



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

24 June 2021



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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 9.30am.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021
6. General Manager Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Resources for Regions
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of this item is likely to place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (2) (c) because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
7. Engineering Services Closed and Confidential Report
 1. Tender for Annual Gravel Haulage Services
 2. Tender for Road Base
 3. Tender for Annual Plant Hire
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
8. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021
9. Citizenship Ceremony – Mr & Mrs Patel
10. Committee Meeting Minutes
11. Mayor 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

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Melissa Salter

Acting Executive Assistant



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 MUSEUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Attached are the Minutes of the Nyngan Museum Committee meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on 2 June 2021

1.1 Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Nyngan Museum Committee meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on 2 June 2021 be received and noted.

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Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: 2nd June 2021 Venue: Nyngan Museum

Present:

Hugh Sibbald , Glad Eldridge, Anna Corby, Leonie Montgomery, Anne Quarmby, Vince Wren, Ray Donald, Gwen, Yvonne, Collin

Apologies:

Margaret Sibbald, Val Keighran, Veneta Dutton, Ney, Linda

Guests:

Minutes last meeting: Move: Hugh second: Glad

Business Arising from Minutes, and Leonie's report:

- *Leonie will chase up any remaining Prince's tiles at Miowera*
- *The report from estimates committee will be discussed at the next Council meeting.*
- *Contact the Shire to ask them to maintain current levels of VIC staffing, as we don't have the staff to replace them, and their staff levels will ensure continuation of accreditation. Moved Vince 2nd Yvonne*
- *Progress at Girilambone is continuing slowly. It has had some problems, but will be brought up to a good basic tourism standard in the future. Further development of the sity will be discussed when that stage has been reached.*

Correspondence In:

Reply from Derek. Request will be discussed with Council at next meeting.

Correspondence Out:

Email to Derek re changes to \$2 and \$5 entry fees

Treasurers Report attached: read and moved: Collin 2nd: Anna

\$2452,93 @ 3rd May 2021

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General Business:

- *DVD player has been replaced. Push the button with the little blue arrow to begin.*
- *311 visitors for May and 97 last week.*
- *People are getting lost on the platform and are exiting through kitchen or outside gate. We need an exit sign to show them which is the exit door.*
- *New stairs are complete and marvellous!*
- *Guttering on SES building has been replace, but is leaking slightly.*
- *Monty has done a good job removing gyprock and glue from the ceiling in the kitchen area. Looks great.*
- *Hatch to cellar could be covered and opened. If lights and a simple staging set up, it would look good from the ramp to the sheds. Perhaps a beer barrel, or stored food stuffs as it would have been back in its prime.*
- *Carmel and Joe Smith have provided more information on Mary Nott, so the display has been redone in the trophy cupboard. We know the seal fur was cut down from a full length coat, but a photo would be lovely if it's possible.*
- *Glass has been measured for the fireplace cupboard, just waiting for aluminium surrounds to install.*
- *Volunteers who need badges please give your names to Leonie so that they can be purchased.*
- *High School visits going well with progress on canoe, data base and church pew.*
- *A visitor made a special effort to let us know not just that she enjoyed the museum, but how impressed she was with it's cleanliness. Well done to Annie, Val and their helpers.*
- *Annie and Val have also been stepping up and doing extra shifts to cover people out with health visits or appointments.*
- *The VIC staffing return to normal date has now been extended by the Government to January 2022.*
- *We would like to try open days coinciding with community activities such as markets and special occasions.*

Meeting Closed: 10.12 1/2am

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2 ORANA JOINT ORGANISATION MINUTES

Attached are the Minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation Meeting held at the Narromine Council Chambers on 12 May 2021

2.2 Recommendation

That the minutes of the Orana Joint Organisation Meeting held at the Narromine Council Chambers on 12 May 2021 be received and noted.

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minutes

Meeting of:	Orana Joint Organisation
Date:	12 May 2021
Time:	9.30am
Venue:	Narromine Council Chambers

ATTENDEES:

Clr Craig Davies (Chair)	Mayor, Narromine Shire Council
Clr Ash Walker	Deputy Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council
Clr Ambrose Doolan	Mayor, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Milton Quigley	Mayor, Warren Shire Council
Clr Ray Donald	Mayor, Bogan Shire Council
David Neeves	General Manager, Gilgandra Shire Council
Jane Redden	General Manager, Narromine Shire Council
Brad Cam	General Manager, Mid-Western Regional Council, JO Board Interim Executive Office & Minute Taker
Stephen Glen	General Manager, Warren Shire Council
Derek Francis	General Manager, Bogan Shire Council
Peter Evans	Office of Local Government
Ken Harrison	Department of Premier & Cabinet
Ashley Albury	Department of Premier & Cabinet

GUESTS

Name	Title
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1 WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.30am.

Peter Evans from the NSW OLG advised the JO of his resignation from the Office of Local Government.

The JO thanked Peter for his support as the JO Community Engagement Officer, noting that he has always taken up our issues and represented us at the OLG.

Peter was thanked and wished luck for the future.

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2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for:

Roger Bailey	General Manager, Warrumbungle Shire Council
Clr Des Kennedy	Mayor, Mid-Western Regional Council
Clr Doug Batten	Mayor, Gilgandra Shire Council

2021/010 RESOLVED Clrs Walker/Donald that the apologies received for Roger Bailey, Clr Des Kennedy and Clr Doug Batten be accepted. CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2021/011 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Quigley that the minutes of the meeting held 24 February 2021 be adopted. CARRIED

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CHAIRPERSON'S MINUTE / REPORT

Peter Evans commented that other Joint Organisations are in a similar position as the Orana JO. We will have to wait until the review of JO's is complete.

8 FINANCE REPORT

2021/012 RESOLVED Crs Walker/Donald that the Finance Reports be accepted. CARRIED

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9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 Ongoing future of Orana JO

2021/012 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair:

1. write to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shelley Hancock, advising that the Orana JO member councils have resigned from the Orana JO; and
2. ask that the Minister for Local Government dissolve the Orana JO.

CARRIED

9.2 Voluntary Collaborative Group of Councils – next step

Firstly, write to all former OROC members and ask what model they want.

Letter coming from Craig to all Mayors of the former OROC.

The GM Group will discuss at their 4 June 2021 meeting.

2021/013 – RESOLVED Clrs Donald/Walker:

That the Chair writes, on behalf of the Orana JO, to all former OROC members to invite them to provide feedback on how we can form a volunteer group of Councils, and request a response from the June Council meeting.

CARRIED

10 REPORTS

10.1 OWUA Update

2021/014 – RESOLVED Clrs Doolan/Walker that the minutes of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) meeting held on 8 April 2021 be noted.

CARRIED

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Craig spoke of the Murray Darling Basin. He talked about the Gin Gin Weir, in particular the work being done on the rebuild of the weir, and that an environmental group in Dubbo are trying to stop the weir construction. Craig is going to attend the AGM, trying to get a voice for the region.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed 10.30am.

The Minutes (pages 1 to 3) were circulated to the Orana JO for review on 8 June 2021, and were considered by all to be a full and accurate record of proceedings of the meeting held on 12 May 2021.

Chair:

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – MAYORAL MINUTE

Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:

1 AWB GRAINFLOW AND GRAINCORP STORAGES

As our Shire continues to receive good falls of general rain, sown crops of cereals and canola, despite some mice damage, have made a good start with reasonable expectations of another large harvest. It would appear that to the end of June, very little grain has been moved out of these two receival sites since last year's harvest, with many of the bunkers still full. Receival sites at Nevertire, Trangie and Narromine appear to be in the same condition, with a lot of processed cotton to be railed out of Warren and Trangie. The economic benefit to our Shires farmers and local economy of last year's harvest has been enormous and hopefully another good harvest this year will continue the recovery from the previous years of drought. Some concern exists as to whether our two local storages will be in a position to receive another large harvest, which could be just four months away, unless large amounts of grain in their bunkers are transported out of storage. On behalf of our farmers, I suggest we write to officials of both AWB Grainflow and Graincorp seeking their assurance that sufficient receival capacity will be available at their respective sites to receive this year's harvest.

1.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration

2 NEW SHOWGROUND ARENA

Funding was available from a Government grant to build a small steel arena on the eastern site of the main arena in time for this year's annual show. Councillors would remember Show President Rodney Robb and Ponyclub President John Burley presented this idea to Council believing this area would be an ideal warm up area for competitors prior to entering their jumping events at the show. It would also provide a safe enclosed area for Pony Club members at Nyngan. As this idea originally came from Rodney, and because of his lifetime involvement in all events at the Racecourse Showground complex, I recommend we seek the support of the Nyngan Pony Club and Show Committee to have this arena named "The Rodney Robb Arena".

2.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration



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

Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:

1 CHECKLIST

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

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	28/05/2020	110/2020		<p>The best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.</p> <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>Council advised that this crossing is not a priority for John Holland Rail.</p> <p>Safety Consultant has been engaged to inspect crossing at the end of July & will be preparing a risk audit for Council. Report has been received and forwarded. No response.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Letter from Transport for NSW in Precis refers.</p>
2	24/04/2019	117/2019	Cobar Water Board	Whilst Council is prepared to have discussion with CWB to explore options for delivery of water to minor users within the Bogan Shire LGA, it	GM	<p>Further correspondence sent to CWB.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> New water supply agreement sent to CWB.</p>

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				does not agree to the Board's proposal at this stage.		Meeting to discuss agreement to be set for week of 5 July 2021.
3	28/11/2019	366/2019	Regional Water Supply Pipe Network	Council supports in principle the investigation of a Regional Water Supply Network servicing the communities currently supplied by the Macquarie River downstream of Burrendong Dam.	GM	Water NSW has advised Narromine/Warren pipeline project is on hold
	25/02/2021	010/2021		Council seeking urgent clarification from the Minister on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Issuing of the licence for the Nyngan Emergency Bore and licence. - Size of the pipe 		UPDATE: Awaiting determination from NRAR and direction from NSW Government.

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

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5	23/07/2020	192/2020	<p>Crown Land to convert the Perpetual Special Lease 78218 (Saleyards) to freehold & transfer title to Council.</p>	<p>1. Council purchase the Nyngan saleyards from the Crown at a cost of \$35,100 funded from Council's reserves. 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>	<p>GM</p>	<p>In progress.</p>
	25/02/2021	043/2021				

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6	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 & Dandaloo Streets presented to Traffic Committee Aug 2020.	DES	Referred to RMS. UPDATE: Council has provided TfNSW with a quote to install signage. Quote accepted, signs ordered.
7	25/02/2021 27/05/2021	041/2021 123/2021	Hermidale Park	Plans to be drawn up of proposed amenities for Hermidale Park. Council continue with the redevelopment of the existing Hermidale Park using grant funding already allocated for this purpose.	DES	UPDATE: General Manager asked to attend Hermidale Community Meeting on 22 June 2021.

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				Hermidale Community Centre Committee be informed that they may apply to Council to access Village funds for installation of playground equipment at the Centre and that the Hermidale community be asked where they wish to spend Village funds.	GM	
8	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 sponsorship invoice from NGC.

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9	26/11/2020 12/04/2021	329/2020 102/2021	Centre of NSW Cairn	<p>Report on final design recommendations, including costs to a further meeting of Council for approval and budget consideration, following meeting of four parties.</p> <p>Plans for the Cairn improvements be forwarded to Lachlan Shire with a request for an equal contribution.</p>	DES	<p><u>UPDATE:</u> Response received from Lachlan Shire Council agreeing to fund 50% of project costs, subject to further costing details being supplied.</p>
10	17/12/2020	373/2020	Lack of Vacation Care/Before and After School Care in Nyngan	<p>Council approach both primary schools in Nyngan. Council bring this matter to the attention of local State Member and Hon. Sam Farraway MLC.</p>	DPCS	<p>Meetings held with Principals of Nyngan Public and St Joseph's Schools. Letter sent to Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister for Mental Health, Rural Youth and Women.</p> <p>Response received from Hon. Bronnie Taylor, indicating support for funding application by Nyngan Public</p>

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						School to the Department of Education for the construction of a purpose built building for Before and After School Care.
11	25/02/2021	011/2021	Bogan Shire Official Visitors Guide	To be funded from a budget review or included in next year's estimates.	DPCS	In Progress
12	25/02/2021	012/2021	Nyngan Railway Wool Dump	<p>A colour information sign be erected at the Nyngan Railway Wool Dump on a stand adjacent to the dump.</p> <p>A cement path from the existing walkway to the sign be constructed, with available funding</p>	<p>DPCS</p> <p>DES</p>	<p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p> <p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p>

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13	25/02/2021	013/2021	Honour Board	That recipients of National Awards, prior to the 1980's, be recognised on an Honour Board. The board to include all National awards including recipients of the British Empire Medal (BEM), Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM), and Victoria Cross.	GM	In progress
14	25/02/2021	024/2021	Addressing Local Job Vacancies	A report be presented to Council on what steps are required to establish the Hospital Road residential subdivision and any other opportunities that may exist.	DDES	Report to future Council Meeting. <hr/>

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	27/05/2021	126/2021		<p>\$30,000 be provided in the 2021/22 operating budget for a Relocation marketing campaign to promote the Bogan Shire as an attractive place to live and work.</p> <p>Council delays the launch of the marketing campaign until progress is made with establishing more housing accommodation in Nyngan.</p>	GM	<p>UPDATE: Awaiting approval of funding for establishment of new residential subdivision.</p>
15	25/02/2021	040/2021	Nyngan Cenotaph Location	A report be prepared for Council regarding the Nyngan Cenotaph location.	GM	Pending outcome of Nyngan Community Homes grant application

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16	25/03/2021	055/2021	Enforcement of Orders - Derelict & Fire Damaged Buildings	Council seek information from the Insurance Council of Australia on relevant insurance details.	DDES	In progress, contacted the Insurance Council of Australia, awaiting information. Contacted other Councils in similar position for feedback.
17	25/03/2021	061/2021	Orana Joint Organisation	Council to resign its membership from the Orana Joint Organisation. Work with other Councils to develop a proposal to re-establish a voluntary regional body for further consideration by Council.	GM	Re-establishment of voluntary organisation to be discussed at Regional GM Meeting on 4 June 2021 with report back to individual Councils.



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1.1 Recommendation

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

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 OUTBACK ARTS MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to present, for Council's consideration, an approach from Outback Arts for Council to continue its membership to the Regional Arts Development Program 2021-2022 financial year.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present, for Council's consideration, an approach from Outback Arts for Council to continue its membership to the Regional Arts Development Program 2021-2022 financial year.

1.2 Background

At its meeting in May 2020, Council resolved (117/2020) to participate in membership of Outback Arts at a cost of \$10,583.63 for the 2020-2021 financial year. The following projects and workshops have been attended by Bogan Shire residents during the past 12 months:

- 'Belt Up'- kids leather workshops
- Festival of small halls – Nymagee and Marthaguy
- Outback Archies
- 'Little Bit of Blue' puppetry performance and workshops
- Cultural Tourism Workshop Tour

Other Projects

Micro Grants

Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council received \$1,000 to deliver school holiday art workshops bringing an art focus back into community and connecting local artists and school children. Artworks created in these workshops were then displayed as part of an art evening exhibition and sale.

Culture Maps Outback NSW

Culture Maps Outback NSW is a new project initiated by Outback Arts and will provide an interactive map directing locals and tourists to a range of public art and cultural experiences available in the Outback Arts region including public art, heritage, galleries, shopping for handmade, Aboriginal experiences and arts and

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cultural events. Content for this website will be drawn from the Outback Arts database, tourism teams at local councils and coordinators of some of the larger public art programs.

Website users will click on a theme and use these interactive maps to explore the region's culture, pin point favourite creative places, learn the story behind pieces of public art, connect to Aboriginal experiences, get the low down on local museums, find festivals, events and fun things to do with the family and plan their next road trip.

Our Stories – Priscilla Lord

Building on the work created under the Living Arts & Culture portfolio project in 2018-2019 which profiled 33 Aboriginal artists across the region, this project engaged videographer, Andrew Hull to work with the artists to create a short film, unique to each of the artists.

Nyngan Artist, Priscilla Lord has been featured in this film project which draws on three key themes – "Landscape, Culture, and Art" and showcases her own practice as it relates to these themes.

The film will be featured on the Outback Arts website and distributed through social media platforms. Priscilla will be able to share and distribute the final film on any online publishing or social media, and/or to play or display in any way they see fit.

1.3 Discussion

Council has been approached by Outback Arts requesting for Council to continue as a contributing member for 2021/2022 at a cost of \$11,586.16 incl. GST.

A copy of the Outback Arts 2020 Annual Report has been circulated to Councillors and a copy will also be available to view at the meeting. A copy of the Outback Arts audited Financial Report can be found on their website at <https://www.outbackarts.com.au/our-organisation>

Council currently has \$11,337 in the Community Arts and Culture Fund.

1.4 Attachments

1. Outback Arts AGM Minutes for 2021.
2. Invoice – Outback Arts.
3. Outback Arts 2020-2021 Member Report.
4. Bogan Shire Member Report January – March 2020
5. Bogan Shire Member Report March – May 2020
6. Bogan Shire Member Report June – August 2020
7. Bogan Shire Member Report September – December 2020
8. Bogan Shire Member Report January – March 2021

Recommendation

For Council's consideration.

Attachment 1. Outback Arts AGM Minutes for 2021

OUTBACK ARTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OUTBACK ARTS INCORPORATED
Outback Arts, Monday 29th March 2021 10:00am

MINUTES

WELCOME: Meeting was opened, and attendees were welcomed by Chair Kylie Harvey, acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet across the Outback Arts region and the significant contribution Aboriginal people make as the first artists in our area.

ATTENDANCE:

Board: Pauline Serdity, Barbara Deans, Veneta Dutton, Sally Torr, Kylie Harvey, Donna Jeffries, Casey Marshall-Siemer

Staff: Jamie-Lea Trindall, Maddi Ward

Apologies: Eric Crisp, Brytt Moore, Catherine Goldsmith, Jane Keir

Guests: George McCormick, Lily Shearer, Belinda Boney

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM HELD ON 30 March 2020

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 30th March 2020 were circulated to all members.

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30th March 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Pauline Serdity

Seconded: Donna Jeffries

CARRIED

2. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Notes: What a year. Kylie thanked Outback Arts staff and board for being adaptive to the new challenges we faced in 2020 and expressed appreciation for the efforts made to remain well connected during the pandemic outbreak.

Motion: Chair report be accepted.

Moved: Veneta Dutton

Seconded: Barbara Deans

CARRIED

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3. TREASURERS REPORT

Notes: Outback Arts have had a new auditor in place in 2020 which brought in some new reporting term updates.

Concerning staff wages, Pauline would like to recommend that despite the recommendation made by the auditor, that the wage payment schedule should remain the same.

Previous auditors have recommended that Outback Arts collections be revalued, however, our current auditor agrees that the cost of having such a service carried out, would be too costly in relation to the current collections market value.

Pauline also recommended that the AAO wage for Fleur Stubbs should be processed fortnightly on an automatic basis rather than manually upon request.

Motion: the AAO's wage to be processed automatically each fortnight and for the Treasurer's report to be accepted

Moved: Pauline Serdity

Seconded: Sally Torr

CARRIED

4. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF OUTBACK ARTS FOR 2021

(Jamie-Lea Trindall chaired the election)

4.1 Confirmation of Nomination for Council Representatives

- Outback Arts Inc constitution rule 27.1 regarding the appointment of local government representatives as follows: "Each Council contributing financially to the organisation has the option to appoint one delegate directly to the board".
- According to the Outback Arts Inc. Constitution rule 27.6 each member elected to the board will, subject to these rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting one year following the date of the member's election or co-option but is eligible for re-election or re-co-option provided the member has not held that position for more than two consecutive terms.
- According to the constitution Council Board delegates are exempt from written nomination forms and hold their nomination to their board unless otherwise noted, due to this clause the CAPO reported the representatives of each local government area within the Outback Arts region are:

Bourke Shire Council - Sally Torr, alternate John Thompson

Brewarrina Shire Council - Donna Jeffries, alternate Vivian Slacksmith

Cobar Shire Council – Vacant seat at time of meeting

Coonamble Shire Council – Barbara Deans, alternate Paul Wheelhouse

Walgett Shire Council – Jane Keir, alternate Bill Murray

Warren Shire Council – Pauline Serdity, alternate Katrina Walker

Bogan Shire Council - Veneta Dutton, alternate Debb Wood

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4.2 Nomination for Community Representative Members

The ED confirmed that there are three delegate positions available for community organisations or independent members on the Outback Arts Board. There have been three nominations received.

1. Kylie Harvey
2. Catherine Goldsmith
3. Casey Marshall-Siemer

Motion: That Kylie Harvey, Catherine Goldsmith and Casey Marshall-Siemer be elected as Community Representative Members.

Moved: Barbara Deans

Seconded: Pauline Serdity

CARRIED

5. Vote for

All positions were open for nominations.

Chairperson

Nomination received: Casey Marshall-Siemer

Motion: That Casey Marshall-Siemer, as the only nominee, is elected to the position of Chair for 2021.

Moved: Kylie Harvey

Seconded: Pauline Serdity

CARRIED

Vice-Chairperson

Nominations received: Kylie Harvey

Motion: That Kylie Harvey, as the only nominee, is elected to the position of Vice-Chair for 2021.

Moved: Casey Marshall-Siemer

Seconded: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

Treasurer

Nomination received: Pauline Serdity

Motion: That Pauline Serdity, as the only nominee, be appointed as Treasurer of Outback Arts for 2021.

Moved: Barbara Deans

Seconded: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

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Appointment of the Auditor for 2021 financial year being 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Motion: That the appointed auditor for the 2021 financial period be Thomas McCarthy.

Moved: Pauline Serdity

Seconded: Barbara Deans

CARRIED

Appointment of the 2021 Public Fund Sub Committee

Public Fund (Sub Committee to the Board)

The Fund will be administered by a management committee or a subcommittee of the management, a majority of who, because of their tenure of some public office or their professional standing, have an underlying community responsibility, as distinct from obligations solely in regard to the cultural objectives of Outback Arts Inc.

Motion: That the 2021 Public Fund Committee members are Casey Marshall-Siemer, Jamie-Lea Trindall, Pauline Serdity and Barbara Deans.

Moved: Kylie Harvey

Seconded: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

Appointment of the 2021 signatories

Motion: That Casey Marshall-Siemer, Jamie-Lea Trindall, Pauline Serdity and Barbara Deans are signatories of all Outback Arts accounts and Greg Vaughn as bookkeeper including online banking access,

Moved: Pauline Serdity

Second: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

Appointment of the 2021 CASP board representatives

Motion: That Casey Marshall-Siemer and Kylie Harvey are the 2021 CASP Board representatives.

Moved: Barbara Deans

Second: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

Appointment of the Constitutional Sub Committee

Motion: That Casey Marshall-Siemer and Sally Torr are the Constitutional Sub Committee members.

Moved: Barbara Deans

Second: Veneta Dutton

CARRIED

Date for the next Annual General Meeting to be held Monday 28th March 2022

Meeting closed at 10:32 am CLOSE

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Attachment 2 Invoice – Outback Arts.

OUTBACK ARTS

TAX INVOICE

ABN: 30 005 203 518
Date: 18/05/2021
Invoice No: bog2021

TO: Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
Nyngan NSW 2825

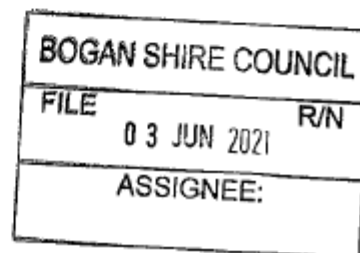
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Membership to the Regional Arts Development Program 2021-2022 financial year	\$11,536.16
TOTAL INCLUDING GST	\$11,536.16

All accounts payable by 14 days

How to pay:

By mail: detach this section and mail your cheque within in 14 days to:
Outback Arts Incorporated
PO Box 28, COONAMBLE, NSW 2829

By direct deposit:
Outback Arts Inc
BSB 082533 ACC 570009509
Ref: bog2021



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PROJECTS // MICRO GRANTS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Outback Arts have delivered a Micro Grants program where practicing artists across all art forms, community groups and arts/community organisations applied for amounts of up to \$1000. The successful applicants and their project in Nyngan was:

Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council (\$1000) will be delivering school holiday art workshops that will bring an art focus back into community and connect local artists and school children. The artworks created in these workshops will then be displayed as part of an art evening exhibition and sale.



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ACTIVITIES //

BELT UP, KIDS LEATHER WORKSHOPS

'Belt up' were a series of children's leather making workshops in January and February that were scheduled to be held across the towns of Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Nyngan and Walgett and after the very successful outcomes of the same workshop being held in Warren early last year. Delivered by Rachael Fanning, she fosters a fun, relaxed atmosphere where the participants learn new skills and take home a belt they have crafted themselves.

A total of 65 children participated in the workshop tour, 13 from the Bogan Shire. Parents were consistently impressed with the quality of the product their kids had created. To fund these workshops Outback Arts is now a registered Creative Kids provider which enabled most participants to attend for free. Nyngan Workshop was held 25th Jan 2021



PROJECTS //

CULTURAL TOURISM WORKSHOP TOUR

This workshop provided advice and information to support Council staff and community members to develop and promote their Cultural Tourism concept taking it from an idea into a ready to roll business or initiative.

Unfortunately due to a lack of bookings, the Nyngan workshop location needed to be cancelled. However Outback Arts were very pleased to have the only participant who had registered be able to attend the Warren based in person workshop and continue to participate in the follow up support opportunities and Zoom sessions that are currently taking place. These Zoom sessions have been covering subjects such as: Business Structure, Pricing, Finances and Budgeting, Operational Systems, Marketing, Networks and Support.



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ACTIVITY //

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

The Festival of Small Halls takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists and sends them on the road to tiny halls in communities all over Australia. It is an opportunity for music lovers from welcoming communities to invite artists from home and abroad into their towns, and a way of exploring this vast country in the spirit of hospitality and great fun. This project brought together local communities and provided the opportunity for local musicians to be involved and experience excellent professional development. Attendees from Bogan Shire enjoyed attending the Nymagee and Mathaguy performances, in April 2021.

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ACTIVITY //
PUPPETRY TOUR

Jenny Ellis is an accomplished puppeteer toured 7 communities in the Outback Arts region earlier in 2021. Targeted towards children 3-10 years, the tour included workshops and performances. Nyngan Preschool and the Early Learning Centre both enjoyed hosting workshops for their students. The public performance was held at Nyngan Bowling Club with over 70 attendees coming along to the free show and taking the time to leave very positive feedback.

The performance 'Little Bit of Blue' is an interactive detective show for families, told with puppetry. As well as helping to unravel a mystery, the audience will learn about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Satin Bowerbird, and why they are so fascinated by the colour blue.



"Thank you for coming to Nyngan. Brilliant! Excellent!"

PROJECTS //
CULTURE MAPS

Culture Maps Outback NSW will be a brand new project initiated by Outback Arts to provide a completely interactive map to direct locals and tourists to the range of public art and cultural experiences available in the Outback Arts region. Maps for finding public art + heritage + galleries + shopping for handmade + Aboriginal experiences + arts and cultural events in our vibrant region. Culture Maps Outback NSW is a collaborative project by regional arts development organisation Outback Arts supported by the seven Shire Councils across far western NSW. Content for this website will be drawn from the Outback Arts' database, tourism teams at local councils and coordinators of some of the larger public art programs. Website users will click on a theme and use these interactive maps to explore the region's culture, pin point favourite creative places, learn the story behind pieces of public art, connect to Aboriginal experiences, get the low down on local museums, find festivals, events and fun things to do with the family - and plan their next road trip.

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CAPACITY BUILDING //
RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Throughout 2020/2021 Outback Arts have developed and launched a host of simple, practical and informative resources that will benefit our community.

The resource collection is available:

- » How to write a media release
- » How to promote your event
- » How to write an artist bio
- » How to design a poster
- » A guide to funding and project development

Online Support Provided:

- » Monthly Enews
- » Funding opportunities
- » Exhibition and competition opportunities
- » Quarantine relief creative activities
- » Creative Industries training access

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PROJECTS //

OUR STORIES - PRISCILLA LORD NYNGAN

After conducting the Living Arts & Culture portfolio project in 2018-2019 which profiled 33 Aboriginal artists across the region, Outback Arts sought funding to build on that work and create more in-depth content to share the stories of arts, and the artists of the region.

Aboriginal artists will be offered the chance to participate in 'Our Stories', one from each of the six Local Government Areas of Bourke, Bogan, Walgett, Warren, Cobar and Coonamble. - Outback Arts note that some artists will be connected across LGA boundaries & Brewarrina films have already been completed. The project will engage videographer - Andrew Hull to work with the artists to create a short film, unique to each of the artists.

Nyngan Artist Priscilla Lord will be featured in this film project that will draw on three key themes - "Landscape, Culture, and Art". Each artist will be able to showcase their own practice as it relates to these themes.



The six films made during this project will be featured on the Outback Arts website and distributed through social media platforms. The featured artist is free to share and distribute the final films on any online publishing or social media, and/or to play or display in any way they see fit. No film, images or content of any kind can be made public or viewed publicly until the featured artist has fully consented.

EXHIBITIONS //

TOURING

Outback Archies On Tour: is a selection of specially curated artworks drawn from Outback Arts' 10th Annual Art Prize held in 2020. It contains many of the major prize winners and judges' favorites. This exhibition showcases artwork by 20 artists, including our first ever Young Archies. These artists have come together from the far-flung corners of regional NSW, stretching from Bourke and as far as Broken Hill.



Visiting nine venues for between just 2-3 weeks in each location, it is a fast paced tour wrapping up just in time for the 2021 project to begin. To ensure the artwork are transported as safely as possible, all exhibition installations and de-installs are being carried out by Outback Arts staff.

Archies Exhibition was held in the Nyngan Library 22 April - 5 May

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SO FAR IN 2020 //

CIRCUS HOOP WORKSHOP TOUR

Outback Arts delivered circus hoop making and performance workshops across the region in seven towns during 17th - 23rd January 2020.

Hoop Empire from Sydney has an excellent reputation and brought a high level of professional skill and enthusiasm to the workshop tour. These workshops were targeted toward school aged participants and began by the group designing and creating their own hoops to take home. Next they were taught skills and tricks by Bunny Hoopstar.

This project gave regional kids access to learn new skills in art making and performance that they may not have had access to. There were physical and mental health benefits, getting kids active and providing a positive outlet during the drought.



"My little girl went to the hula hoop workshop here in Cobar and had an absolute ball! Thank you all so much for providing something so positive in a pretty bleak time. The instructor is so talented and creative, not to mention patient! I'm so glad we went and I can't thank you enough."

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SO FAR IN 2020 //

BELT UP

This workshop was delivered in January by Rachael Fanning in Nevertire, Warren and The Marra, with more to be confirmed around the region later in the year. These workshops were aimed at primary school-aged children, in groups of 10 children per workshop. The 2 hour program provided an introduction to leather making tools and techniques, a group discussion about design ideas and examples. After this the kids were able to work on their own belt design to take home with them. Rachael describes these classes as having a relaxed, fun and respectful atmosphere. Thanks to support from NSW Family & Community Services and Warren Shire Council Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Grants these workshops have been completely free.



Participants of the workshop in Nevertire showing the creations.

CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT //

ART MAKING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

One strategic aim of our 2020 Activity Program is to deliver a regional Arts in Health project. Pending funding and details yet to be confirmed this project will build on the continuation of the previous 6 years of Millinery & Weaving workshops.

The regions' communities have expressed a great desire to have Waltraud Reiner tour the region, this project includes a series of two day workshops, visiting the seven local government areas of Bourke, Bogan, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren. It has been highly successful in the past and a great inclusion in the creative and social fabric of the region, helping to engage some of our most vulnerable in an exciting, creative outlet.

Creative Halls Tour (working title) will create an inclusive artistic experience while raising awareness and support for Mental Health in severely Drought affected communities.

Focusing on engaging people in the skills of weaving, collage and hat-making, bringing internationally renowned milliner, tutor and advocate for mental health Waltraud Reiner to our remote Halls and community venues. Using the principles of positive psychology and creatively engaging workshops, she offers a unique opportunity for personal growth and creativity whilst raising awareness of mental health effects, aid, and wellbeing support in rural communities. During this project, Waltraud will also deliver an evening talk open to all community to reflect on her personal struggle and story and talk about overcoming adversity through her creative skills.

Postponed due to COVID-19, funding permitting.

CAPACITY BUILDING //

REMOTE OFFICE ACCESS

In response to COVID-19 our Mobile Office Tour has been replaced with Remote Office Access. Fortunately, the nature and set up of our regional organisation means that we can continue to operate through this period by changing and negotiating our programs through more online and video based platforms. Call or email to make an appointment via phone or video conferencing.

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CAPACITY BUILDING //

ART BUSINESS MARKETING WORKSHOP

These will be a series of workshops delivered online teaching artists simple and effective marketing strategies that can lift their profile. It will also serve as an opportunity for artists to ask questions about social media platforms, website development and the options available to them.

ON TOUR //

ART4AG

The 2019 Art4Ag photographic exhibition is hitting the road and is coming to your Shire in 2020. The exhibition celebrates the nation's agricultural industry and the contribution farming women make to its success.

2019 was the competition and exhibition's third year, running in partnership with Coonamble District & Castlereagh Landcare and Department of Primary Industries Rural Resilience Program. This latest exhibition is bigger than ever, showing 50 photographs taken by community members across seven areas of local government located within the Outback Arts footprint. Coonamble CWA Evening Branch awarded Mardi Remond's portrait of 'Jan', winner of their Grit and Grace Award, which draws attention to women in agriculture.

TOUR DATES:

- WARREN 24th February - 27th March
at Window on the Wetland Centre
- BREWARRINA Monday 30 March - 1st May*
at Visitor Information & Exhibition Centre
- WALGETT Monday 4th May - Friday 29th May*
at Walgett Shire Library
- COBAR Monday 1st June - 3rd July*
at Cobar Shire Library
- BOURKE Monday 6th July - 7th August*
at Bourke Shire Council
- NYNGAN Monday 10th August - Friday 11 September*
at Nyngan Library

**Dates subject to change due to COVID-19*



Featured images: Emotional Bull, Georgia Ditchfield / And that's where we ran out of rum, Joseph Hodgson / Dust for Days, Hayley Altmann / Jan, Mardi Remond

CAPACITY BUILDING //

COUNTRY ARTS SUPPORT PROGRAM (CASP)

We are very excited to announce the recipients of CASP in the Outback Arts footprint for 2020. \$19,000 has been awarded to seven projects within the Outback Arts region to support community arts and cultural development. This funding is paired with hands on support provided by Outback Arts. 2020 Projects may be delayed around the region although funding is confirmed and timelines are flexible for community delivery during this crisis period.

\$2000 - The OLD teaching the YOUNG craft skills, The Carinda Sewing Group; A series of small workshops where older women will teach younger one's creative skills. This project will bring the community together through conversations and sharing of skills.

\$5000 - Crafting Cobar: 150 years of our town, Cobar Shire Council; Workshops in different art and craft disciplines that will allow participants to develop new skills using the theme of Cobar's 150th anniversary in 2020. Participants will be invited to exhibit their completed work in an exhibition to celebrate 150 years of the town during our annual community festival in October.

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\$1990 - Metalsmithing in a mining town, Cobar Shire Council; Artist Skye Bragg will teach a series of workshops in jewellery making with found metal. Participants will be invited to exhibit their completed work in an exhibition to celebrate 150 years of the town during our annual community festival in October.

\$5420 - Hometown Workshops and Community Engagement: Since the Flood, Bogan Shire Council; Local artists will return to Nyngan to host a series of multi-discipline and community-focused art workshops with a focus on youth engagement, educating and reflecting on the 1990 flood. The work developed will be exhibited across empty shops fronts in the streets reinvigorating the rural community of Nyngan.

\$2500 - Fired Up, Coonamble Arts Alive Society Inc; A program of intermediate lessons in ceramics with a strong emphasis on developing an original personal style, delivered by experienced art teachers.

\$1500 - Burren Junction Hall Photography Show, Burren Junction Hall Committee; Burren Junction Hall Committee has worked hard to renovate their local town hall and are now ready to fill it with beautiful photographs celebrating their community and the environment they live and work in.

\$2500 - Pave the way to Gular Street Art Festival, Gulargambone Community Enterprises Co-operative; The first Pave the way to Gular Street Art Festival occurred in 2018 and expanded its success in 2019. With the assistance of this funding round, there will be even more public art and workshops to come in 2020, as well as a special event.

The Country Arts Support Program (CASP) is an annual small grants program administered by Outback Arts in partnership with Regional Arts NSW (RANSW), on behalf of Create NSW and is guided by the ACDP's three major objectives: A creative and vibrant NSW arts and cultural sector renowned for excellence and innovation (Quality). A State-wide engagement with diverse audiences and communities (Reach) and a resilient NSW arts and cultural sector (Health) and cultural activities. Congratulations to all the recipients!

PROJECT // OUR STORIES, OUR PLACES

Delivering on the aspirations of the Aboriginal community in the region, this project will use videography and animation to record stories, and cultural practices connected to the culturally significant sites in the region.

Traditionally Aboriginal people passed knowledge through songlines and story-telling, this project is a contemporary version of this tradition. The project will gather and document the stories to be exhibited in digital format and exhibition. Stories will be recorded in the seven LGA's of Bourke, Bogan, Brewarrina, Walgett, Warren, Cobar and Coonamble.

The completed films will be converted to augmented reality which will provide an interactive experience of a real-world environment, this will allow visitors to hear the stories and see them being told as if it were in real time. A travelling exhibition will launch the experience with the QR code which attendees can scan to join the experience. The filming will all take place on country at the various sites with the Elders and artists and will see them walking through and explaining the complex formations and their cultural importance and connection to their arts practice. Detailed community consultation is set to take place online and via phone communications to avoid community risks and adhere to travel warnings during this time.



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PROJECT //

WOMEN OUT FRONT

Sessions were conducted by Signal Creative over a total of 5 days in each community, 2-3 days of working with participants, and the remaining days installing exhibitions, local meet and greet, performance facilitation.

The programs and workshops delivered to students included:

WARREN, Dance and Movement, Costume Making and makeup concepts, Beatmaking for Beginners, Poetry, Event Planning, DJing for beginners, Q and A panel question writing and delivery.

WALGETT, Collective Scriptwriting for 'River Stories' performance, Fashion design and execution, Printmaking for textiles design and execution, Development and delivery of creative rationales for the exhibition, Intensive rehearsal, Singing, Drawing and collage.

The Women Out Front project is in its last of a three year program. Signal Creative will be visiting Warren and Walgett communities again when the COVID-19 restraints are lifted. In the meantime our teams are working closely together to find new ways of providing community engagement opportunities online during social isolation.



OPPORTUNITIES //

REGIONAL NSW NETWORK

The state network of Regional Arts Development Organisations have been in regular contact with all relevant state and federal arts bodies as the health crisis of Covid-19 grips the state. As the social restrictions continue to unfold, our staff are working hard to plan and implement innovative ways to support and connect regional artists through this difficult period. Of the first projects we roll out there are two focus points to consider the first is a small but physical/tangible craft activity we hope to announce in the coming weeks, the second is the online content creation relevant to our regional artists and community groups.

OPPORTUNITIES //

MAARI MA ART PRIZE

Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Health Corporation and West Darling Arts invited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists residing in the Far West region of NSW, to submit entries for the 2020 Maari Ma Indigenous Art Awards. This area included the Outback Arts communities of Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett, Coonamble and Cobar.

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the Indigenous prize with an increased prize pool of \$10,000 thanks to Maari Ma.

Outback Arts informed artists in the community of the opportunity and were able to assist three artists to enter the competition.

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COMMUNICATIONS //

GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Community members in the Outback Arts region are informed about all relevant grants, professional development and competition/exhibition opportunities available to them through our social media channels, monthly ART-E-FACTS newsletter, our website and through personal contact. Visit our website to subscribe and follow us on Facebook/Instagram @outbackarts. These avenues of communication are more important than ever during this time.

COMMUNICATIONS //

FORWARD FOCUS

Our website is under development with new features being installed all the time. It will be a particularly useful tool and support for the Outback Arts community as we navigate the current crisis together. It will contain information and resources, online exhibition viewing, training programs and project updates.

Regular email broadcasts will provide readers with a practical and positive "pick of the week".

Our social media channels have and will continue to provide bit sized information and engagement opportunities.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE //

EXHIBITIONS (SO FAR)

- WARBEHR

Warwick Behrens

Now showing in Coonamble, this exhibition of large-scale, colourful and expressive artworks looks right at home in the newly renovated gallery space. Warwick Behrens is a Mudgee artist and says that colours like people have personality. Some colours are totally wild and get up to all kinds of mischief, yet others like to sit back and talk with the adults over a cup of tea – that's why he likes colour. His approach to painting tends to favour seemingly wild brushwork and strident colours – a characteristic of the Fauvism movement from the early 1900s. Nature is usually Warwick's subject matter and this exhibition features eight larger than life animals.

On exhibition until 10th April 2020

- MARKERS

Sooty Welsh, Rainy King, Jamie-Lea, Nina Knox and Penny Evans
This collective of artists all came together in June 2019, through an Outback Arts Aboriginal Artist residency program. The artists were able to create clay pieces whilst yarning up and connecting with each other at the local Ceramics Studio. Some with more ceramics experience than others, the program highlight was not the clay techniques learnt but the cultural connection the artists were able to create in the process.

On exhibition until 15th May 2020



All exhibitions and physical activities are postponed until further notice. The gallery is closed, however these current exhibitions will be made available for viewing at www.outbackarts.com.au

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COVID-19 RESPONSE // CREATIVE QUARANTINE

Creative quarantine has been a campaign delivered across social media, our email channels and a column printed in local newspapers. It consists of a curated top picks list of three opportunities now made available due to COVID-19. The aim of this campaign was to provide positive news, easily accessible opportunities and skills development courses. It has achieved the original aims and more with greater engagement and extremely positive feedback from all communities.

COVID-19 RESPONSE // POM POM KITS

These free pom pom kits were made available at major supermarkets across the region. We received a huge positive response from both supermarket managers and community members. They were distributed at an ideal time as lock-down restrictions were coming into force and supermarkets were often understocked due to panic buying, making it a stressful environment. These packs highlighted the benefits of creative activity and the contribution the arts can make in times of crisis.

COVID-19 RESPONSE //

SUPPORT & CREATIVE COMMUNITY

There has been an absolutely overwhelming amount of information published in response to COVID-19. While being focused on supplying COVID-19 support to creatives in our region, the time has been invested into ensuring that what we publish is balanced.

Balanced by:

- The amount we publish so as to not contribute to screen fatigue
- Not always pushing our creatives to be super productive while they are trying to cope with uncertainty
- Provide information on courses and free opportunities to upskill if they'd like to
- Sharing the wide world of opportunities to engage with larger institutions that were unavailable prior to COVID-19
- Fun activities to just enjoy making, not worrying about the end result
- Activities for kids
- Highlighting the need to take care of our mental health during this time by directing our community to resources like Reach Out

The Outback Makers Facebook group has been a great place to engage with creatives in our region during this time. There have been some contributions of community members such as photography inspired by social distancing which has been great to see.

COVID-19 RESPONSE //

MICRO GRANTS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Outback Arts are offering quick response Micro Grants of up to \$1,000 for independent professional practising artists across all art forms, community groups and arts organisations to support their creative endeavours.

This grant is to support connection in the arts and recognise our region's artists. It is designed to assist in the continuation of locally determined community arts and cultural practice in uncertain times. The grant application process will be simple, straight forward and maintain a fast turnaround. Projects do not require a specific outcome but can focus on skills development or capacity-building, the objective is to support creative connection and recognise our region's artists.



Key dates:

Round One opens on Friday 29 May 2020

Applications close on Monday 8 June 2020

Successful recipients will be notified by Monday 15 June 2020

Projects can begin from Monday 22 June 2020, following completion of the agreement.

The expenditure needs to be completed by 30 September 2020

More information including eligibility and applications can be made via our website outbackarts.com.au

COVID-19 RESPONSE //

REGIONAL ARTS NSW NETWORK

As part of the state network of Regional Arts Development Organisations, our Executive Director has been in regular contact with all relevant state and federal arts bodies as the health crisis of COVID-19 has gripped the state. As the social restrictions ease and continue to change, our staff are working with all levels of cultural agencies to assist with how the recovery of the arts sector in NSW will take place.

Our projects will continue with flexible delivery plans, allowing programs and community to adapt to the changing restrictions and public safety precautions. Our organisation will continue to provide a stable platform for regional arts delivery and continue to provide sector communication through this time.

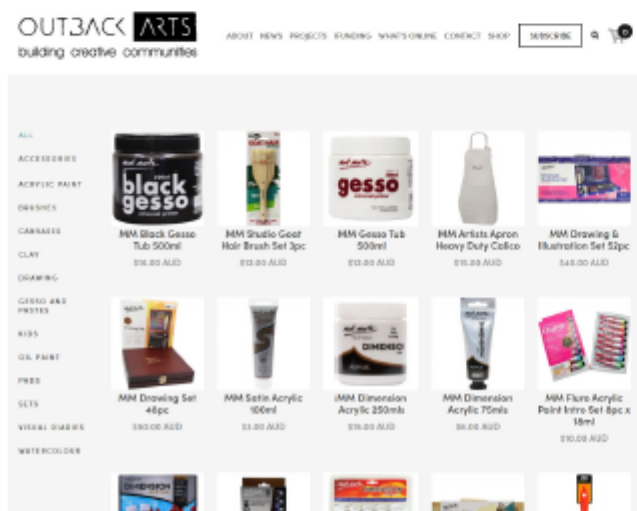
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COMMUNICATIONS //

WEBSITE

The Outback Arts website has served as the primary location for information and resources related to COVID-19. It has also provided a curated list of activities and opportunities for community members to take advantage of. On top of this, extensive development of the Outback Arts website has continued. Our website now features an online store making basic and affordable art supplies available throughout quarantine. Soon Artwork from our Gallery shop will be added, providing online sales opportunities for artists in our region.

CAPACITY BUILDING //

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CREATIVES

These will be a series of workshops delivered online and in-person in small groups, teaching artists simple and effective marketing strategies through social media that can lift their profile. It will also serve as an opportunity for artists to ask questions about social media platforms, website development and the options available to them.

CAPACITY BUILDING //

ONLINE RESOURCES

Outback Arts have been developing a host of simple, practical and informative resources that will benefit our community. The collection will soon be released on our website, with more topics to be added in time. Currently, the collection covers topics such as:

- How to write a media release
- How to promote your event
- How to design a poster
- How to write an artist bio
- A guide to funding and project development

EXHIBITIONS //

GALLERY & TOURING

Art4Ag

The 2019 exhibition has begun its tour around the region, beginning in Warren and now remaining at Brewarrina. Brewarrina Visitor Information & Exhibition Centre has not been able to display the exhibition at this stage due to COVID-19. All venues on the tour have been put on hold and will resume when possible.



Living Arts and Culture

Planning is underway for the exhibition to travel within the region when possible.

Outback Arts Gallery

All exhibitions from April through to July were postponed. As restrictions ease for Galleries and museums being able to open to the public from 1st June, plans are underway around the region for reopening of arts spaces.

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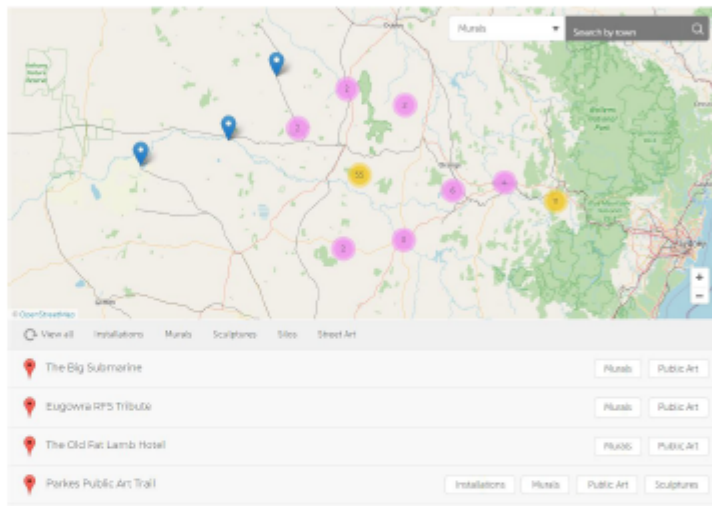
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Maps will cover

- Public Art
- Heritage
- Galleries
- Handmade
- Aboriginal Culture

Inclusion criteria

Public art: Sculpture, murals, street art, installations. Must be in public places. Including permanent, significant street art not commissioned or approved by anyone. We believe it is important to include artist credit and artwork details as per a gallery piece (year, materials) plus acknowledge who commissioned the works, where known.

Heritage: Museums, historic homes, key historic sites - open to the public at some points (including museums open by appointment)

Handmade: Places that exclusively or mainly sell items that have been handmade in the region. Volunteer ran and commercial. Places that have a physical

premise (not just online sales) and some opening hours or allow visitors by appointment. All art forms, artisan, crafts.

Galleries: Visual art galleries, both selling and exhibition venues. Places that have a physical premise (not just online).

Aboriginal culture: Galleries, publicly open cultural sites, education and meeting places. All items checked and followed up locally by our Aboriginal arts officer. Consultation, where appropriate, with venue managers or local custodians before publication.

PROJECTS //

10TH ANNUAL OUTBACK ARCHIES

Entires have just closed for our 10th Annual Outback Archies Art Prize and Exhibition. The Outback Archies grows in anticipation with each year, shining a light on the diverse and talented creatives in the region.

To celebrate this 10-year milestone, you may have noticed a couple of new features.

First, entries were accepted from not only from the Outback Arts region but also Warrumbungle and Gilgandra Shires, Moree Plains, Narrabri and the West Darling Arts region of Broken Hill City, Central Darling Shire and Wentworth Shire.

There was a category added to include young artists, dubbed the Young Outback Archies. Young people under the age of 15 years were able enter in their very own category with artworks of any medium.

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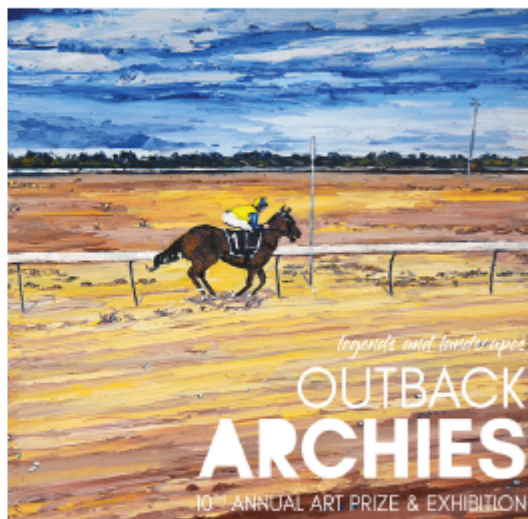


Image: 'Trotting over kangaroo ribs', Chris Kunko 2019 Pooling Room Prize

Dates for the calendar

- Exhibition 5th October to 13th November 2020
- Special opening event (if permitted)
Saturday, 10th October 2020

PROJECTS //

2 RIVERS PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Our partnership with 2 Rivers aims to develop and promote access for Aboriginal regional and remote artists, art workers and community to increase their skills, promote high-quality artistic outcomes and improve networks within the sector resulting in exhibitions and performances across the region engaging the wider community.

Cultivating Creative Communities will grow and support creative and cultural capacity by encouraging economic and social independence through activities and outcomes that evoke thought into sustainability, connection to country and self-determination.

2 Rivers will deliver 21 FREE creative workshops with professional artists including Buddy Know, Loren Ryan, Adele Chapman-Burgess, Avril Chapman and Vicky Duncan throughout our region. Additionally, the 2 Rivers team will facilitate a series of professional development programs such as grant writing, social media and art handling and installation workshops.

"Creating Digital Country" will focus on digitalising the services we offer face to face into the digital space through website capacity development to include new resources, tools and features for Aboriginal Artists in Regional NSW focused on creative practice and market place development in the digital space and podcast series that will be easily accessible.

COVID-19 RESPONSE // MICRO GRANTS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Outback Arts have delivered a Micro Grants program where practicing artists across all art forms, community groups and arts/ community organisations applied for amounts of up to \$1000.

The successful applicants and their projects were:

Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council (\$1000) will be delivering school holiday art workshops that will bring an art focus back into community and connect local artists and school children. The artworks created in these workshops will then be displayed as part of an art evening exhibition and sale.

Quambone Craft Ladies Group (\$1000) are enlisting the talents of Craft Tutors to come to their group to teach new craft skills and refine the existing skills of the group.

Due to COVID-19, the **Let's Dance Carinda Tribute Committee (\$1000)** aren't able to run their annual festival in 2020. In its place, the committee will use the Outback Arts Micro Grant to engage artist Chris Duffy to paint a festival theme mural.



Image: Participants at the Nyngan LALC School holiday workshop

Walgett Art Group (\$1000) will hold a workshop for their group to kick start their arts practice again after time apart during COVID-19 and will produce an exhibition of their work, celebrating a local artist and special friend who passed away.

Due to travel restrictions and risks, a postponed project by **John Murray Art Gallery (\$1000)** will be replaced with a locally-focused street art project in Lightning Ridge that will celebrate and involve the local community.

Wirringah Elders Aboriginal Corporation (\$800) are going to hold a Macramé Workshop at the Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Child and Family Centre. This workshop will not only be a way for the group to reconnect, but members will be encouraged to bring along a friend or family member.

Kayla Crawford (\$1000) will teach several mixed media art classes in Cobar with a focus on women having the opportunity to learn new creative skills and techniques.

Walgett Peg Cross Nursing Home (\$1000) will use the funds from their successful application to purchase art and crafts supplies for the residents as they cope with an extended period without visitors. Residents plan to enter their artwork in the Walgett Show scheduled for September 2020.

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Coonamble Arts Alive Inc (\$800) are planning to host a "Midwinter pARTy" for their members with several creative activities. Participants will spend a limited amount of time at each table, motivating the group and encouraging creative connection amongst members.

Silversmith artist Sky Bragg (\$750) has a well-established and highly sort after workshop program that she delivers around the Outback Arts region. Skye will use the funds she has been awarded to increase her teaching practice to accommodate more participants.

Stephanie Borowski (\$650) will undertake some very important artistic development involving an intensive pottery course where she will build her knowledge and refine her skills with the opportunity to share her development with others.



Image: Prepared photograph for Viki Murray's stencil art project in Lightning Ridge.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER // GALLERY SHOP

Sales through the Gallery Shop have been exceptional and far above expectations.

Artists who are regular stockists are unable to keep up with demand. There has been a transition into offering online artwork sales through our website. Sooty Welsh's exhibition 'Scared' is the first.

New artists are always being sourced to sell their artwork through the shop space. We would love your support in encouraging artists in your Shire to contact Outback Arts about selling their work.

Our impact:

Number of items sold YTD - 495

Artist payments YTD - \$12,180.40



PROJECTS //

CUPPA & YARN WITH WALTRAUD

For the first time in 6 years, Waltraud Reiner, otherwise known as "The Hat Lady", wasn't able to visit the region. Waltraud herself was sad to not be able to make the trip and invited women in the Outback Arts region to connect over a cup of tea and engage in a little demo of something arty in the hour together.



Waltraud has a fully equipped studio where she can connect with participants right across the country through specialised filming equipment.

Negotiations are underway to offer online art therapy classes in the Outback Arts region.

EXHIBITIONS //

TOURING & OUTBACK ARTS GALLERY

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Outback Arts Gallery

As restrictions have eased, it has been exciting to get our exhibition program back on track. Our first major show after reopening was the Annual Quilt Show by the Material Girls. Despite being a little low key this year without an opening event or workshops it was still a very successful exhibition. Now showing is 'Scarred' an exhibition of ceramic pieces by Wailwan artist Sooty Welsh. The exhibition has been well received with much anticipation by locals and travelers who have come to know Sooty's work.



ART4AG on exhibition at Walgett Library, taken by Cath Hiscox.

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2020 END NOTE // FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Thank the gods its summer break – time for a deep breath, Christmas, and some well earned recovery!

In an extraordinary year with many difficult challenges, our region has raced towards the next decade with awe-inspiring success; a great flow of tourists investing in our region, some decent rainfall, and significant grant and creative industry wins. We have survived and thrived being socially distanced from our city counterparts as we plan for a wonderful start to 2021 with a flurry of community activities. We really are lucky to live in the Outback.

Unfortunately not all has been smooth sailing in the arts industry with many of our project partners losing both productivity and funding this year, it was hard news that our State body Regional Arts NSW was also hit with a huge reduction in funding.

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Despite the variety of challenges faced though our regions communities can rejoice in some of the success stories like RAF Renewal \$60,000 grant funding to Aboriginal Regional Arts Alliance for creative and professional workshops delivered across three regional arts footprints, the RAF Projects \$30,000 grant to From Bourke With Love funding the continuation of the wonderful work Fiona Smith is doing with stories from the local youth through multimedia projects. Then there is the highly anticipated list of 2021 CASP projects expected any day now, and other announcements for special recovery projects, public artworks and festivals which are still filtering through the ministerial process.

And finally, to top it all off there are all the exciting plans underway following the announcement by the arts minister and Create NSW awarding each of the 14 RADOs (that's us!) additional one off sum of \$130,000 through their Restart Initiative. With a tight turn around for funds to be administered and filtered through the region we are working hard to use this unusual opportunity to best respond to public requests within our strategic direction to produce a positive creative recovery in 2021.

Take care, enjoy the summer silly season.
 Jamie-Lea Trindall
 Executive Director, Outback Arts

PROJECTS //

10TH ANNUAL OUTBACK ARCHIES

Despite a challenging year, the 10th Annual Outback Archies, was again a huge success from all angles.

We welcomed nearly seventy artists, who entered ninety-eight artworks from across sixteen shires. Visitors who came to view the exhibition were completely taken with beautiful showcase of regional artists and their stories.

A positive result of COVID-19 is that we have seen a hug increase in the number of tourists visiting parts of the Outback Arts region and stopping by the Gallery space in Coonamble. Many were so impressed with the artwork they saw, felt they needed to take a piece home with them. This has resulted in record sales through the exhibition.

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Image: Archie artists at the socially distanced opening event held 10 October 2020.

PROJECTS //

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Balame Ngunnhu is completed with a launch imminent. Our more recent project, 'Our Stories' has experienced some filming delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however project planning has not slowed and filming is set to take place early in the new year.

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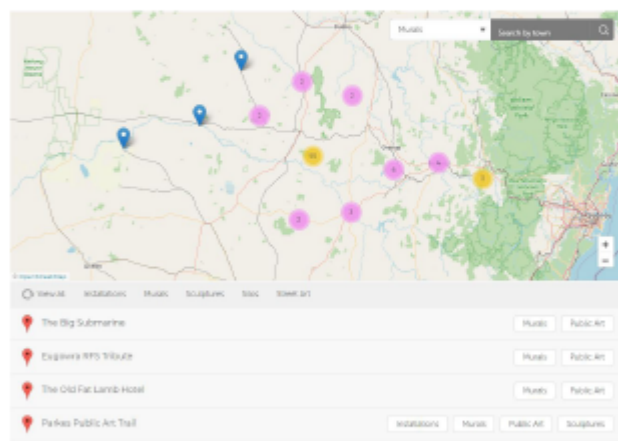
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Project plans are being made ready to get underway in 2021



ACTIVITIES //

WORKSHOPS & MENTORING WITH, BUDDY KNOX

As part of our partnership with 2 Rivers Pty Ltd, throughout September and October professional Blues Artist and mentor Buddy Knox took a trip out west visiting Bourke, Brewarrina, Coonamble and Lightning Ridge.

Even within a relatively short visit, Buddy had an incredibly positive impact on everyone that participated. Buddy took notice of everyone in the group helping them to learn something. For some, it was helping them see how much shame can hold you back and that they can and should be confident about whatever they want to do in life. We can't wait to work with Buddy again!

"Cultivating Creative Communities" is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW



ACTIVITIES //

MARAMA-LI CULTURAL ROAD TRIP

Creative sisters Adele and Avril are proud Ngarrabul/Gamilaraay/ Yuwaalaraay/Kooma women from the New England area, visited a total of nine towns to delivering creative workshops.

Adele and Avril create works based on their lives journey and use traditional mediums such as weaving, painting and possum skin cloaks as well as contemporary mediums including photography. Adele and Avril believe 'it is in their spiritual strength, learning more and seek more knowledge about our family connections to the places we visit.'

As part of the tour the sisters delivered Weaving workshops in Coonamble, Lightning Ridge and possum skin painting in Brewarrina.

ACTIVITIES //

COMING SOON

'Belt up' are a series of children's leather making workshops that will be held across the towns of Coonamble, Cobar, Bourke, Walgett and Brewarrina after very successful outcomes in Warren and Nyngan earlier in the year. Delivered by Rachael Fanning, she fosters a fun, relaxed atmosphere where the participants learn new skills and take home a belt they have crafted themselves.

Plans are being made to deliver a number of other creative workshops around the region such as resin art to be delivered in Bourke and Bewarrina.

GALLERY SHOP// MARKERS MARKET

The Makers Market is a special campaign that promotes Outback Arts as a non-profit organisation, prioritising social impact, as well as introducing followers on our digital channels to our artists and their hand-made, one-of-a-kind pieces.

The marketing plan includes a daily post leading into Christmas, providing a great gift option and introducing the artist/makers behind the product. There is also a carefully curated selection of pieces displayed on the Outback Arts website as an online store.

GALLERY SHOP// IMPACT

A very welcome positive outcome of COVID-19 has been a record number of tourists visiting the region.

Our Impact:
Number of items sold YTD - 1,159
Artist payments YTD - \$28,393

Five new artists have begun selling their work to the gallery shop and we are always searching for more from across the region. We would love your support in encouraging artists in your Shire to contact Outback Arts about selling their work.



OPERATIONS & STATE ADVOCACY// RESTART INITIATIVE

Minister Harwin has announced awarding each of the 14 RADOs an additional, one off sum of \$130,000 through their Restart Initiative, an exciting and unusual prospect, with a tight time frame for expenditure and focus on getting funds into the economy has increased the workload for this period of the year. We look forward to making several announcements early in 2021.

OPERATIONS & STATE ADVOCACY// CREATE NSW STAGE 1 REVIEW

RADO Review Process has heightened in activity over this period with regular weekly zoom meetings for both our Chair Kylie Harvey and Executive Director Jamie-Lea Trindall, to discuss all aspects and functions that Regional Arts NSW plays in the network. The first stage of the review is focused on funding allocations and RANSW roles.

The results from stage one are:

- 1. Core increase**
Create NSW have confirmed that our funding for 2021 will be rolled over with an additional \$28,000 per annum going forward. Strategic plans and applications will be scheduled for submission early 2021, instead of the triennial funding agreement our core funding has been secured for the next 4 years.
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EXHIBITIONS //
OUTBACK ARTS GALLERY

Following the very successful sales exhibition by 'Scarred' by Sooty Welsh, the Outback Archies exhibition was on show taking over the entire space, until 13th November.

'Unprecedented' by Prue Cullen

Now showing until 5th February

'Unprecedented' is born out of processing grief, both personally and for the environment as Prue watches with despair at the ongoing destruction humans are inflicting on the planet. Using ceramic creations to present images of our natural world through a lens of childlike reverence. Prue's sculptural pieces of birds and animals, depict them as modern saints, set within ornate shrines.

'Eye of the Corvus' by Kim Goldsmith

Now showing until 5th February

Eye of the Corvus is a digital media exhibition that explores the landscapes and connections regional New South Wales and remote areas of Iceland from the perspective of another species. Ravens and crows are known collectively as Corvidae's. This exhibition is a rare opportunity to view the world through an entirely different lens.

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PROJECTS //

THE EDGE FEST

The EDGE Fest, Lightning Ridge: This extensive festival program is being put together by a small group of passionate creatives - from across Australia - with a desire to provide many and varied opportunities for creative, cultural and healing experiences in Lightning Ridge. Involving the curation of a collection of incredible EDGEy experiences from the 20th March - 2nd May 2021 in Lightning Ridge. The program not only brings major contributors from across Australia but also encourage local creatives an community to get involved. Outback Arts has provided funding support and will attend key events in the calendar as well up support through our communication channels. Stay tuned to our social media and website.



PROJECTS //

OUTBACK OUTLOUD

Outback Outloud, is an audio storytelling project involving workshops and a community story booth designed to collect stories from and about people in the Outback Arts region. Proudly designed and facilitated by Signal Creative, this project encourages full community participation and accessible events where people share their stories. The program in each Shire involves workshops where participants bring along their smartphone or use one of the iPads supplied to learn to interview and record sound. There will also be a Story Booth component where community members have their story recorded or that of a family member or friend. Tour one dates, 22nd to 31st March.

PROJECTS //

CREATION AND PRESENTATION GRANTS

This Micro Grant funding round will be inviting artists from the Outback Arts region with a well-established visual arts practice to apply for support to produce and present their artwork ready for exhibition. The follow-up opportunities for applicants may involve a solo exhibition at the Outback Arts gallery located in Coonamble and touring shows across the Outback Arts seven Local Government Areas. Round opens, 12 April 2021.



ACTIVITY //

FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS

The Festival of Small Halls takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists and sends them on the road to tiny halls in communities all over Australia. It is an opportunity for music lovers from welcoming communities to invite artists from home and abroad into their towns, and a way of exploring this vast country in the spirit of hospitality and great fun. This project will bring together local communities and provide the opportunity for local musicians to be involved and experience excellent professional development.

Nymagee: Wednesday, April 28
 Marthaguy: Thursday, April 29
 Burren Junction: Friday, April 30
 Ticketing link available on our website, social media channels and more.

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ACTIVITY // COMEDY TOUR

Aboriginal Comedian Dane Simpson has a major performance history, with sold-out shows and rave reviews - we cannot wait to bring him out to the Outback! With family ties to Walgett, it's going to be extra special bringing him out this way.

Not only will it be great to get together and have a good laugh but this tour will also provide support for the local economy through the use of local performance venues. Dates to be announced.



ACTIVITY // PUPPETRY TOUR

Jenny Ellis is an accomplished puppeteer who will be touring 7 communities in the Outback Arts region this month. Targeted towards children 3-10 years, the tour will include workshops and performances and will be delivered in preschools, primary schools, childcare centres, local Bowling Clubs and Youth Centres.

The performance 'Little Bit of Blue' is an interactive detective show for families, told with puppetry. As well as helping to unravel a mystery, the audience will learn about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Satin Bowerbird, and why they are so fascinated by the colour blue.

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ACTIVITIES//

CULTURAL TOURISM WORKSHOP TOUR

Cultural Tourism is one of the fastest growing opportunities for Regional and Remote communities, through this days' workshop participants were provided tailored advice and information to support them in developing and promoting their Cultural Tourism concept taking it from an idea into a ready to roll business. Attendees finished the workshop with a 1 page business plan, resources and support to take your business the next step.

Those who attended the workshop or expressed their interest will benefit from seven Zoom sessions covering specific topics of:

1. Identify, understand and define your Cultural Tourism Product
2. Networks and Support (including funding bodies etc)
3. Market Research
4. Business Structure
5. Pricing, Finances and Budgeting
6. Operational Systems
7. Marketing



ACTIVITIES //

BELT UP, KIDS LEATHER WORKSHOPS

'Belt up' were a series of children's leather making workshops in January and February that were scheduled to be held across the towns of Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Nyngan and Walgett and after the very successful outcomes of the same workshop being held in Warren early last year. Delivered by Rachael Fanning, she fosters a fun, relaxed atmosphere where the participants learn new skills and take home a belt they have crafted themselves.

A total of 65 children participated in the workshop tour. Parents were consistently impressed with the quality of the product their kids had created. To fund these workshops Outback Arts is now a registered Creative Kids provider which enabled most participants to attend for free. Community consultation, advertising and booking management was managed for all locations.

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PROJECTS //

OUR STORIES & BAIAME NGUNNHU

After conducting the Living Arts & Culture portfolio project in 2018-2019 which profiled 33 Aboriginal artists across the region, Outback Arts sought funding to build on that work and create more in-depth content to share the stories of arts, and the artists of the region.

Aboriginal artists will be offered the chance to participate in 'Our Stories', one from each of the six Local Government Areas of Bourke, Bogan, Walgett, Warren, Cobar and Coonamble. - Outback Arts note that some artists will be connected across LGA boundaries & Brewarrina films have already been completed. The project will engage videographer - Andrew Hull to work with the artists to create a short film, unique to each of the artists.

The films will draw on three key themes - "Landscape, Culture, and Art" and each artist will be able to showcase their own practice as it relates to these themes.

The six films made during this project will be featured on the Outback Arts website and distributed through social media platforms. The featured artist is free to share and distribute the final films on any online publishing or social media, and/or to play or display in any way they see fit. No film, images or content of any kind can be made public or viewed publicly until the featured artist has fully consented.



EXHIBITIONS //

TOURING

Outback Archies On Tour: is a selection of specially curated artworks drawn from Outback Arts' 10th Annual Art Prize held in 2020. It contains many of the major prize winners and judges' favorites. This exhibition showcases artwork by 20 artists, including our first ever Young Archies. These artists have come together from the far-flung corners of regional NSW, stretching from Bourke and as far as Broken Hill.



Visiting nine venues for between just 2-3 weeks in each location, it is a fast paced tour wrapping up just in time for the 2021 project to begin. To ensure the artwork are transported as safely as possible, all exhibition installations and de-installs are being carried out by Outback Arts staff.



EXHIBITIONS // OUTBACK ARTS GALLERY

Now showing: 'Unprecedented' by Prue Cullen

'Unprecedented' is born out of processing grief, both personally and for the environment as Prue watches with despair at the ongoing destruction humans are inflicting on the planet. Using ceramic creations to present images of our natural world through a lens of childlike reverence. Prue's sculptural pieces of birds and animals, depict them as modern saints, set within ornate shrines.

Now showing: Coonamble Shire, Local Waste 2 Art

Brought to you once again by Netwaste, Coonamble Shire Council and hosted by Outback Arts, this exhibition and competition provides aspiring and professional artists with the opportunity to explore and share their waste reduction messages whilst showcasing their artistic ability. The 2021 theme is Aluminum and Steel Cans, but entries created using any type of material normally considered waste were encouraged to enter.

EXHIBITIONS // OUTBACK ARTIST IN THE CITY

Jude Fleming 'Paper Cut':

Outback Arts have the pleasure of working with Curators from Campbelltown Arts Centre each year, as they contribute to the judging of the Outback Archies Annual Art Prize. As a result, Warren Artist, Jude Fleming was offered the opportunity to hold a solo exhibition at the Campbelltown Arts Centre.

'Papercut' will be on exhibition from this Saturday 27 March - Sunday 18 April 2021

Jude Fleming is a mixed-media artist whose work explores the natural landscape using acrylic paint, collage and found objects, sculpture, drawing and artist books. Fleming's work is informed by her experience of moving between and residing in the Australian bush. Her work aims to convey a direct and emotional response to landscape, peppered with personal memories.

Jude, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, majoring in Painting from the National Art School, Sydney and has participated actively in the arts for more than 20 years.

Outback Arts are so proud to have such a profound artist representing our region!

EXHIBITIONS // OUTBACK ARTS GALLERY

Coming soon: 'Art 4 Ageing',

Presented by Department of Communities and Justice, Art of Ageing photographic exhibition is an initiative under the NSW Ageing Strategy 2016-2020 to demonstrate the diversity and contributions of older people in NSW. Art of Ageing 2020 exhibition will tour to 45 sites across NSW.

2 EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operation of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities and statistics of the operation of the Bogan Shire Early Learning Centre.

2.2 Discussion

Statistics

- Total children enrolled as at 9/06/2021: 84
- Total children scheduled to attend for the week ending 11/06/2021: 54

Usage Capacity

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Ave.
July 20	58%	71%	66%	65%	65%	64%
August 20	56%	66%	62%	61%	60%	61%
September 20	61%	66%	67%	71%	71%	67%
October 20	55%	72%	71%	70%	73%	69%
November 20	62%	69%	65%	72%	68%	67%
December 20	60%	66%	64%	68%	65%	65%
January 21	60%	55%	44%	62%	57%	56%
February 21	65%	63%	58%	63%	59%	61%
March 21	69%	68%	61%	62%	66%	65%
April 21	66%	66%	65%	64%	66%	65%
May 21	71%	65%	63%	62%	65%	65%
June 21 (until 11/06/21)	72%	61%	66%	63%	63%	64%

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is still present, however this financial year it has had little effect on the operations of the Early Learning Centre. At this stage the current health advice is that services should continue to remain open unless otherwise directed, with risk mitigation measures in place. Services are encouraged to display a COVID-19 poster as a reminder to families and staff to minimise the risks.

All necessary measures have been put in place at the Early Learning Centre to address COVID-19 safety directives and requirements and staff have been in regular communication with parents about any changes or additional procedures that need to be followed.

EASTER

During the last school holidays, staff and children celebrated Easter. Educators programmed for this culturally significant event, providing an opportunity for children to be involved through many art and craft experiences. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Orders and subsequent restrictions on public gatherings, the Community Easter Party and Easter Hat Parade, which are traditionally enjoyed by the ELC children, had to be cancelled. The Early Learning Centre arranged an Easter egg hunt around the outdoor environment which was greatly enjoyed by all children.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Orders and subsequent restrictions on movement, non-essential travel and social gatherings, the Early Learning Centre has not been able to access the community as readily as under normal conditions, but educators have adapted to the new circumstances, connecting with families via the online platform, Storypark to share educational content and support families. Regular check-in phone calls also proved effective in maintaining relationships with families.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Early Learning Centre report be received and noted.

3 SECTION 355 COMMITTEE – NYNGAN MUSEUM

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council the establishment of a constitution and associated delegations to formalise the Nyngan Museum Committee as a Section 355 Management Committee of Council.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council the establishment of a constitution and associated delegations to formalise the Nyngan Museum Committee as a Section 355 Management Committee of Council.

3.2 Background

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

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

3.3 Discussion

Although the Nyngan Museum Committee works closely with Council, no formal constitution or delegations from Council to the Committee can be located.

It is important to clearly establish respective roles and responsibilities for Section 355 community committees and Council. This is both to avoid confusion in day to day operations and, more importantly perhaps, to clearly set out responsibilities for insurance and legal matters. To achieve this Council needs to formally delegate certain responsibilities to the Committees and to have Committee constitutions that align with these.

It is proposed to begin a process of engagement with the Nyngan Museum Committee to develop a constitution and delegations which will be presented to Council at a future meeting.



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Council also needs to consider the approach from the Committee which was included in the precis of last month's business paper to provide a percentage of entrance fee takings to provide cash for purchase of consumables and small maintenance items. A copy of this request is attached.

In response to this request it is recommended that, once the new delegations are in place, the Museum Committee receives an annual budget allocation within Council's operating budget to make provision for these purchases which can be managed by them. Until such time as the delegations are approved by Council a nominal budget amount for these purchases of, say \$1,000, could be provided with expenditure administered by Council staff. This allocation could be reconsidered at the first budget review in 2021/22.

3.4 Attachment

Nyngan Museum Committee request for funding

3.5 Recommendation

1. That the General Manager proceed with discussions to formalise a constitution and associated delegations for Nyngan Museum Committee as a Section 355 Management Committee of Council with a further report to Council.
2. That a budget of \$1,000 be provided for the purchase of museum consumables and small maintenance items in the 2021/22 Operating Budget pending further consideration at the first budget review in 2021/22.

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 MAY 2021

Summary:-

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

At the 31st May 2021 Council had \$15.8 million invested. There has been an increase of \$1 million due to 4th quarter Financial Assistance Grant being received, Transport for NSW Ordered Works claims being paid and ratepayers payment of the 4th quarter rate instalment due on 31st May.

1.1 Introduction

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

1.2 Background

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

1.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for May 2021 is shown below. At the 31st May 2021 Council had \$15.8 million invested. There has been an increase of \$1 million due to 4th quarter Financial Assistance Grant being received, Transport for NSW ordered works claims being paid and ratepayers paying the 4th quarter rate instalment due on 31st May.

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

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Investment Movements for May 2021

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

Bogan Shire - Investment movements						
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal Apr21	Bal May 21
37908808	Commonwealth	02/03/2022	365	0.440%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.500%	12,000,684.55	13,000,857.91
	Balance securities held				14,800,684.55	15,800,857.91
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				14,800,684.55	15,800,857.91
	Summary by institution					
	Commonwealth				2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
	NAB				12,000,684.55	13,000,857.91
					14,800,684.55	15,800,857.91

1.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report be received and noted.

2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

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

Total arrears have decreased from \$1,039,253 as at the 31st May 2020 to \$972,281 as at 31st May this year.

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31st May, 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	510,090	330,076
First Instalment in arrears as at 31/05/2021	2,983	9,170
Second Instalment in arrears as at 31/05/2021	93,107	99,482
Third Instalment in arrears as at 31/05/2021	116,291	105,741
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 31/05/2021	249,810	494,784
Total Arrears	972,281	1,039,253
Total Outstanding	972,281	1,039,253
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,046,697	5,510,223
Add: Adjustments	21,485	45,442
Less: Payments to end of May	-5,013,370	-4,438,594
Less: Rebates	-82,531	-80,847
Add: Postponed	0	3029
Gross Total Balance	972,281	1,039,253
Arrears of total amount levied %	16%	18%

Total arrears have decreased from \$1,039,253 at the 31st May 2020 to 972,281 as at 31st May this year.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,512,000

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



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As at the 31st May 2021 Council had collected \$574,776 more than at the same time last year, an additional \$63,030 had been collected at the time of writing this report.

0.2% of rates were unpaid on the first instalment.

6.1% of rates were unpaid on the second instalment.

7.69% of rates were unpaid on the third instalment.

2.3 Recommendation

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

3 ADOPTION OF THE 2021/2022 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET

Summary:-

The report is to present the draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.

At the time of writing, no public submissions relating the Operating Plan and Budget had been received.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Budget for adoption.

3.2 Background

The legislative requirements for Council's Operational Plan and Budget are set out in Section 405 of the Local Government Act and may be summarised as follows:

- Council must have an operational plan in place, adopted before the beginning of each financial year, outlining the activities to be undertaken by Council during that year, as part of the delivery program.
- The operational plan must include a statement of Council's Revenue Policy for the year covered by the operational plan.
- Council must prepare a draft operational plan and give public notice of the draft indicating that submissions may be made to the council at any time during the period (not less than 28 days) that the draft is to be on public exhibition. The council must publicly exhibit the draft operational plan in accordance with the notice.
- In deciding on the final operational plan to be adopted, Council must consider any submissions that have been made concerning the draft plan.

3.3 Discussion

Council approved the draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan and Budget for public exhibition at an Extraordinary Meeting on 29 April 2021. The exhibition period closed on 3 June 2021.

3.3.1 Public Submissions

At the time of writing, no public submissions relating the Operational Plan and Budget had been received.

3.3.2 Current Year Deficit

Council's draft budget indicated a 2021/2022 deficit of \$439,290 in the General Fund which has been offset by a transfer from previous years accumulated cash reserves to produce a balanced budget for the year.

3.3.3 Fees and Charges

Since the Operational Plan and Budget was put on exhibition there have been the following amendments to the following fees and charges;

- Library charges on page 100 have been updated in line with the North Western Library Fees and Charges that Council have been charging.
- There have also been some minor changes to the wording in the Waste Management charges from pages 102 to 108 to assist with clarification and some duplicates in this area have been deleted.
- A new "Casual Day" fee of \$50.00 applicable for the Bogan Bush Mobile sessions has been recommended.
- The following "Facility Fee" be introduced for the Bogan Shire Medical Centre to cover the cost of overheads (such as dressings and nurse's time) for minor procedures. These are not recoverable from Medicare:
 - o Level 1 - \$25 (e.g. skin biopsy for one lesion, cryotherapy to skin cancer/skin lesion, liquid nitrogen to treat wart (foot/hand), Implanon removal)
 - o Level 2 - \$45 (e.g. skin biopsy two to three lesions, Ingrown toenail removal, Implanon insertion)
 - o Level 3 - \$75 (e.g. mirena insertion)

3.4 Recommendation

That following consideration of the submissions and any amendments, the 2021/2022 Draft Operational Plan and Budget be adopted.

4 MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2021/2022.

Summary:-

The report is to make the Rates and Charges for 2021/2022. Proposed Rates and Charges for 2021/2022 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 29 April 2021. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 6th May – 3rd June 2021. Rates and Charges as listed in the Draft Operational Plan for 2021/2022 are listed below.

4.1 Introduction

Following Council's compliance with sections 404,405 and 406 relating to the public display of the draft Operational Plan for 2021/2022 financial year, Council must now make the following rates and charges for the 2021/2022 financial year in accordance with sections 494,533,534,535 and 543 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

4.2 Background

Proposed Rates and Charges for 2021/2022 were included in the Draft Operational Plan and Budget approved by Council at its meeting on 29th April 2021. The Draft Operational Plan was on public display and advertised from 6th May – 3rd June 2021.

Rates and Charges are the primary source of revenue for Council. Such revenue is critical for funding operational expenditure used for service delivery to the community in addition to the funding of the maintenance and renewal of Council's Infrastructure assets.

The Local Government Act requires that the Rates and Charges be made by Resolution of Council, after adoption of the Draft Operational Plan, pursuant to Sections 534 and 535 of the Local Government Act 1993.

4.3 Recommendation

1. That Council authorise the General Manager to prepare and serve the rate notices or in his absence they may be served by the Revenue Accountant.
2. That pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1993, Council hereby resolves to make the ordinary rates for the 2021/2022 period as laid out below.
3. That Council applies the maximum allowable interest rate in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993. Council has been notified for the 2021/22 year the interest rate will be 6.0%.

Making of Rates and Charges

1. General Rates

Farmland Rate

Farmland rate (to apply to all land categorised as Farmland within Bogan Shire Council) of 0.00339310 cents in dollar having a minimum rate of \$269.00 yielding a total income of approximately \$1,840269.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential Urban Rate

Residential Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential Nyngan within Bogan Shire Council) of .01015700 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$280.00, applied to Land Value of \$22187318 yielding a total income of approximately \$293569.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential Rural

Residential Rural Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential Rural within Bogan Shire Council) of .00455400 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$169.00, applied to Land Value of \$2126300 yielding a total income of approximately \$9683.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential

Residential Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential within Bogan Shire Council) of .00689010 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$169.00, applied to Land Value of \$636100, yielding a total income of approximately \$4,707.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small Villages – Hermidale

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Hermidale) of .0058380 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$265000, yielding a total income of approximately \$8,225.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small Villages – Girilambone

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Girilambone) of .0049001 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$189600, yielding a total income of approximately \$9082.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Residential – Small – Villages – Coolabah

Residential – Small Villages Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Residential – Small Villages - Coolabah within Bogan Shire Council) of .0326390 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$171.00, applied to Land Value of \$58633, yielding a total income of approximately \$4,627.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business

Business Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Business within Bogan Shire Council) of .00508704 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$313.00, applied to Land Value of \$1869530, yielding a total income of approximately \$20085.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Nyngan

Business Nyngan Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Urban within Bogan Shire Council) of .04987250 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$313.00, applied to Land Value of \$4409542, yielding a total income of \$225938.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Villages – Hermidale

Business Hermidale Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Hermidale within Bogan Shire Council) of .00956740 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$174.00, applied to Land Value of \$ 50400, yielding a total income of approximately \$2,267.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Villages – Girilambone

Business Girilambone Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Girilambone within Bogan Shire Council) of .0008294 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$174.00, applied to Land Value of \$ 42500, yielding a total income of approximately \$1,047.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Villages – Coolabah

Business Coolabah Rate (to apply to all land sub - categorised as Business Village – Coolabah within Bogan Shire Council) of .0357352 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$174.00, applied to Land Value of \$11700, yielding a total income of approximately \$880.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Business – Unknown

Business Unknown Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Business Unknown within Bogan Shire Council) of .0000011 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$2.00, applied to Land Value of \$58989, yielding a total income of approximately \$114.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

Mining

Mining Rate (to apply to all land categorised as Mining within Bogan Shire Council) of .1022929 cents in the dollar having a minimum rate of \$393.00, applied to Land Value of \$6895000 yielding a total income of approximately \$691,480.00 in compliance with Council's allowable Notional Income.

2. Water Supply and Annual and User Charges:

- (i) Water Supply charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to Sections 501 and 539(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Water Supply Charges for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as set out below.
- (ii) A Water Access Charge shall be made and levied based upon the size, volume factor and number of water services connected to an individual assessment.

Service Size	Volume Factor	Water Access Charge 2021/2022
20mm	1.00	\$603
25mm	1.56	\$970
32mm	2.56	\$1,592
40mm	4.00	\$2,489
50mm	6.25	\$3,891
100mm	25.00	\$15,558
20 CSO	1.00	\$161
Meter Reading Charge for Connections with nil reads up to 10kl consumption	\$22.95 per reading period.	\$91.80

- (iii) Other Rateable Water Charges shall be made and levied on non-metered properties in the locations described.

Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2021/2022
Hermidale – Raw Water Access	\$712
Girilambone – Raw Water Access	\$490
Coolabah – Raw Water Access	\$490
Nyngan – Raw Water Access	\$490

- (iv) Other Non-Rateable Water Charges shall be made and levied on non-metered properties in the locations described.

Non-Rateable Water Charge	Charge 2021/2022
Girilambone	\$491
Hermidale	\$712

- (v) Other Water Charges shall be made and levied on properties as appropriate, being:

Water Charge	Charge 2021/2022
Albert Priest Channel - Access	\$25.98 per ML allocation
Albert Priest Channel - Usage	\$41.10 per ML of usage

- (vi) Water Consumption Charges: That Council, pursuant to Sections 502, 539 and 540 of the Local Government Act, make and levy Water Consumption Charges, based on the appropriate tariff charge per measure, or estimate of measure, as shown in the table below, during 2021/2022, being for Reading Cycle Periods 1, 2, 3 and 4

Charge for treated Water for 2021/22 per kl shown	Charge for Other (Raw) Water for 2021/2022 per kl shown
\$2.05/kl	\$0.68/kl

3. Sewer Supply Annual and User Charges

- i) Sewer Supply Charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Annual Sewer Access Charges for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as set out below.
- ii) Residential Sewerage Annual Charge *will be made and levied on all residential properties which have sewer supply available to it.*

Residential Sewer Access Charge	Charge 2021/2022
Residential	\$425 per meter
Residential Flat Sewer	\$415 per flat
Residential Vacant	\$540 per meter

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iii) Non-Residential Sewerage Access Charge will be made and levied on all non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it.

Service Charge Type			Water Service Size	Discharge Factor	Annual Access Sewer Charge 2021/2022
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	10%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	10%	\$648
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	10%	\$1013
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	10%	\$4050
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	30%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	30%	\$648
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	30%	\$1,013
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	30%	\$4,050
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20/25mm	50%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	50%	\$1,688
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	20mm	90%	\$540
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	25mm	90%	\$759
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	40mm	90%	\$1,944
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	50mm	90%	\$3,038
Non-Residential Charge	Sewer	Access	100mm	90%	\$12,150
Effluent Disposal Charge					\$333

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- iv) Sewer Usage Charges: That Council, pursuant to Sections 502, 539 and 540 of the Local Government Act, make and levy Sewer Usage Charges as detailed below.
- v) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **rateable** non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right) \text{ Access Charge}$$

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$1.96

- vi) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **non-rateable** non-residential properties which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right) \text{ Access Charge}$$

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$2.07

- vii) Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charges will be made and levied on all **multi-use** properties which have sewer supply available to it, under best practice guidelines, and will be charged on a quarterly basis in accordance with the following pricing structure:

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$$B = SDF \times (AC + C \times UC)$$

Where, B = Sewerage charge non residential

SDF = Sewerage Discharge factor**

$$AC = \left(\frac{AC_{20} \times D^2}{400} \right) \text{ Access Charge}$$

D = Water Supply Service Connection Size

C = Annual Water Consumption

UC = Usage Charge \$2.07

*****And that Sewerage Discharge Factors in each of the above be applied according to the following table:***

Discharger	Discharge Factor	Discharger	Discharge Factor
Aged Care Facility	.90	Medical Centres	.90
Bakery	.90	Mixed Business	.90
Caravan Parks	.50	Home Based Small	.50
Church's	.90	Motel	.90
RSL Club	.90	Motor Repairers	.90
Bowling Club	.10	Multiple Units	.90
Golf Club	.10	Nurseries	.10
Cottage Industry	.50	Office Based	.90
Butchers	.90	Other (default category)	.90
Dental Surgery	.90	Parks & Gardens	.10
Doctor	.90	Panel Beater	.90
Engineering Services	.90	Public Amenities	1.0
Hardware Store	.90	Restaurant	.90
Hospital	.50	Schools, Pre-Schools	.30
Florist	.50	Service Stations	.90
Guest House	.90	Supermarkets	.90
Halls	.90	Swimming Pool Complex	.50

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Hairdressers	.90	Takeaway Shop	.90
Hotel/Tavern	.90	Utility Services	.90
Laundromat	.90	Veterinary Clinic	.90
Library	.90		

4. Waste Management Charges

- i) Domestic Waste Management Charges and Recycling Charges: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 496, 502, and 504 of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Domestic Waste and Recycling Charges upon each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available, for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, as set out below.

Service Charge Type	Charge 2021/2022
Domestic Waste Management Collection Charge	\$366
Domestic Waste Collection Other	\$244
Domestic Waste Management Additional Collection Charge	\$129
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Charge	\$145
Domestic Kerb Side Recycling Additional Bin Charge	\$74

- (ii) Waste Management Charges – Other: That Council, in accordance with Section 535, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 and 502, of the Local Government Act 1993, hereby makes the following Waste Charges upon each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available, for the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, as set out below:

Service Charge Type	Charge 2021/2022
Business Waste Management - Collection Charge	\$244
Business Waste Management – Additional Collection Charge	\$129
Waste Management - Depot Charges Nyngan	\$348

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Waste Management - Depot Charges Business	\$348
Business Waste Recycling Collection Charge	\$145
Business Waste Additional Recycling Collection Charge	\$74

5. Trade Waste Charges: That Council adopt the Trade Waste Charges for 2021/22 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021/22.

6. Fees and Charges: That Council adopt the Fees and Charges for 2021/2022 as advertised in the draft Operational Plan and Budget 2021/2022 (Fees and Charges) with additional changes as reported.

7. Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges: That Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, make the interest rate, to be charged on overdue rates, charges and arrears, for the period 1 July 2021 to 30th June 2022 at 6.0% per annum on a daily basis.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Director Finance and Corporate Services

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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 17th May 2021, to 11th June 2021 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
9	Glengarriff Road	Grading to repair flood damage completed.
10	Pangee Road	Maintenance grading completed.
10	Pangee Road	Resheeting completed.
17	Booramugga Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
44	Koomanganong Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
16	Yarrandale Road	Shoulder Grading continuing.
92	Colane Road	Resheeting completed.
8	Bobadah Road	Grading to repair flood damage completed.
82	Pepper Lane	Resheeting commenced.
22	Moonagee Road	Resheeting commenced.

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No.	Name	Comments
	Regional Roads	
228	Hermidale Nymagee Road	Shoulder grading commenced.
7514	Cockies Road	2km of construction completed.
57	Tottenham Road	2km of construction commenced.
7514	Cockies Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Pothole patching continuing.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Slashing completed.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Slashing completed.
MR70	Arthur Hall VC Way	Slashing completed.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulla Road rehabilitation continuing.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Tree Trimming continuing.

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

- Town Streets
- Mitchell Highway
- Colane Road
- Hermidale Nymagee Road
- Buckinguy Road
- Barrier Highway

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

- Commencing, or continuing maintenance grading, re-sheeting, or flood damage repairs of the following roads:- Coffil's Lane, Cockies Road, Cobar Condobolin Road, Moonagee Road, Pepper Lane, Yarrandale Road, Pangee Road, and Colane Road.
- Completing the 3.6km of the Mulla Road rehabilitation of the Mitchell Highway.
- Completing 2km of rehabilitation on Tottenham Road.
- Completing tree trimming on the Barrier Highway.

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1.2 Works and Services

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

Civil Works

- Completed installation of toilet block upper weir improvements
- Carried out vermin control council buildings (ongoing)
- Carried out maintenance on drainage & gutters Dandaloo St
- Installed footpath No 3 oval (contractors)
- Installed new long jump pit Larkin oval (contractors)
- Painting carried out on pump station Larkin Oval
- Continued tree maintenance in town streets
- Assisting in Girilambone railway station restoration
- Assisted in aeration fountain installation Rotary Park
- Prepared site for new shelter at Frank Smith Oval

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.
- Removal of fallen tree 169 Pangee St
- Commenced preparation for painting toilets in Davidson Park
- Assist in moving old play equipment from Hermidale park
- Spraying of all ovals & parks for clover
- Assisting in Upper & Lower Weir projects

Water & Wastewater

- Carrying out water mains extension at Dandaloo & Pangee St intersection
- Weeds spraying carried out APC
- Carried out quarterly water meter reads
- Replaced sewer connection in Wambiana Lane
- Repairs carried out on Coolabah water mains
- Flushing of mains carried out at various locations in town streets (ongoing)



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The new Bogan River Fountain has been set on a timer to operate between the hours of 7.00am – 9.00am in the morning and 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the evening. Council may wish to consider extending these hours, bearing in mind electricity costs, as queries have been received from the public regarding the operating hours.

Attached is a draft list of proposed capital road works for 2021/22 together with a map showing location of works. This list is subject to change during the year depending on relative priorities as they arise and outcome of storm-damage repair applications.

1.3 Attachment

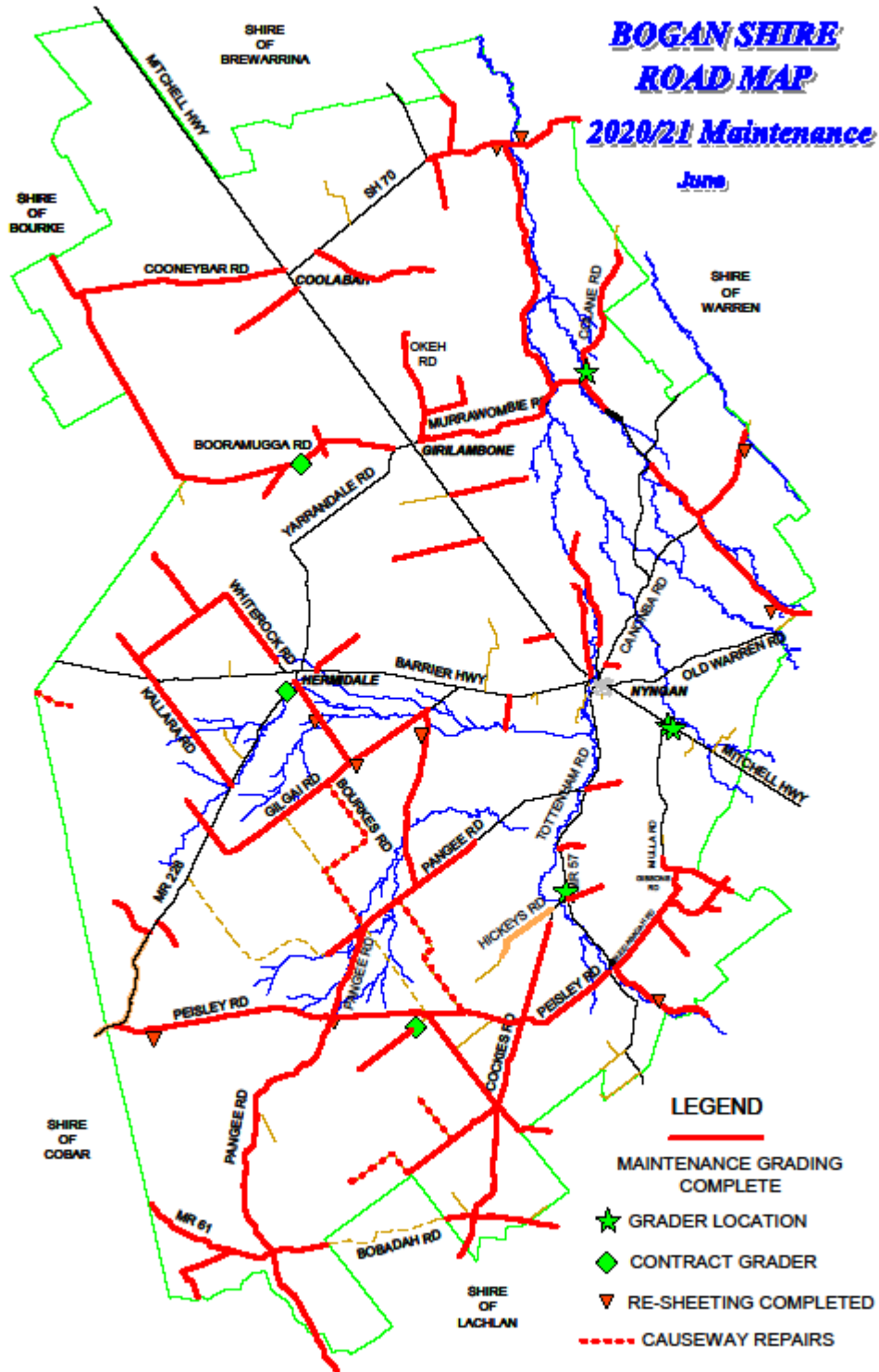
Attachment 1 – Draft Roads Map and list of proposed Capital Road Works for next financial year.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Operational Report be received and noted.

Graeme Bourke
Director Engineering Services

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Attachment 1 – Draft Roads Map and list of proposed Capital Road Works for next financial year.

DRAFT 2021 -2022 ROADWORKS				
ROAD	Length km	Cost	Draft Budget	
Roads to Recovery				
Gravel Re-Sheeting				\$462,000
Buddabadah	2	\$ 50,000		
Mulla	1	\$ 25,000		
Gibsons	1	\$ 25,000		
Peisley	2	\$ 50,000		
Plummers	1	\$ 25,000		
Drumeys	2	\$ 50,000		
Colane	2	\$ 50,000		
Okeh	1	\$ 25,000		
Dandaloo	1	\$ 20,000		
Booramugga	1	\$ 25,000		
Warrah	1	\$ 25,000		
Bobadah	3	\$ 70,000		
Merryanbone	<u>1</u>	\$ 22,000		
	19	\$ 462,000		
Bitumen Resealing Shire Roads	9	\$ 299,524	\$ 299,524	
Colane Road Construction 1km		\$ 150,000	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	
R to R total			\$ 911,524	
Regional Roads Block Grant				
Maintenance		\$ 550,000	Sealed & Unsealed	
Construction	1	\$ 150,000	Cockies Rd Repair Program	
Gravel Re-Sheeting	6	\$ 150,000		
Bitumen Resealing	4	\$ 120,000		
		<u>\$ 970,000</u>		
Colane Road Construction	1	\$ 150,000	Carried Over	
Mulla Road Construction	0.95	\$ 145,000	Carried Over	
Pangee Road	1	\$ 150,000	Carried Over	

List of roads requiring re-sheeting is current at June 2021

Draft resheeting list is subject to change at completion of approved and non approved storm damage repairs

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

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Two (2) applications have been approved, one (1) application is for Council's Determination, four (4) applications are under assessment and two (2) applications require additional information to be provided for assessment since Council's meeting of 27 May 2021 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2020/031	Mr Nicholas Zounis	33 Budther Street, Coolabah	Approval for Unauthorised Building Works	\$20,000	For Council's Determination. Report Attached
2021/002	Nyngan Community Homes	8 Tabratong Street, Nyngan	Construction of 5 x 2 bedroom Seniors Living Dwellings	\$1,821,000	Approved
2021/004	Mr Mark Castelletti	74 Oatley Street, Nyngan	Subdivision	-	Additional Information Required
2021/007	Ms K C Kubbere	1557 Babinda Fire Trail, Hermidale	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$110,000	Under Assessment
2021/008	Mr Kevin Ryan	43 Merilba Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$400,000	Additional Information Required
2021/009	Mr Robert Pack	52 Cobar Street, Nyngan	New Awning	\$20,000	Under Assessment
2021/010	Mr AP Brown	25 Mudal Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$8500	Approved
2021/011	Ms J Carney	25 Nyngan Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$19,000	Under Assessment
2021/012	Mr B Wykes	110 Terangion Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$16,000	Under Assessment

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Council's Development and Environment Officer has taken a number of pre-Development Application enquiries during the reporting month on proposals including extensions and land zoning enquiries.

1.2 Recommendation

That the Development Application Report be received and noted.

2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline key works undertaken by Council's Gardening Team, Ranger and Biosecurity and Weeds Officer.

2.2 Discussion

Routine works have continued for the Gardening Team as they undertake general work, maintenance and repairs at all their keys areas of responsibility including at the Medical Centre and doctor's houses, Seniors Living units, Heritage, Vanges and Davidson Parks and at the Early Learning Centre. The senior gardener is still reporting vandalism issues in some Parks and Public areas. With the onset of cooler weather, and even though some rain was received in the reporting period, routine watering of Parks, lawns and garden areas will continue so as to preserve their appearance.

Council's Compliance and Waste Officer completed a range of duties throughout the reporting period including ranger duties with no dogs being surrendered and no complaints of barking dogs being received, two (2) dogs were seized and after the regulatory period were re-homed. A strong relationship with Rural Outback Animal Rescue continues. Council's Compliance and Waste Officer continued to supervise with waste operations to ensure conditions of the Environmental Protection Licence are met, particularly on days when the Waste Facility is closed.

2.3 Recommendation

That the operational report be received and noted.

3 DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA/2020/031 AND BUILDING INFORMATION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION BC/2021/005 – APPROVAL FOR UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's determination on a Development Application and Building Information Certificate Application lodged with Council seeking retrospective approval for unauthorised building works at 33 Budther Street Coolabah.

The applications are referred to Council in accordance with BSC Policy AP006 on the basis that the applications present significant unresolved social, economic or environmental impacts which result in a recommendation for refusal.

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's determination on a Development Application and Building Information Certificate Application lodged with Council seeking retrospective approval for unauthorised building works at 33 Budther Street Coolabah.

The applications are referred to Council in accordance with BSC Policy AP006 on the basis that the applications present significant unresolved impacts which result in a recommendation for refusal.

3.2 Discussion

The existence of two (2) shipping containers appearing to be used for residential purposes at 33 Budther Street Coolabah was brought to Council's attention in October 2020 and, following a search of Council records, it was determined that there was no Development Consent for the structures.

As the completed works did not have Development Consent a Show Cause Notice and Stop Works Order were issued to the owners of the property on 28 October 2020.

A Development Application (DA/2020/031) and Building Information Certificate (2021/005) were lodged with Council on 17 December 2020 following discussions with the owners of 33 Budther Street Coolabah as an opportunity to seek approval for the unauthorised building works.

Upon request from the applicant, a letter was sent to them on 2 March 2021 with a final list of documentation required to be submitted to Council for approval. This

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letter specified that outstanding documents were required to be received by Council within 90 days (ie by 1 June 2021).

Following the expiry of the time limit as listed in the abovementioned letter, the following documents had not been received from the applicant and still remain outstanding:

- Certification from a structural engineer for the existing structures
- National Construction Code (NCC) report to be completed by a suitably qualified Accredited Certifier confirming details of compliance with Volume 2 of the National Construction Code. All non-compliances of this report will need to be addressed prior to approval.

On 15 April 2021 the applicant requested an extension of time to submit the required documentation. A final response from Council dated 4 May 2021 was sent to the applicant advising that no extension of time would be granted and the Development Application and Building Information Certificate will be determined following the expiry of the time limit specified in Council's letter dated 2 March 2021.

3.3 Recommendation

That Council refuse both the Development Application and Building Information Certificate Application and that the applicant be notified accordingly.

4 NYNGAN WAR MEMORIAL POOL

Summary:-

The purpose of this report is for Council to make a determination in relation to the future operation of the Nyngan War Memorial Pool.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to make a determination in relation to the future operation of the Nyngan War Memorial Pool.

4.2 Background

Council resolved at its meeting of 23 May 2019 to outsource the management of the Nyngan War Memorial Pool externally via contract (Resolution 144/2019).

Expressions of interest were then sought, for the Management of the pool facility and following assessment of the expressions of interest received, Mr Scott Bartley was offered a 12 month contract without an option to extend or renew. Council again considered the management arrangements in 2020 and resolved to enter into a new contract for the 2020-2021 season with Mr Bartley on the same terms and conditions as the then 'current' contract. (Resolution 053/2020).

4.3 Discussion

Feedback on Mr Bartley's management of the pool has been increasingly positive since he commenced in October 2019. In particular, credit needs to be given to how clean the facility has been kept.

In light of the swim season concluding on 30 April 2021, Council should consider options for the management of the pool next season, which commences on 3 October 2021.

Mr Bartley has again expressed interest in returning to manage the facility should Council grant him such opportunity. **(Attachment 1)**.



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4.4 Attachment

Attachment 1 Letter received from Scott Bartley

4.5 Recommendation

1. That Council negotiate a new contract with Mr Bartley for the next swim season.

Chris Foley

ACTING SENIOR MANAGER DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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Attachment 1. Letter received from Scott Bartley

Scott Bartley

NYNGAN NSW 2825

19th May, 2021

Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
P.O. Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Derek,

RE: RENEWAL OF POOL MANAGER CONTRACT FOR 2021/2022 SEASON

I would like the opportunity to take on the role of Manager of the Nyngan Swimming Pool for the 2021/2022 Season. I have thoroughly enjoyed managing the Nyngan Pool and appreciate the support of Bogan Shire Council and those who have gained their Bronze Medallions to enable them to help with supervision. The patronage of the children and adults during the season has been fantastic and they all appreciated the excellent facilities at the Nyngan Pool during this season.

Sincerely
Scott Bartley

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 WILLIAM CARTER & OWEN CARTER

Attached is correspondence received William Carter & Owen Carter.

Director Engineering Services Note: The Neeroc Road is 4.9 km long so at a cost of \$20,000 per km this equates to a cost of \$100,000 for this request. There are currently no funds allocated to this task in the current budget and Council would need to consider reallocating funding from another road project. Neeroc Road was originally only constructed as a formation without gravel although it has had some gravel placed over the years in soft spots.

1.1 Recommendation: For Councils consideration

2 LEONIE MONTGOMERY, NYNGAN MUSEUM COORDINATOR

Attached is correspondence received from Leonie Montgomery, Nyngan Museum Coordinator

Director People and Community Services Note: At Council's Budget Estimates Workshop on 8 April 2021, three options were presented for staffing of the Visitor Information Centre. Option 2, having the Centre staffed by Council Officers was estimated to cost \$80,664 which represents an increase of \$13,005, over what is currently budgeted. Option 3 was to reduce operating hours and not maintain accreditation with associated savings.

2.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

3 LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Greg Tory, General Manager Lachlan Shire Council.

3.1 Recommendation: For noting.

4 HONEYBUGLE RESIDENTS

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Honeybugle Residents, Doug Holmes, Phil Tremain, Heath Fraser

4.1 Recommendation: For noting.

5 TOUR de OROC

Attached is a copy of correspondence received on behalf of Tour de OROC organizers.

5.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration

6 ROBERT & AIMEE PACK, UNCLE BOBS SEAFOOD

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Robert & Aimee Pack, Uncle Bobs Seafood.

Director Development and Environmental Services Note: Council currently has no policy regulating the placement of A-Frame (sandwich board) advertising on footpaths. Previous applications have been determined by Council on an ad-hoc basis.

6.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration

7 TRANSPORT FOR NSW – NYNGAN DECOUPLING AREA

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Transport for NSW regarding Nyngan decoupling area.

7.1 Recommendation: For noting.

8 TRANSPORT FOR NSW – HOSKINS STREET LEVEL CROSSING

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Transport for NSW regarding Hoskins Street Level Crossing

8.1 Recommendation: For noting.

9 ROYAL FAR WEST

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Royal Far West.

9.1 Recommendation: For noting.

10 THE HON. SHELLEY HANCOCK MP

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP.

10.1 Recommendation: For noting.

11 RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE NSW CENTRAL REGION

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Central Region

11.1 Recommendation: For noting.

12 TRAVELERS FROM BULLI

Attached is a copy of correspondence from travelers from Bulli commending amenities available in Nyngan

12.1 Recommendation: For noting.

13 JOHN BARILARO DEPUTY PREMIER, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL NSW, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY & TRADE/ DOMINIC PERROTTET, TREASURER

Attached is a media release from John Barilaro Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional NSW, Minister for Industry & Trade/Dominic Perrottet, Treasurer – New \$30 Million Fund to activate tourism in Regional NSW.

Director People & Community Services Note: Council was made aware of this opportunity on 16 June 2021 and applications close on 11 August 2021. Council may wish to consider a project for submission of an application at the Council meeting.

13.1 Recommendation: For Councils Consideration

14 THE HON. SHELLEY HANCOCK MP

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP.

14.1 Recommendation: For noting.

William Carter
Tikkara PO Box 152
Nyngan NSW 2825

The General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
Nyngan NSW 2825

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request gravel sheeting on Neeroc Road.

The current state of the road is appalling with most of the damage being done last harvest after significant flood damage last year.

Previously, the road serviced one ratepayer's property but now, due to an extension, services four ratepayers' properties and another ratepayer's share farming enterprise. The area of cropping that the road services has increased from approximately 800 hectares last year to approximately 2500 hectares currently sown this year.

I am deeply concerned that the increase in general traffic and the tripling of heavy traffic associated with the upcoming harvest could leave the road severely damaged or untraversable. Any rain or flood event around harvest time would make this a certainty, potentially resulting in a massive financial loss to ratepayers and the community in general.

The start of the Neeroc Road is only 5 km away from the current gravel pit near Miandetta.

Bogan Shire Council voted to extend the Neeroc Road at Council cost, only to renege and pass the purchase, construction and fencing costs (approx. \$80,000) to myself.

Given the cost savings to Council as a result of my significant investment, close proximity of the gravel and the massive increase in traffic, I consider this to be a reasonable request.

Regards,

W R Carter . 30/05/2021.

William Carter

Owen Carter
Neeroc
Nyngan NSW 2825

The General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
Nyngan NSW 2825

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Given the cost savings to Council as a result of Mr Carter's significant investment, close proximity of the gravel and the massive increase in traffic, I consider this to be a reasonable request.

Regards,

Owen Carter



1-6-21



From: Nyngan Museum
Sent: Wednesday, 2 June 2021 11:29 AM
To: Derek Francis
Subject: Museum Staffing

Hello Derek, At the museum meeting today we discussed the possibility of volunteers staffing the VIC during the week. At our current level of available volunteers we would not be able to do this effectively. Whenever the Bogan Shire is able to supply VIC staff during the week, we can provide volunteers to run the museum. We are still looking at possibilities for staffing the museum some weekends in the future.

Regards

Leonie Montgomery

Nyngan Museum Coordinator 📧



Contact Person: Mr Greg Tory
Ref: GT: D21 6012

Lachlan Shire Council
58-64 Molong Street
PO Box 216
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877
P: 02 6895 1900
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ABN 82 815 250 829

1 June 2021

Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825
admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au

Dear Derek

Re: Centre of NSW – Cairn Sign Upgrade

Thank you for your letter dated 4 May 2021 informing Council of Bogan Shire Council resolution 102/2021.

Following the joint site meeting at the Cairn between interested representatives, on 17 February 2021, I understood Bogan Shire Council were intending to prepare a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate the site which would include the following work;

- 1) Re-painting and repair of the existing shade shelter and seating.
- 2) Pour a concrete plinth around the base of the Cairn to prevent soil erosion.
- 3) Replace the missing brass plaques on the Cairn.
- 4) Replace the State Centre Cairn sign (as proposed in your letter).
- 5) Install of fencing to define the facility area, and
- 6) Gravel sheet the driveway/carpark area.

Can you please advise which of the above items are included in your cost estimate and request for a \$6,000 contribution from Lachlan Shire Council?

On 26 May 2021 Lachlan Shire Council considered a report on this matter and resolved as follows;

Resolution 2021/86

That:

1. The General Manager's Report No. R21/132 be received and noted.
2. Council agree, in principle, to provide a matching contribution of up to 50% of the project cost, to a maximum of \$6,000, to Bogan Shire Council for the upgrade of the State Centre Cairn. The contribution being subject to Lachlan Shire Council concurring with the improvement plans and project cost estimate, once received.

3. The amount of up to \$6,000 be funded from the matching government grants budget allocation.
4. Bogan Shire Council be advised of Council's resolution.

I look forward to receiving your reply and to Lachlan and Bogan Shire Councils working collaboratively to upgrade the Cairn facility. Should you wish to discuss this project further please contact me on 0427 073 770.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Greg Tory", written in a cursive style.

Greg Tory
General Manager

Doug Holmes
1386 Honeybugle Rd.
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

7th June 2021

Attn: Director Engineering Services – Graeme Bourke,


The residents of Honeybugle Road would like to thank the Bogan Shire for our recently graded road, in which a great deal of time was taken, forming the centre back up with a lot of water used in the process.

The locally sourced water and the amount used were crucial in the good result, as was the time taken and the crew's skill.


We collectively travel approximately 2,200 km per week to and from Nyngan, including 350 km per week for the bus stop. For this reason, we appreciate the road in a good and safe condition. Additionally, when the roads are in good order, we notice considerable savings of wear and tear to our vehicles.

Thanks again,
Kind Regards,

Honeybugle Residents



Doug Holmes



Phil Tremain



Heath Fraser



From: John Curley
Sent: Friday, 11 June 2021 10:16 AM
To: Derek Francis
Subject: Tour de OROC, Friday 1pm 8 October

Hi Derek,

Sorry for being so late doing this

We have been overrun with people wanting to do the ride this year. We have decided we will cap numbers at 30 riders and plus helpers - so there is likely to be 37 people arriving Nyngan around 1 pm (depending on wind etc) to your lovely town.

We would like to ask Bogan Shire to support Tour de Oroc in raising money for the Macquarie Homestay. All support is greatly appreciated, and we do recognize the support you have generously made in the past.

We are hoping you can support the cause by providing lunch, monetary donation, and raising awareness in the Nyngan community.

The riders will clearly be getting very tired by Friday and any support by riders coming into town or leaving town and your Harley support will all help buoy riders spirits.

PS I will be one of the riders

John Curley

Uncle Bobs Seafood
52 Cobar Street, Nyngan
NSW 2825
(02) 68 322 217



Bogan Shire Council
81 Cobar Street
Nyngan NSW 2825

15th May 2021

Re: Signage in main street

Attention: Derek Francis,

We are writing council to request that the transportable sign we have for our business, currently located out the front of the Bogan Medical Centre in the main street, be allowed to remain there.

Like the other businesses in town that have signage out, it is an important tool in directing people to their stores, we need this especially because we are not located in the main street.

Please send your response at your earliest convenience to unclebobsseafood@yahoo.com.

Regards,
Robert and Aimee Pack
0499 193 716

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL		
FILE	25 MAY 2021	R/N
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ASSIGNEE:		
Jackson - W. H.		

From: Carrie Hooper Transport for NSW
Sent: Thursday, 3 June 2021 10:26 AM
To: Graeme Bourke
Cc: Belinda Roberts
Subject: RE: Future Uncoupling Area at Nyngan on the Mitchell Highway

Hi Graeme

Thank you for your email below, and I apologise for the delay in getting back to you.

I can confirm that no further feedback regarding a possible future Nyngan Decoupling area is required from Bogan Shire Council at this time. If a decoupling area is required at Nyngan in the future, Council will be consulted and given the opportunity to comment at that time.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Kind regards,

Carrie Hooper
Technical Movement and Place Partner, Transport Technical Solutions
Community & Place
Regional and Outer Metropolitan
Transport for NSW
Parkes NSW 2870



I acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land in which I work and pay my respects to Elders past, present and future.



Our Ref: 01237565

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

Dear Mr Donald

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, which was referred to the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, about a level crossing in Nyngan. I have been asked to respond to you.

I note your comments and appreciate the reasons that prompted you to write.

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

I am advised council is conducting its own review and TfNSW is committed to considering any solutions recommended as part of this review.

I understand the current track speed and all rail infrastructure in Nyngan has been designed and built to meet engineering standards that allow for a maximum train speed of 80km/h. This speed limit is comparable with those through similar locations such as Nevertire, Narromine, and Dubbo. However, due to the train configurations that operate in this area, trains rarely reach speeds of 50km/h.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely



15/06/2021

Terry McSweeney
Principal Manager
Ministerial Correspondence



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

Dear Mr Donald,

RE: The Ride for Country Kids

I wanted to thank you for your support and attendance at our Ride event and trivia night at the Nyngan Civic Club. It was wonderful to have you speak on behalf of Nyngan and the riders and guests thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.

As you know, the Ride for Country Kids is our largest fundraising event of the year and we relish the opportunity to showcase amazing parts of the country our riders may have never visited before as well as shine a light on the challenges country communities can face when they need to access health services.

Currently Royal Far West has 156 children from rural and remote parts of NSW on our waitlist for our benevolent Paediatric Developmental Program. Country kids who are accepted into the program have complex developmental and mental health challenges and Royal Far West relies on the generosity of donors and supporters from events like the Ride to cover the funding gap on this program.

This year our 79 dedicated cyclists rode more than 400km over three days from Dubbo to Cobar with the ambitious goal of raising \$450,000 – the amount required to fund all 156 children on our waitlist. I am so thrilled to let you know that we've exceeded our fundraising goal and that \$535,000 has been raised. All the funds will go directly towards connecting these wonderful country kids and their families to the care they need and deserve.

We thank you for your ongoing and wonderful support.

Yours sincerely,



Lindsay Cane, AM
Chief Executive Officer

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL		
FILE	04 JUN 2021	R/N
ASSIGNEE:		



From: OLG Office of Local Government Mailbox [<mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 4:15 PM
To: Admin <admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government (Our Ref A767610) - Bogan Shire Council

Dear Mayor

CC: Mr Derek Francis, General Manager

Please find attached correspondence from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, in Adobe Acrobat format.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Ref: A767610

Clr Ray Donald
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
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admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au

10 June 2021

Dear Mayor

I am writing to advise you about important amendments recently made to the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) through a Bill that I had the pleasure to introduce on behalf of the NSW Government.

The Government remains committed to strengthening the performance and sustainability of local government. As part of this commitment, I introduced the (then) Local Government Amendment Bill 2021, which was passed by the NSW Parliament on 13 May and assented to on 24 May 2021.

The original provisions in the Bill reflects a series of sensible reforms developed collaboratively with the local government sector as part of an extensive public consultation process. It implements the Government's commitments to rating reform, provides for payment of superannuation contributions for councillors, align terms of office of chairpersons for county councils and joint organisations to their member councils and allows greater flexibility in the administration of elections.

Greater flexibility to fairly harmonise rates

Importantly, the Act now provides for greater flexibility for those councils formed in 2016 as they prepare to harmonise rates from 1 July 2021. Each council can choose, in consultation with their communities, whether to harmonise their rating structures gradually over up to 8 years. Councils in contiguous urban areas are also able to set different rates for different residential areas. Further, councils may set different rates for farmland based on location.

It is a matter for each council to determine whether or not to take up one or more of these options as they develop a rating structure for their area. Councils requiring further advice or support should consult their Council Engagement Manager in the first instance.

Fairer and more flexible rating categories and subcategories

Most changes to the Act can be accessed by all councils. All councils, including councils in contiguous urban areas, like Greater Sydney and the Central Coast, can now set different residential rates for different residential areas. In addition, all councils can set different rates for farming land based on location. These measures have already come into effect.

Councils will also be able to create more flexible business rates subcategories, allowing fairer rates that better reflect access to, and demand for services and infrastructure. They will be able to set different business rates based on whether land is predominantly used for industrial activities. This will commence by proclamation.

A new, fifth rating category for environmental land will also be created. This is designed to capture land where meaningful development is constrained by geography or regulation that imposes significant restrictions on use of the land, such as conservation agreements. This will commence by proclamation once supporting regulations are prepared.

Meeting growth and infrastructure costs

The Government is strongly committed to ensuring that growing communities have adequate and effective infrastructure needed to support that growth. To that end, I commissioned IPART to recommend a new methodology for taking population growth into account when setting the rate peg and I look forward to receiving a final report in September this year. The Act now clearly allows multiple rate pegs to be set, if required, enabling the Government to deliver its commitment to align council's general income to population growth to help relieve pressure in growing communities.

Councils are increasingly jointly funding infrastructure projects with other governments. To reduce red tape, the Act will allow councils to levy a new kind of special rate for infrastructure jointly funded with other government entities. These special rates are not limited to funding council functions and do not form part of councils' general income under the rate peg.

Better targeting of rating exemptions

Land with certain conservation agreements currently benefit from a rating exemption. To better balance the need to support private conservation with the need to pay for council services and infrastructure, this exemption will be targeted via changes to be made to regulations, in consultation with key stakeholders. Relevant landholders may also be rated under the new environmental land category. This will come into effect in future.

Improved debt management and recovery options

Limits will also be placed on those ratepayers that are eligible to postpone rates due to a change in the permitted use of their land. This reduces the cost burden on other ratepayers while still allowing owner occupiers who would face hardship to apply to postpone the portion of their rates that have increased due to rezoning.

New superannuation payments for councillors

Under the Act, councils will also be given the option to make payments for councillors into a complying superannuation fund nominated by councillors from 1 July 2022. These payments will be equivalent to the amount under Commonwealth superannuation legislation. This recognises the high workload and responsibilities of many councillors and the significant contribution they make to communities while juggling work and family commitments.

Minor changes to council elections and terms of office

Finally, the Act allows the timeframe for receipt of postal votes at council elections to be prescribed by regulation. After the next elections, councils will have the option to fill vacancies in the first 18 months of their terms by a countback. There will also be greater flexibility in the appointment of returning officers for countback elections. The terms of chairpersons of county councils also will be extended to two years to align them with the terms of mayors elected by councils. The terms of office of chairpersons of county councils and joint organisations will also align with the electoral terms of their member councils.

Other changes as amended

The Act as amended includes a provision to enable councils to collect levies payable under the *Fire and Emergency Services Levy Act 2017* (FESL Act) outside of general income when the FESL Act takes effect. Councils should note that the NSW Government has deferred the introduction of the FESL Act and the levying of a FESL has been postponed at this time. There is no change to the requirement for councils to pay an annual Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contribution from within councils' general income.

The Act as amended also includes a new process for councils constituted within the last 10 years to submit a business case with supporting reasons to the Minister for a de-amalgamation of an area. Further information on this process will be provided separately.

I look forward to continuing to work with the local government sector to ensure that communities across the State are well served by their local council. I encourage you to draw the attention of councillors and staff to information about these changes as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelley Hancock", written in a cursive style.

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Cc: General Manager, Mr Derek Francis

Email from: Rebecca Perrement RFCSR.com.au

Good morning,

I hope you are well,

It is with regret that we inform you of the closure of the Rural Financial Counselling Service Central Region (RFCSCR). Our operations under this name will cease on 30.06.2021.

In December 2020 we put forward a competitive tender to secure further federal funding for our organisation. Despite our proposal and all our achievements over the past 15 years, we unfortunately were unsuccessful in securing future funding, and it was decided that an amalgamation of services would be the future for the organisation.

The successful applicant for ongoing service delivery for this program within the Central NSW geographical footprint, is Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Southern Region (RFCSSR). RFCSSR will commence their operations in this region from 1 July 2021.

We would like to say a tremendous thank you to you, for your support. We are extremely proud of our role within our regional communities during our time as RFCSCR.

Please see below a media release for your reference.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or ceo@rfcscr.com.au.

Kind regards,

Rebecca



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Media Release

Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Central Region to cease with new service provider continuing ongoing service delivery to the Central West.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service Central Region (RFCSCR) will cease on 30.06.2021. The successful applicant for ongoing service delivery for this program within the Central NSW geographical footprint, is Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Southern Region (RFCSSR). The decision for the amalgamation of the two services was made at a government level by the Department of Agriculture.

Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said that “the last round of funding alone helped more than 12,000 farmers across the country. I am pleased to continue this important investment in our rural communities”.

CEO, Jeff Caldbeck from RFCSCR said, “first and foremost we want to say thank you to all our wonderful clients, stakeholders and employees who have supported us over the past 15 years. We are extremely proud of our role within our regional communities, and we are working closely with RFCSSR to ensure our service delivery is maintained with as little disruption to the client as possible”.

RFCSSR will begin servicing both the Southern and Central NSW regions from 1 July 2021.

For further information on the transition please contact Jeff Caldbeck, 1800 940 404.

For immediate release. *(Supported by the Australian & NSW Governments)*

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Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to express our gratitude for your hospitality in providing water and a dump point for travellers like us.

Also commend you on the improvements to the weir.

I have enclosed some of our receipts to indicate how we patronise businesses in R.V. friendly towns.

Have you considered a donation box near the dump point?

We have happily donated to one at Gum Bend Lake Condobolin and at Frog's Hollow Lake Cargelligo.

Yours Sincerely

Kay & Nick from Bulli

nkpa5@gmail.com





John Barilaro
Deputy Premier
Minister for Regional NSW
Minister for Industry and Trade
Treasurer
Dominic Perrottet

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 16 June 2021

NEW \$30 MILLION FUND TO ACTIVATE TOURISM IN REGIONAL NSW

Big ticket tourism attractions that will put regional towns on the map and improve accessibility for people with disability are set to receive a significant funding boost, thanks to the NSW Government.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro, Treasurer Dominic Perrottet and Member for Coffs Harbour Gurmesh Singh were in Coffs Harbour today to announce the new \$30 million Regional Tourism Activation Fund which will deliver new or upgraded tourism infrastructure as well as improve accessibility and inclusion for people with disability.

"This brand new fund will support the construction of new iconic visitor experiences, such as cliff-top walks or unique event spaces, boosting the profile of regional NSW towns and giving people even more reasons to take a holiday in the regions," Mr Barilaro said.

"We are also supporting accessibility and inclusion improvements by funding upgrades such as a lift in a multi-level venue and clear access pathways to give more people with disability the opportunity to experience what our regions have to offer."

Mr Perrottet said supporting tourism also supports local jobs and expands local economies, creating beneficial flow-on effects for traders and creates new opportunities for investment.

"With few overseas travel options available, the NSW Government is strengthening tourism in regional NSW. This funding will ensure the industry prospers and continues to play an important role in our economy," Mr Perrottet said.

Mr Singh welcomed the funding announcement which happened today at the Coffs Harbour Forest Sky Pier, saying the funding will bring even more visitors to regional NSW each year.

"Coffs Harbour recently held the Sharks VS Titans NRL match and next week the Super W Rugby tournament starts, putting the North Coast on the map, not only as a place to host world class events, but as a place to come enjoy your holidays," Mr Singh said.

Under Stream One, grants between \$200,000 and \$5 million are available for projects delivering unique and high impact visitor experiences, while Stream Two provides grants between \$50,000 to \$500,000 for projects that will improve the accessibility and inclusion of tourism experiences for people with disability.

The \$30 million Regional Tourism Activation Fund is part of the \$2 billion Regional Growth Fund. Applications open 16 June and close on 11 August 2021. For more information, go to: www.nsw.gov.au/RTAFund.

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Guy Podmore | Treasurer | 0409 934 127



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Ref: A775420

Clr Ray Donald
Mayor
Bogan Shire Council
PO Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825
Email: admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au

15 June 2021

Dear Mayor

The NSW Government is committed to continuing to support councils and their communities throughout the multiple challenges our state has faced, including bushfires, floods, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and mouse plague.

Since 2011 this Government has provided more than \$11.3 billion in financial support to councils to deliver and improve infrastructure, services and facilities for their local communities. We moved quickly to provide an unprecedented \$395 million COVID-19 support package, and have worked closely with councils and their residents to provide rate relief and support the ongoing recovery effort.

I am pleased to inform you that in addition to this support, the NSW Government is providing a one-off payment to fully fund the increase in FY21-22 local government Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contributions.

This payment will ensure that your council pays the same amount in FY21-2022 as it did in the 2019-20 financial year pre COVID-19, and brings the total funding provided to councils to cover increases in ESL contributions to more than \$50 million since 2019, \$88,476 of which has been to Bogan Shire Council, recognising the difficult operating environment for councils and their communities.

The funds will be paid to council by means of electronic funds transfer in the coming days. Council will receive a remittance advice with the reference OLG Emergency Services Levy payment 2021-22. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding the ESL payment for 2021-22, please contact Steve Walker, Manager Program Delivery on 02 4428 4166.

The Government is continuing to explore options to better manage the impacts of ESL contributions on councils' budgeting cycles, and I encourage all councils to actively engage with the responsible Ministers, the Treasurer and Minister for Emergency Services, regarding the ESL into the future.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

Cc General Manager, Mr Derek Francis

