time Council was considering a report on the high level of contamination identified by a bin audit of the kerbside recycling bins and accepted an opinion that the provision of a separate green waste bin may result in less contamination in the recycling bin. It was further stated in the report that 'capacity exists within the current capital budget for the purchase of green waste bins'.

The proposal was further considered at the Budget Review Workshop on 24 April 2020 when the annual operational cost relating to the service were estimated at \$70,000 (wages and plant hire only) requiring an increase of \$80.00 to the Domestic Waste Management Charge. The proposal was not funded on this basis, and therefore not proceeded with at that time, however the original Resolution of Council remains current.

Whilst capital funds to purchase the additional bins can still be identified, the running cost also remain and have increased with wage and plant hire rates both increasing. It should also be understood that the estimated \$70,000 related solely to the wages and plant hire, and not a number of other factors that will generate addition expenditure requirements.

If Council wishes to provide the additional bin for a separate organics collection, a number of issues need to be resolved before a final decision should be made on proceeding with the provision of an additional waste collection service. Foremost of

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these is the timing or programming of the service delivery. The existing collection truck is currently not used for kerbside collection on Thursdays of each week. The driver is utilised on this day to do the weekly maintenance on the truck, and also to provide the peripheral needs of the kerbside service, such as the delivery of new/replacement bins, and significantly maintenance of the three unmanned village landfills. As the provision of an additional bin will take at least a full day every week, these duties will need to be provided in some other form and at additional cost. Should the collection take more than a single day each week, that is half the town each week then the availability of a collection truck and staff to provide the addition service will need to be considered.

The provision of the additional service each Thursday will mean that area 'A' of Nyngan will have the red lidded bin collected on every Monday, the yellow lidded bin collected every second Tuesday and then the green lidded bin collected every second Thursday, either during the same week or the alternative week. This alone will require a good deal of education both initially and ongoing. Education on 'What can be placed in the green lidded bin' will also be needed and is fundamental to the introduction of an addition specialised service, or the same issue of why the recycling bin was before Council will only occur in the extra bin – Contamination.

Matters to be considered:

- It is assumed that Council is only considering the provision of a garden organics (GO) collection and not the more involved food organics and garden organics (FOGO) service. This material would need to be taken to Dubbo for processing in a specifically licenced facility and be subject to a processing charge, if accepted following negotiations with the plant operator.
- The extent of the service, ie the area covered and number of services.
- Is the existing level of the kerbside service, or part of it likely to be extended – how? It may be considered to extend the service to the villages if or when the village landfills reach the end of their operational lives.
- The loss of a lay-day for the truck, creates difficulties programming servicing, both the routine weekly and significant services that take an extended time or may need to be done out of town. Breakdowns will not be able to be caught-up on this lay-day, requiring the hire of an external truck.
- Addition time and expense will be incurred at the landfill to manage the separated gardens organics, this includes inspection of every load tipped, and the separation of contaminants, if possible, and if not possible, the whole load will need to be landfill anyway, creating the cost of moving it to the landfill cell, and additional cover cost.



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5.3 Recommendation

That whilst the provision of a separate Garden Organics collection has merit and remains a worthwhile objective for the future, Council does not proceed with the purchase and distribution of green waste bins for collection as part of the Council's existing waste service.

Jim Boyce

Acting Director Development and Environmental Services

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Attached is correspondence received from NSW Rural Fire Service.

1.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

2 THE HON. MELINDA PAVEY MP, MINISTER FOR WATER, PROPERTY & HOUSING

Attached is correspondence received from The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property & Housing.

2.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

3 MR JIM BOAG

Attached is correspondence received from Jim Boag regarding Nyngan Cenotaph.

3.1 Recommendation:

1. Correspondence be received and noted.
2. For Council's Consideration.

4 HERMIDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Hermidale Community Centre Committee.

4.1 Recommendation:

1. Correspondence be received and noted.
2. For Council's Consideration.

5 NYNGAN PONY CLUB

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Nyngan Pony Club

5.1 Recommendation:

1. Correspondence be received and noted.
2. For Council's Consideration.

6 TRANSPORT FOR NSW, CARRIE HOOPER

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Carrie Hooper, Transport for NSW.

6.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

7 THE UNITING CHURCH, NYNGAN CONGREGATION

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Uniting Church, Nyngan Congregation.

7.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

8 MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION

Following at meeting between the Mayor and General Manager and the Murray Darling Association, the Association has requested Council give consideration to joining the Association

8.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration.

9 AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Australian Bureau of Statistics

9.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.



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10 HELEN HORVAT

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Helen Horvat.

10.1 Recommendation: Correspondence be received and noted.

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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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

23 December 2020

Dear Mr Francis

2020-21 ALLOCATIONS – NSW RURAL FIRE FIGHTING FUND

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Honourable David Elliott MP, has approved allocations for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 the funding target is \$563.189 million, an increase of \$168.652 million or 42.7% from the prior year.

The increase is principally explained by the impact of the introduction of the *Workers Compensation Legislation Amendment (Firefighters) Act 2018* (known as the 'presumptive legislation') which provides a presumption that where an employed or volunteer firefighter contracts one of twelve prescribed cancers, that cancer is a work related injury where the firefighter has met the minimum qualifying service period detailed in the Act for that type of cancer.

The 2019/20 bush fire season was the most challenging and devastating we have ever faced in NSW. The season was truly unprecedented in terms of the weather conditions, fire activity, the impact on communities and, of course, the loss of life and property.

Across the season, bush and grass fires burnt more than 5.5 million hectares and destroyed nearly 2,500 homes. Most tragically, there were 26 deaths this season, including three NSW RFS volunteers and three US aerial firefighters. Our thoughts will forever be with the families and loved ones of all those who lost their lives.

The NSW Government commissioned an independent NSW Bushfire Inquiry in January 2020, which examined the causes, preparation and response to the devastating 2019-20 bushfires.

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The Inquiry handed down its recommendations in August 2020 and the Government has accepted all 76 recommendations.

The Government has announced a number of funding packages to improve our preparedness and response to bush fires and support our volunteers, these include:

- > \$34.4 million for an additional 120 new appliances and 70 refurbished appliances;
- > \$10.3 million to modify safety components on NSW RFS appliances;
- > \$21.4 million to employ and additional 100 mitigation work crew;
- > \$36 million for a new first responder mental health strategy for emergency services;
- > \$15 million for additional personal protective clothing for frontline firefighters;
- > \$9.5 million to fund initial priority works for the fire trail network;
- > \$2.5 million improvements to NSW RFS's Fires Near Me app.

These programs will also create hundreds of manufacturing and other jobs for regional economies, which have been hit hard by drought, fire and now a global pandemic.

In July I announced nine key priorities for the next 12 months. These important projects will ensure our members have the best equipment and technology for their role, and ensure that our people can effectively respond to incidents and get home safely.

- > PPE - Head Protection and PPE - Respiratory Protection
Safety of our members is paramount and we understand that, when it comes to firefighting, personal protective equipment is not only imperative – it's personal. We have heard from our volunteers that it is time to reconsider head and respiratory PPE provided by the NSW RFS for use during firefighting, and we agree. We will determine and make available the most suitable face masks, goggles, and flash hoods to volunteers.
- > Member Availability and Response System
Our shared purpose is to protect the community and our environment by minimising the impact of fire and other emergencies. To achieve this, operational response through effective support systems is vital. With over 70,000 members and 2,000 brigades, we know that a common system for members to signal their availability to attend an incident, be called upon to attend an incident, and accept the call to attend would be of great benefit. We will ensure that members have access to a standard availability and response system (where mobile phone coverage exists) that assists with seamless response to emergencies.
- > Mobile Data Terminals for Firefighting Vehicles
Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in firefighting vehicles will be implemented to support members in operational response. Members will be able to use a mounted MDT device to display the job they are attending, and they will have access to road and routing information. Information from the member availability and response system will show members allocated to attend, and job information in the system will automatically populate for completion of brigade incident reporting (BIRs).

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- > Integrated Dispatch System
We operate in a multi-agency emergency response environment in NSW, involving coordinated dispatch. There exists multiple dispatch systems across fire and emergency services agencies, and within the NSW RFS we store information across multiple systems to effect dispatch to emergencies. There is a real and pressing opportunity to integrate these systems for more simplified, transparent dispatch and reporting. We will implement a dispatch system that integrates with other fire agency systems and pushes data across to our internal support systems (ICON, MDTs, BIRs).
- > Design of Fire Appliances
Given the unprecedented circumstances of last fire season, in particular the tragic loss of our members and the number of vehicles badly damaged, we need to ensure the design of our fire appliances is fit-for-purpose for the future. In particular, we need to consider cabin ability to withstand tree strikes, high pressure low volume pumps, tanker protection systems, and the viability and feasibility of lighter material.
- > One NSW RFS Member Website
Now more than ever, it is apparent that timely access to information and new ways of staying connected are needed. We recognise that our members want access to relevant and up-to-date information to support them to deliver the best service to the community. We will deliver a NSW RFS Member Website that does just that – supports our members.
- > Electronic Membership Application System
At the heart of our Service is our members – and the first experience many of our volunteers have with us is when they look to join a brigade. We know we need a better solution to support new members to become volunteers with us and existing members to change their membership status (i.e. transfer, dual) - and which helps brigades, districts and the Service manage volunteer applications in a timely and effective manner.
- > Farm Fire Unit Integration
Farmers are a critical part of the firefighting effort, and an important partner in managing and responding to the threat of fire across our landscape. We will work together to ensure farming communities are well prepared, and will strengthen response communication with farm fire units to prioritise and protect important agricultural assets.

The Office of State Revenue has previously provided each Council with an Annual Assessment Notice that identified the amount of statutory contribution in respect of 2020-21.

As previously advised, the NSW Rural Fire Service moved to a percentage based allocation of the Rural Fire Fighting Fund in 2016-17. 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 2020-21 year. Attached at Appendix B, for relevant councils, is a schedule of approved Hazard Reduction works funding. Your attention to completing and claiming reimbursement for the outlined infrastructure and hazard reduction works listed in Appendix A & B during the 2020-21 year is requested.

RFS will seek to make payments to Council for the Maintenance and Repairs grant towards the end of 2020, provided Council has made all Rural Fire Fighting Fund contributions due to the Office of State Revenue at that time.

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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 Mitigation crews that operate 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 Myles Foley, Director, Finance and Procurement on (02) 8741 5523 or at myles.foley@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



**Rob Rogers AFSM
Commissioner**

cc: Mayor
NSW RFS Area Director
NSW RFS Area Commander
NSW RFS District Manager

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The Honourable Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

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

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE	R/N
21 JAN 2021	
ASSIGNEE:	

Ref: 20/06627
Your ref: A201782/F621773

Dear Mr Francis

Thank you for your application to the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF).

I am pleased to advise that I have approved a grant of \$30,000 from the NSW Government's 2020-21 CRIF to Bogan Shire Council towards the upgrade of the Hermidale Showground to resolve trip hazards and the replacement of structural elements deemed defective.

Thank you for your efforts in improving our Crown reserve assets to benefit the community and contribute to New South Wales's cultural, sporting and recreational life.

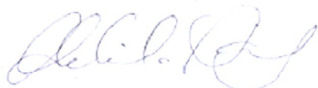
This financial assistance is offered on the terms set out in Annexure A.

The NSW Government has provided \$40 million in additional CRIF funding to support the economy and employment in local communities as part of its stimulus measures. It is important that your project commences as soon as possible, and the funds are spent to support jobs and your local community. In accepting this offer you will also need to provide regular updates as to the projects progress.

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.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact the Funding Team on 1300 886 235 (option 4).

Yours sincerely



Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing



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BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL		
FILE	2 2 JAN 2021	R/N
ASSIGNEE:		

"Belah Creek"
NYNGAN NSW 2825.

20th January 2021.

Cr Ray Donald, Mayor
Mr Derek Francis, General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825.

Dear Mayor Donald and Mr Francis,

I would like Council to consider relocating the Cenotaph from the front of the Council Chambers to across the street to the old Palais Theatre site. I believe the Cenotaph is not consecrated and therefore can be relocated. This may need further investigation.

The existing site of the Cenotaph is not ideal nor visually appealing to hold such important Commemorative Service's. There is no shade to speak of, only the shade shelters that are erected for the day and Anzac Day is traditionally hot. Most of the community attending the Anzac Day Service stand across the road under trees out of the sun and this takes away from the experience of this significant and respectful day. It is also hard to hear the addresses being delivered when across the road and that too takes away from the essence of the Service.

The Palais Theatre site could be utilised to relocate the Cenotaph into an aesthetically pleasing environment. The site could be landscaped to make the area reflective of the importance of Anzac Day. Using turf and crushed gravel in alternating rings around the Cenotaph with rosemary hedges and beautiful shade trees and turf with some seating it could be transformed into an ideal setting to conduct future Service's.

I believe the Palais Theatre site is being considered as a potential site for more senior's living accommodation. An alternative site for the accommodation could be Dr Chan's current surgery and residence at 18 Dandaloo St. By utilising the vacant block behind Dr Chan's surgery and residence as well, the area would be similar in size to the Palais Theatre site and it is in the same position just a block to the east and well located to IGA, and the main street. I would consider 18 Dandaloo Street more of a residential site than 8 Tabratong Street.

It is not often that a prime site becomes available and by relocating the Cenotaph it would benefit the whole community and more importantly be an appropriate setting to preserve the spirit and honour of those who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Yours faithfully,


Jim Boag.

29th January 2021



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Mr Derek Francis

General Manager

Bogan Shire Council Nyngan

Hermidale Park Survey

Thank you for your letter dated 7th January 2021 in reference to the above survey.

The Hermidale Community Centre Committee is in favour of the results of the survey, and support the redevelopment of the existing location for the park.

Yours sincerely

Tammara Wells

On behalf of the

Hermidale Community Centre Committee



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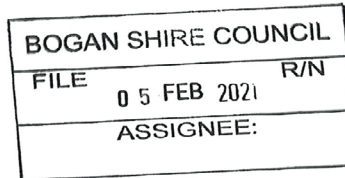
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2 February 2021

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



Dear Derek

After discussions with Graeme Bourke, he suggested we write to Council regarding getting a Multi-Purpose Arena built at Nyngan Showground. This arena would be used for Barrel Racing competitions as well as other events throughout the year, not only by Nyngan Pony Club but also the Mid-Western Equestrian Club and Nyngan Show Society. It could be used as a warmup arena during the show, for the Show jumping horses, which would be fenced and be much safer for all involved.

The closest Multi-Purpose/Barrel Racing Arena is situated at Geurie and it makes it difficult for those further out west to attend. We can see it being utilised for several events throughout the year, which will bring riders and their family and friends to our town from all the western area.

With the increase and enthusiasm of our members in our club we are keen to hold more events and competitions throughout the year and this arena will allow us to run a range of different disciplines to what we can now offer. It would also relieve the pressure put on the use and upkeep of the main arena.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact either Rodney Robb or myself.

Yours faithfully

John Burley
Secretary
Nyngan Pony Club Inc.



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From: Carrie Hooper
Sent: Monday, 15 February 2021 12:15 PM
To: Graeme Bourke
Subject: RE: Future Uncoupling Area at Nyngan on the Mitchell Highway

Good Morning Graeme

TfNSW have recently undertaken strategic assessment only to better understand the costs, constraints, potential benefits and overall viability of extending access for Type 2 Road Trains / PBS4A on the Mitchell Highway between North Bourke and Trangie. It is important to emphasise that there has been no funding committed for works beyond this strategic assessment.

As part of this assessment, TfNSW requested strategic design and costing for a potential new decoupling bay to the north of Nyngan. This site would only be required if a staged-approach were adopted, where Type 2 Road train access was extended first from North Bourke to Nyngan, and then extended to Trangie at a future date. If road train access is not staged, the Nyngan decoupling bay would not be required.

The preferred Nyngan decoupling area was chosen as the initial option considered would result in property acquisition, increased environmental impacts associated with clearing, and additional infrastructure works to accommodate heavy vehicles accessing the site from both directions. The preferred dual-sided site allows for coupling and decoupling activities to occur on opposite sides of the road and for the heavy vehicle drivers to pull into / out of the site with ease.

If you require any additional information, please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Carrie Hooper
A/ Senior Transport Planner
Regional Planning
Regional and Outer Metropolitan
Transport for NSW

I work flexibly. Unless it suits you, I don't expect you to read or respond to my emails outside of your normal work hours.

51-55 Currajong Street, Parkes NSW 2870



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The United Methodist Church in Australia.

Nyngan Congregation

P.O. Box 362, NYNGAN NSW 2825

21st December 2020

The General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
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Dear Sir,

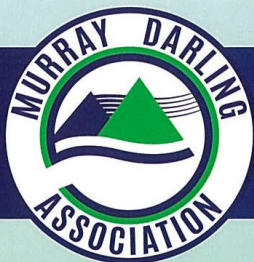
At a recent Church Council meeting I was requested to write to you to express our thanks for the three ornamental pear trees which council has planted on the Cobar Street footpath, in front of the Nyngan United Methodist Church.

We really appreciate the effort council has made to beautify the town.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Nyngan United Methodist Church.


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Collin Pardy – Secretary.



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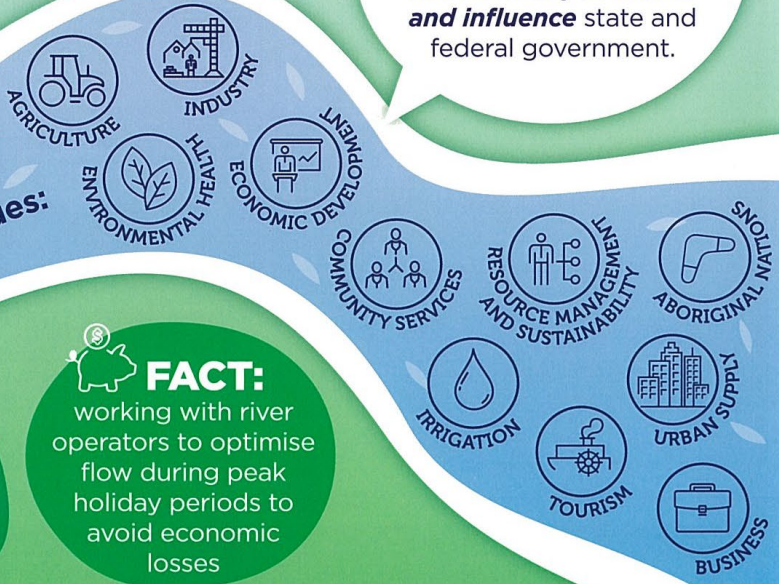
FACT:

we helped kick-start the Snowy scheme over 70 years ago!

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FACT:

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FACT:

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-  **annual** national conference
-  **multi-level** information sharing.



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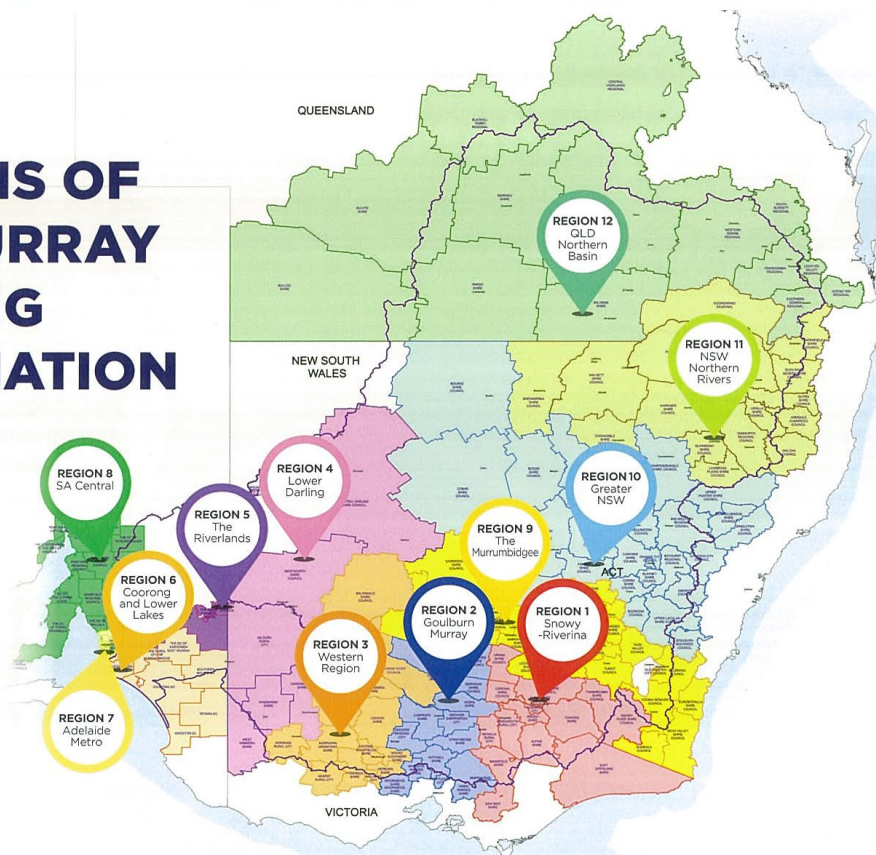
partnering the National Carp Control Plan to engage councils about a better approach to feral fish management. Results so far are exciting!

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FROM: Cassidy Kotzur cassidy.kotzur@abs.gov.au

SENT: Monday 1 February 2021

TO: Internet Address for census.hr

Subject: 2,665 Field Manager roles available nationwide for the 2021 Census [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Councillor

We are writing to advise that on 1 February 2021, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will commence advertising in all major cities and regional areas nationwide to recruit Census Field Managers for the 2021 Census.

The next Census will be held on Tuesday 10 August 2021. A key part of the 2021 Census is the engagement of a large temporary workforce of around 38,000 temporary staff. Our Census temporary workforce plays a vital role, ensuring everyone can access and complete the Census, including in remote areas and population groups who may need special support or assistance. Census staff also help remind those who missed Census deadlines, so that everyone is counted.

The ABS will recruit to fill 2,665 Field Manager roles nationwide. Each Census Field Manager will train, lead and manage a team of Field Officers in their local area of responsibility, and will play a key role in supporting and motivating their team.

Census Field Manager roles are short-term and will be recruited locally to ensure they are familiar with the local area, where it is possible to do so. Applications open on 1 February 2021, and applicants are encouraged to apply early as jobs are expected to fill quickly.

The ABS has appointed The Adecco Group to assist with the recruitment of temporary staff to support the 2021 Census. The roles will be advertised on <https://www.censusjobs.adecco.com.au/>

Advertising for Census jobs in your local area may generate enquiries from the public. Please direct all enquiries relating to recruitment for Census Field Manager positions to the Adecco group on 1300 233 445 or email enquiries@censusjobs.adecco.com.au.

Alternatively, if you receive a complex enquiry relating to recruitment for Census jobs, direct the enquiry to the ABS Census HR team at census.hr@abs.gov.au, or contact the Census HR team by calling 02 6252 8303.

Yours sincerely,

Census HR | 2021 Census Enumeration | **Australian Bureau of Statistics**

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From: Helen Horvat <helen.horvat@bigpond.com>

Type: Suggestion

Message Body:

Good afternoon

We have passed through Nyngan a few times as I a friend who lives and works there and see here a few times. My questions is, Is there any chance of Nyngan getting a bakery, When we were there last year we were unable to get fresh bread (I know the IGA is there) or more importantly a meat pie or sausage roll. I know you now have a laundry place and a car wash but I think I bakery is equally fresh. Nyngan I feel is a very busy place and a bakery would be the perfect sport as there is many tourist now driving through.

We are coming back up that way in September, anyway it would be considered.

thanks for taking the time to read this email and I await your response.

Helen

