



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Business Paper**

**17 December 2020**





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**COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 17 December 2020 at 8.30am.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2020
5. Engineering Services Closed and Confidential Report
  1. Tender for Supply and Delivery of Road Base
6. People and Community Services Closed and Confidential Report
  1. Tender for Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre

The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of these items is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: because it is information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business
7. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 November 2020
8. Committee Meeting Minutes
9. Mayoral Minute
10. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
  - People and Community Services
  - Finance and Corporate Services
  - Engineering Services
  - Development and Environmental Services
11. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*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 Wednesday 2 December 2020.

**1.1 Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Nyngan Museum Committee meeting held at the Nyngan Museum on Wednesday 2 December 2020 be received and noted.

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of Bogan Shire Council held on 17 December 2020**

Nyngan Museum Meeting    Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020    Venue: Nyngan Museum

Present:

*Hugh Sibbald, Margaret Sibbald, Val Keighran, Anna Corby, Stewart MacKenzie, Leonie Montgomery, Veneta Dutton, Anne Quarmby, Vince Wren, Ray Donald, Collin Parady, Yvonne Parady*

Apologies:

*Bay, Glad Eldridge*

Guests:

*Gwen*

Minutes last meeting:    Move: Leonie    second: Val

Business Arising from Minutes, and Leonie's report:

*Anna and Leonie, along with reps from other community groups had a meeting with Benn Wright, Principal of NHS, about the plans to integrate Yr 9 and 10 students into volunteering. A few good ideas were suggested, and possible problems put up for discussion so that solutions can be sought. Some creative time tabling may be necessary but the program should be able to go ahead in some form next year. Benn was quite willing to be flexible where possible, and take suggestions on board.*

*The opening of the new section of the museum went well. We had cake and cola under Covid rules on the platform. The ribbon was cut and the cake was yummy. All visitors were very impressed, with many promising to return when there was more time.*

*Vandals visited us 2 months ago, breaking windows and screens. The damage was reported to the police and the Shire and John Holland. An inspection was carried out by Leonie and John Holland, checking the repairs needed to the guttering and to fix the vandal damage. They are looking at local contractors for repairs. The Shire was notified about the broken windows upstairs, but as yet there have been no repairs. Ray will chase up with Derek.*

*We will have a meeting at a later date to finalise rosters and opening and closing times.*

Correspondence In:

*Thank you from Janet re museum visit and McGinty family research*

Correspondence Out:

*Reply to Janet re McGinty family*

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Treasurers Report attached: read and moved: Collin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Leonie

General Business / Leonie's Report:

*Welcome to Gwen*

*Brian Morris has fixed the spotlights in the main room and Stewart has adjusted them.*

*Trevor Waterhouse was to come this morning to complete some repairs*

*We need a raised platform to hold the cameras off the floor as it gets wet when it rains. They need to be protected.*

*The signage has still not been removed from the front of the museum building. It was to be put on separate frames off the building itself.*

*Three air conditioners still don't work. One in the main hall, one in the refreshment room and the one upstairs. We have had several days where it was far too hot to allow visitors upstairs.*

*A passport camera, tripod and light reflecting umbrella have been donated by Col and Jan Davison. They belonged to David Doyle when he had his photographic shop, and were then used in the post office for passport photos.*

*The volunteers roster has been completed for this year. We will finish work on 18<sup>th</sup> December, and return on 18<sup>th</sup> January.  
Moved Collin 2<sup>nd</sup> Vince*

*We are looking at some type of uniform that will make us easy to find. A choice will be made between an apron or a vest with museum logo. \$22.00 each*

*Pricing needs adjusting from \$14.00 family to \$10 Adults \$5.00. Moved Leonie 2<sup>nd</sup> Collin*

*Visitors have asked if the Shire website information could be updated more often, as they arrive to discover things are not as advertised. Eg. Opening times, closures, road reports.*

*The mouse baits and printer ink have been paid for by the Shire, Thank you.*

*Could the secretary write to Bogan Shire to thank them for the support they have offered over the last 12 months*

Meeting Closed: **10.10**

**Mayoral Minute to the Ordinary Meeting  
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**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**Seniors Rental Accommodation**

The criteria for the latest Federal round of grant funding for Council from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund should be known before the meeting. If it remains much the same as for the last round, I seek Councils approval to give support, in principle, to construct two single Seniors Rental Units, similar to the single unit in our units on the corner of Cobar and Dandaloo Street, on the site of the former Palais Theatre. We are expecting \$675,503 from this grant. If these two units are constructed, I suggest any funds remaining from this grant be allocated to gravel resheeting and bitumen reseals. I have been informed that a waiting list of 7 is current for the existing units beside the old theatre site. We may need to have a plan drawn up for the whole of this site, as hopefully further units could be constructed on this ideal site (proximity to our CBD). Council's policy remains to provide the land and services connected to site, for any organisation who may wish to construct more units.

**Recommendation:**

For Councils Consideration.

**Ray Donald OAM**

**Mayor**

**General Manager’s Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council  
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**REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Mayor and Councillors**

The following report is submitted for consideration:-

**1 CHECKLIST**

Item No.	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	28/09/2017	283/2017	<b>Medical Centre</b>	The General Manager in consultation with PHN proceeds to recruit & engage a second doctor for the BSMC.	<b>GM</b>	Recruitment agencies engaged to source locum / permanent second doctor. Locums secured until 30/06/2021. Renewed recruitment effort underway for permanent doctor with the Rural Doctors Network and Local Health District.
2	21/12/2017	392/2017	<b>Increase of train speed through Nyngan</b>	Strong letter of concern & a request to address Council be sent to the relevant rail authorities & a copy to local member.	<b>GM</b>	Letter sent to Minister for Transport & Infrastructure, with copy to Kevin Humphries.

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	21/06/2018	293/2018		<p>Council seek further follow up from the responsible Minister, reiterating Council's safety concerns for pedestrians &amp; road users due to the nature of the crossing &amp; variation of speeds.</p> <hr/> <p>The best control measures would be to erect flashing lights at the Hoskins Street Crossing.</p>	<b>DES</b>	<p>406 Petitions received.</p> <p>On-site meeting held with Deputy Premier.</p> <p>Met with Minister for Regional Transport &amp; Roads in Bourke on 25 November 2019.</p> <hr/> <p>Council advised that this crossing is not a priority for John Holland Rail.</p>
	28/05/2020	110/2020		<p>Council engage a Safety Consultant to inspect the Hoskins Street Level Crossing &amp; to provide a report documenting the safety factors of the Crossing which can then be forwarded to the John Holland Rail &amp; Minister</p>		<p>Safety Consultant has been engaged to inspect crossing at the end of July &amp; will be preparing a risk audit for Council.</p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Report to December meeting refers.</p>

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				for Regional Transport & Roads.		
3	24/04/2019	117/2019	<b>Cobar Water Board</b>	Whilst Council is prepared to have discussion with CWB to explore options for delivery of water to minor users within the Bogan Shire LGA, it does not agree to the Board's proposal at this stage.	<b>GM</b>	<p>Further correspondence sent to CWB.</p> <p>Following meeting with CWB held on 11 January 2020, further agreements are to be negotiated.</p> <p>Agreed with Secretary CWB on the need for a further meeting to negotiate arrangements.</p> <p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Meeting planned for New Year.</p>

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4	22/08/2019	264/2019	<b>Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3</b>	Council works with community orgs who deliver youth and other community support services to investigate methods of funding for ongoing employment of a part-time Youth Worker & further upgrading to the facility.	<b>DPCS</b>	Discussions yet to commence – reprioritised due to current pandemic circumstances.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Meeting planned for New Year.
5	26/09/2019  24/10/2019	292/2019	<b>Garford Fire Engine</b>	Council proceed with the respray of the Garford Fire Engine, with funds to be provided from the Historical Society \$5,224, Community Arts & Culture Fund \$15,362 & Accumulated Funds \$9,414. Council examine options on the best way forward.	<b>DES</b>	Quotes for the Garford to be resprayed and the exterior restored have been requested.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Precip item refers.



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6	28/11/2019	366/2019	<b>Regional Water Supply Pipe Network</b>	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.	<b>GM</b>	<p>Water NSW is progressing investigation for pipeline from Narromine bore fields to Nyngan.</p> <p>Water NSW investigating bores in the Warren Shire and will notify land-owners in the surrounding area.</p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Council feedback provided to Water NSW following November Meeting.</p>
7	28/11/2019	368/2019	<b>Repairs to Nyngan &amp; Cobar Emergency Water Storage</b>	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.	<b>DES</b>	<p>Remediation work in progress.</p> <p>Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor.</p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Work scheduled to recommence after Christmas if no significant rain.</p>

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

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10	22/10/2020	306/2020	<b>Hermidale Park</b>	Further community consultation be carried out by way of a survey which includes a larger plan of the proposed new site, next to the Phillip Dutton Rest Area	<b>DPCS</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Community Survey distributed and closing on 16.12.2020. Results to be tabled at the Council Meeting.
11	24/09/2020	277/2020	<b>Loop the Levee</b>	A report suggesting locations and costs concerning the levee or parts of it to be a shared pedestrian/cycle path be presented to Council.	<b>DES</b>	In progress
12	24/09/2020	257/2020	<b>Nyngan Golf Club</b>	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	<b>DPCS</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Awaiting sponsorship invoice from NGC.

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13	26/11/2020	329/2020	<b>Centre of NSW Cairn</b>	<p>1. Council request a meeting with representatives from Lachlan Shire, Collerina Hall Committee and Tottenham Progress Association to further discuss options.</p> <p>2. Signage Option 1 selected, inclusive of large rocks in place to prevent vehicle access.</p> <p>3. Report on final design recommendations, including costs to a further meeting of Council for approval and budget consideration, following meeting of four parties.</p>	<b>DPCS</b>	In progress.
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## 1.1 Recommendation

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

## 2 PANGEE STREET FIG TREE

### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to present Council with two options for the management of the Fig Tree on the Pangee Street footpath (in front of the Davidson Park toilets).*

### 2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present Council with two options for the management of the Fig Tree on the Pangee Street footpath (in front of the Davidson Park toilets).

### 2.2 Background

Council staff were required to undertake emergency works on the water main located in the footpath in late September 2020. This work involved the water main and services to both the Davidson Park toilets and the adjacent commercial building which houses Nyngan Dental.

On inspection it was found that the roots of the tree had damaged the water main to such an extent that the main had to be relocated to the shoulder of the road involving digging trenches on either side of the tree to maintain the water supply. Senior staff involved in the work evaluated the situation and determined that it was necessary to use a backhoe, after having exhausted other options, to remove the roots to allow water to these premises to be restored.

Unfortunately, the roots of the fig tree were damaged as a result of these works and concerns have been expressed by Council staff about the ongoing health of the tree. The health of the tree has a direct impact on its stability and the risk that the tree poses to the public should it fall.

The General Manager has a responsibility to manage this risk on behalf of Council.

### 2.3 Discussion

With uncertainty around the ongoing health of the fig tree a decision has to be made on the appropriate way to manage the public risk that this implies. It is understood that there are community sensitivities to the potential loss of this fig tree including

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that it is a feature of Nyngan's main street that has taken many, many years to grow and that it provides both visual amenity and shade.

For this reason, more than one arborist's report was commissioned to obtain advice on the likely health of the tree following the damage to its roots and the most appropriate way of managing the consequent risk.

Excerpts from these arborist reports are summarised below:

**1. Arborist A**

This arborist visited Nyngan and conducted an on-site inspection.

Stated Credentials

- AQF Level 5 & 8 Consulting Arborist.
- ISA Certified Arborist # AU-0348A
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) (Exp Oct 2023)
- Advanced Quantified Tree Risk Assessment Registered User # 3692
- Masters of Environmental Law

Arborist's Introduction

*A large fig tree providing significant amenity value to the streetscape. Severe root damage was observed on the east, north and western sides of the trunk. The structural root zone was calculated to be 3.1m. Severe root damage within this distance is likely to cause stability problems as the overall root damage has determined to be severe.*

Arborist's Discussion

*The tree has severe root damage well within the structural root zone that results in a High Risk under the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) method. Action must be taken to reduce the risk. The severe root damage will not repair or close over. Despite good health and form, the tree canopy structure has inadequate pruning options to reduce the canopy and resulting loading of the damage root system. Therefore, the removal and replacement of the tree is considered to be the most reasonable course of action.*

Arborist's Risk Assessment

*The TRAQ method was applied to the tree when assessing the risk and when considering the management options. Applying the TRAQ method revealed that risk of damage or injury from tree failure in this tree is High. This was calculated by a Probable probability of failure with a High likelihood of impacting a target. Combined with a Significant consequence of failure, the*

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*tree risk is considered to be High. The Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) Category has been determined as 4D – Damaged trees that are clearly not safe to retain.*

*A 12 Month timeframe has been applied to the likelihood of failure determination in this inspection.*

**Arborist's Recommendation**

*The tree is recommended for full removal as soon as practicably possible.*

*The area within the fall zone of the tree must be fenced off if severe weather is forecast until the tree is removed.*

**2. Arborist B**

This arborist visited Nyngan and conducted an on-site inspection.

**Stated Credentials:**

AQF Level 5 Arborist

**Arborist's Introduction**

*An inspection was requested by Bogan Council after recent trenching construction activity within close proximity to the trees roots. The inspection was primarily to inspect the trees regarding assessing their safety, potential for failure and assess the impact of the trenching activity after the trenching.*

**Arborist's Discussion**

*First order roots are critical to the stability of the tree. Having inspected the Ficus tree. I witnessed the removal of first order roots. The majority of the roots severed were within 1m and as close to 0.05m from the trunk. The severing of roots is within the critical root zone, CRZ. This area is critical for the stability of the tree and long-term health. Included within the document is supporting documentation that states no root pruning should occur within this zone.*

*With the removal of 1st order roots to this extent and having removed on all four side of the root ball during trenching around the trunk I can say that the structural integrity has been compromised. This is the reasoning for the recommendation of the removal of this tree.*

**Arborist's Risk Assessment**

*Hazard Rating - as a score out of 12:*

*(Failure Potential + Size of Defect + Target Rating)*

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- *Assessed at 12/12*

Arborist's Recommendation

*Recommend removal.*

**3. Arborist C**

This arborist conducted a review of the reports prepared by the other two arborists but did not conduct an on-site inspection.

Stated Credentials:

- Senior Consulting Arborist- AQF Level 8
- Grad Cert Arboriculture (1st Class Honours)
- Dip Hort (Arboriculture) with Distinction
- Dip Arboriculture
- Dip Horticulture
- LMAA; LMISA; LMIPS
- ISA Certified Arborist WC-0624 (since 1990)
- Registered Consulting Arborist™ #0005
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
- Registered QTRA user (No. 807)
- Member - Society of Risk Analysis Australia & NZ

Arborist's Introduction

*This species of tree is drought-deciduous. That is, this species sheds its leaves in response to extreme drought. The Tree has not shed any significant amount of foliage in the two months following the root damage. This suggests that there are numerous sinker roots present, and there is adequate soil moisture. As the supporting images show, where there are extensive sinker roots present, trees can have roots cut all the way to the trunk, and the tree can remain stable.*

*This species has high levels of carbohydrate production and storage, and this has great vigour. It is incredibly tolerant of root damage. The images suggest that the Tree was and still is in good health. The absence of leaf drop also suggest that the Tree had great vitality.*

Arborist's Discussion

*There is no question that the Tree can be retained, and the level of risk associated with the Tree kept well below the unacceptable Risk of Harm<sup>1</sup>. The authors of other reports have used information relating to development sites. This has including SULE, a system that its author replaced with Tree AZ*



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*more than a decade ago, and the Australian Standard AS4970 (see AS4970 and the Structural Root Zone). These concepts address how best to construct near trees and are not beneficial in addressing the question, "Can the Tree be retained and if so, how?"*

*Cutting roots may have impacted on the stability of the Tree; however, the extent of the impact is unknown. It can be demonstrated that cutting of roots may cause tree failure. It can also be demonstrated that cutting of roots may have no perceivable impact on tree stability. However, because there is a possibility that root cutting has reduced the Tree's stability, retaining the Tree requires that the Council either accepts the unknown increase in the possibility of tree failure or it undertakes some form of management.*

*It is evident that the Tree is unlikely to fail during normal weather conditions. It may be appropriate to brace the Tree. This could remain in place while the Tree is further assessed or until the Tree has had sufficient time to develop new roots. Testing using a tree motion sensor is ideal. This would allow for increased certainty in the decision-making process.*

*Concerns about the long-term impact of the root damage on tree stability are largely unfounded. Contrary to common belief, tree roots are far more resistant to decay than above-ground portions of the tree because they have a much higher level of living cells (parenchyma).*

*In this situation, three management options are available to quantify or reduce the risk of whole tree failure. These options are to:*

- 1. Test the Tree's stability using tree motion sensors to determine the impact of the damaged roots quantitatively,*
- 2. Provide temporary artificial support for the Tree using braces and / or props*
- 3. Prune the Tree to reduce wind load on the Tree*

*Reduction pruning (not lopping) can significantly reduce the wind load on a tree. Pruning also reduces the production of photosynthates, and this means that new root growth is slower. For this reason, reduction pruning should be the last consideration.*

#### Arborist's Risk Assessment

*Arborist A's TRAQ risk assessment assumes that the occupation rate is Frequent for both cars and people. TRAQ Tree risk assessment manual<sup>2</sup> (the Manual) defines Frequent occupation as "occupied for a large portion of the day." While it appears that there are vehicles parked under the Tree for 40-50 hours or so in the week, this description is not true of people (either as pedestrians or people in vehicles). People occupy the area within the fall zone*

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*of the tree "irregularly." If the Manual is followed the occupation rate by people is Occasional.*

*If the above correction is made, then the likelihood of impact between a tree and a person is Low and the overall risk would be Low and not High as stated in Arborists A's report. To be fair, the level of risk produced by the TRAQ assessment is qualitative, and ordinal and as such it is somewhat vague and misleading. The categories are not benchmarked by the ISA in a way that is meaningful.*

*The issue of risk to parked cars is almost redundant. This risk can be readily addressed by isolating out the parking bays within the fall zone of the Tree until further testing can take place and / or mitigation works are completed.*

Arborist's Recommendation

*There is no doubt that the Tree can be retained. The actions required to retain the Tree are relatively simple and well tested:*

- One or more temporary braces could be installed as an interim measure to prevent the Tree from falling. The brace would need to be retained in place for two years unless testing showed that it was no longer required.*
- Testing using Tree motion sensors would allow for a quantitative response to the root damage. Testing would also inform if bracing was required and when it could be removed.*
- Some form of additional irrigation for the next two years would be desirable to promote new root development and to keep the Tree in good health.*

It is the General Manager's assessment that the advice and recommendations provided by Arborist C are worthy of further consideration before Council takes action to remove the tree as recommended by Arborist A and Arborist B.

Arborist C was recommended by another independent arborist as a world expert in fig trees and the report appears to the layperson to have the backing of scientific logic and practical experience behind its recommendations.

Key to these recommendations is that the tree be monitored and, should it deteriorate to an unacceptable level, further consideration be given to pruning and possibly removal.



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It should be noted that since these reports were done there are now a number of yellow leaves on the ground under the tree however the same can be said of all the other trees of the same species in the Nyngan CBD and it is assumed this is in response to the recent hot weather.

No allowance has been made for pruning (advice or actual works) at this stage as the need for pruning can only be determined with time.

Blocking off approximately 6 parking spaces under the fig tree for a period of time will have an impact on people needing to park in the Main Street and, potentially, business owners.

The tree management actions recommended by Arborist C will involve Council in some additional expenditure and, should Council consider this option, this report seeks Council's consideration for a budget adjustment to allow for these to take place:

1. Bracing - \$1,000
2. Tree motion sensors including interpretation of motion sensor data - \$4,000
3. Irrigation - \$1,000

The cost of removal is estimated at \$6,000 and would also require a budget adjustment as the budget for this work has been exhausted this financial year.

Council is requested to consider whether to support recommendation (1A) or recommendation (1B) below.

Copies of the full Arborist reports and explanations of the TRAQ and SULE frameworks are available from the General Manager's office.

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**2.4 Recommendation**

1. That Council considers which of the following to support as a way of managing the potential public risk as a result of root damage to the Fig
2. tree in Pangee Street:
  - a) To remove the tree and plant a new tree to replace it in a suitable location.
  - b) Introduce measures to monitor the tree's health and stability for a period of time including:
    - i. Closing off parking spaces in the tree's fall zone for a period to be determined based on arborist's advice
    - ii. Installing motion sensors on the tree and having these monitored on an ongoing basis by an arborist as required
    - iii. Bracing the tree
    - iv. Watering the tree
3. That Council provides the required budget adjustment to undertake these actions at the second budget review.

**Derek Francis**

**General Manager**

## REPORT TO ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE'S REPORT

### 1 LOWER AND UPPER WEIR PROJECTS

#### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on proposed works at the Upper and Lower weirs on the Bogan River to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant for Council's consideration.*

#### **1.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on proposed works at the Upper and Lower weirs on the Bogan River to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant for Council's consideration.

#### **1.2 Background**

At its meeting in July 2020, Council resolved to apply for funding under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI) for improvements at the Upper and Lower weirs on the Bogan River.

The objective of the LRCI Program is to stimulate additional infrastructure construction activity in local communities across Australia to assist in a community-led recovery from COVID-19 by supporting local businesses and workforces to deliver projects to ensure stimulus funding flows into local communities.

The intended outcomes of the LRCI Program are to:

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

All Eligible Projects must be completed by 30 June 2021.

#### **1.3 Discussion**

To be able to illustrate proposed works to Council and the community, it was decided to have concept landscape plans prepared. Councils Engineering and Community Services staff have been involved in the development and costing of these plans which are included as Attachments 1 and 2.

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**Lower Weir**

Proposed works include:

- Development of the eastern bank grassed areas directly opposite the boat ramp in Rotary Park with picnic shelters,
- Timber/concrete steps from the above area down to the river for kayak/swimming access to the water,
- Seating installed on concrete pads to view the river from different locations,
- Rock bollards extending from the existing ones to maintain pedestrian safety,
- Steel post bollards along the pathway at the northern end to separate foot traffic and vehicle access to the river (informal vehicle track to be retained),
- Solar lights along limited sections of the pathway, and
- CCTV security camera at the northern end of the pathway and to deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

**Upper Weir**

- Public toilet,
- Bird hide,
- Installation of bins,
- Seating installed under the avenue of trees overlooking the river,
- Additional sand to level out the existing small sandy beach area,
- Levelling of gravel to road areas and existing informal walking track,
- Installation of information boards about the fauna and flora found in the area, and

**1.4 Attachments**

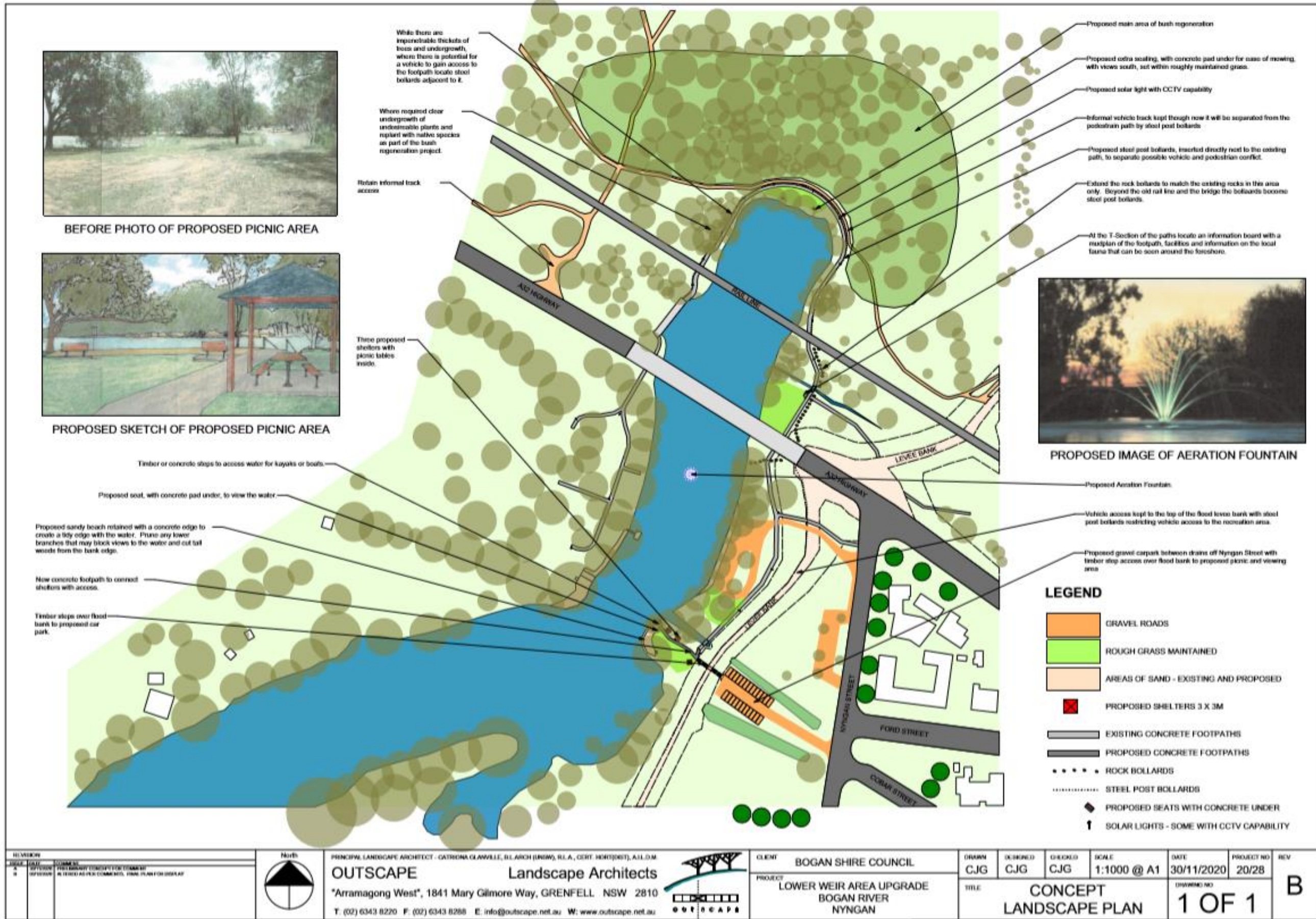
1. Lower Weir concept plan
2. Upper Weir concept plan

**1.5 Recommendation**

That Council supports the proposed works as discussed in the report, to be funded from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant at the Upper and Lower weirs on the Bogan River.

**Debb Wood**  
**Director People and Community Services**

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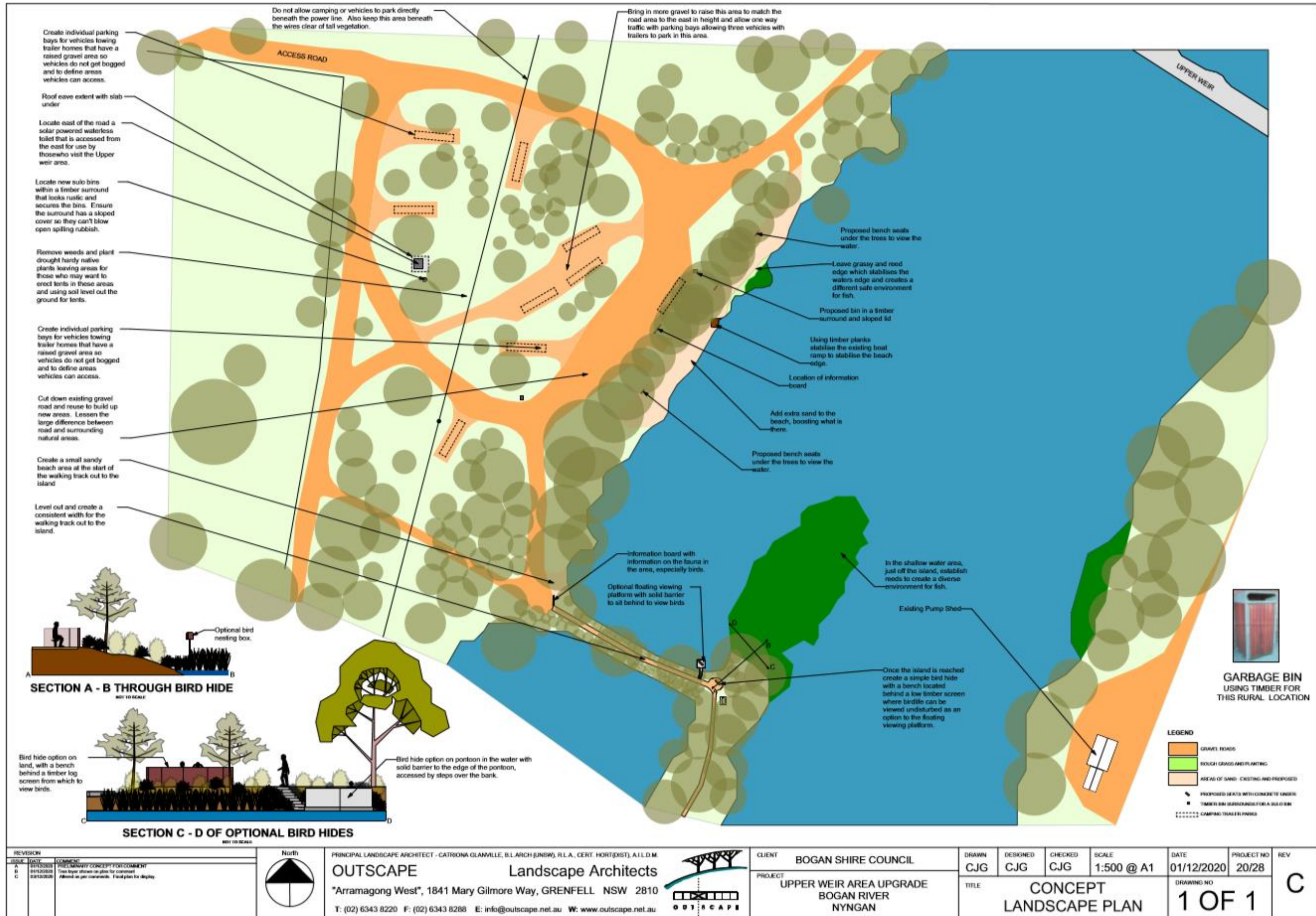




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REVISION	ISSUE	DATE	COMMENT
A	01/12/2020	01/12/2020	PRELIMINARY CONCEPT FOR COMMENT
B	01/12/2020	01/12/2020	Final plan for display
C	01/12/2020	01/12/2020	Approved on per contract. Final plan for display

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CLIENT **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

PROJECT **UPPER WEIR AREA UPGRADE  
BOGAN RIVER  
NYNGAN**

DRAWN	DESIGNED	CHECKED	SCALE	DATE	PROJECT NO	REV
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<b>CONCEPT LANDSCAPE PLAN</b>				<b>1 OF 1</b>		



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## 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 NOVEMBER 2020

#### **Summary:-**

*The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of November 2020.*

*At the 30th November 2020 Council had \$14.85 million invested. There has been an increase of \$2.46 million due to 75% of grant funds being received for Fixing Local Roads program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr Financial Assistant Grant and 50% of the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant funds.*

#### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of November 2020

#### 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

At the 30th November 2020 Council had \$14.85 million invested. There has been an increase of \$2.46 million due to 75% of grant funds being received for Fixing Local Roads program, 2nd Quarter Financial Assistant Grant and 50% of the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Grant. Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

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**Investment Movements for November 2020**

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

REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal Oct 20	Bal Nov 20
3204	NAB	07/12/2020	182	0.950%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
4608	NAB	25/02/2021	365	1.450%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
3994	NAB	2/03/2021	365	1.370%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
9467	NAB	11/01/2021	182	0.850%	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		0.650%	4,586,769.21	7,049,497.55
	Balance securities held				12,386,769.21	14,849,497.55
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				12,386,769.21	14,849,497.55
	<b>Summary by institution</b>					
	Commonwealth				0.00	0.00
	NAB				12,386,769.21	14,849,497.55
					12,386,769.21	14,849,497.55

**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 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with the same period last year.*

*Total arrears have increased from \$757,728 at the 30th November 2019 to \$1,310,617 as at 30th November this year.*

### 2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 30th November, 2020, with the same period last year.

### 2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

<b>Rate Collections</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2020	588,608	365,779
First Instalment in arrears as at 30/11/2020	117,326	83,477
Second Instalment in arrears as at 30/11/2020	604,683	308,472
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 30/11/2020	1,034,643	999,405
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 30/11/2020	1,068,060	1,021,402
<b>Total Arrears</b>	<b>1,310,617</b>	<b>757,728</b>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>3,413,320</b>	<b>2,778,535</b>
<b>Monthly Transactions</b>		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	6,048,957	5,444,129
Add: Adjustments	548	29,226
Less: Payments to end of November	-2,557,516	-2,617,427
Less: Rebates	-78,669	-80,422
Add: Postponed	-	3,029
<b>Gross Total Balance</b>	<b>3,413,320</b>	<b>2,778,535</b>
<b>Arrears of total amount levied %</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>

Total arrears have increased from \$757,728 at the 30th November 2019 to \$1,310,617 as at 30th November this year. At the time of writing this report however, arrears have reduced by \$218,911 to \$1,091,706. Arrears prior to 1/7/2020 have reduced by \$22,000 since the October 2020 report after debt recovery processes have been put in place.



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Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,513,000 (Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

As at the 30th November 2020 Council had collected \$59,911 less than at the same time last year. At the time of writing this report an additional \$229,128 had been collected bringing payments as at 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to \$2,786,645.

Arrears of total amount levied is 18% as at 8th December 2020.

Arrears on the first instalment is 6.5% on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Arrears on the second instalment is 28.2% on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### **2.3 Recommendation**

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

**Stephanie Waterhouse**  
**Director Finance and Corporate Services**

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

### Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

### 1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

#### 1.1 Roads

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 19th October 2020, to 13th November 2020 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	<b>Local Roads</b>	
24	Canonba Road	Resheeting completed.
14	Gilgai Road	Maintenance grading & resheeting completed.
67	Paynes Road	Flood damage repairs completed.
92	Colane Road	Maintenance grading completed. Culvert repairs completed. Nicotine Bridge abutment repairs completed.
18	Elmore Road	Maintenance grading completed.
64	West Bogan Road	Maintenance grading completed.
9	Glenn Garriff Road	Maintenance grading completed.
25	Merryanbone Road	Resheeting completed.
12	Coffil's Lane	Flood damage repairs & resheeting completed.
13	Bourke's Road	Maintenance grading commenced.
4	Dandaloo Road	Resheeting commenced.
20	Murrawombie Road	Maintenance grading completed.
17	Booramugga Road	Resheeting commenced.
6	Days Road	Maintenance grading completed.
61	O'Neill's Road	Flood damage repairs completed.

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<b>Regional Roads</b>		
MR 424	Monkey Bridge Road	Resheeting completed.
<b>State Highways</b>		
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Pothole patching continuing.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Emergency culvert repairs completed.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Heavy patching commenced.

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

• Tottenham Road	• Town Streets
• Yarrandale Road	• Mulla Road
• Mitchell Highway	• Barrier Highway

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

- Continuing maintenance grading, re-sheeting or flood damage repairs of the following roads:- Coffil's Lane, Honeybugle Road, Moonagee Road, Logan's Road, Dandaloo Road, Yarrandale Road, Pangee Road, Bourke's Road, Merryanbone Road, Benah Road, Colane Road.
- Completing Council's RMCC heavy patching program.

## **1.2 Works and Services**

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

### **Civil Works**

- Continuation of Capital works showgrounds / Racecourse
- Installed seniors seating inside fence at Larkin oval
- Removed domestic waste from TSR Tottenham Road
- Cleaning of Culverts Terangion Street
- Footpath repairs Pangee Street
- Repairs to Coolabah Hall
- Erection of steel animal figures Showground
- Assisting in Girilambone railway station restoration



### **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.
- Repair & replacement of sprinklers Rotary park
- Upgrade of playing surface Junior League Oval Moonagee Park
- Removal of dead trees at tennis courts complex
- Weed spraying carried out on all rear laneways

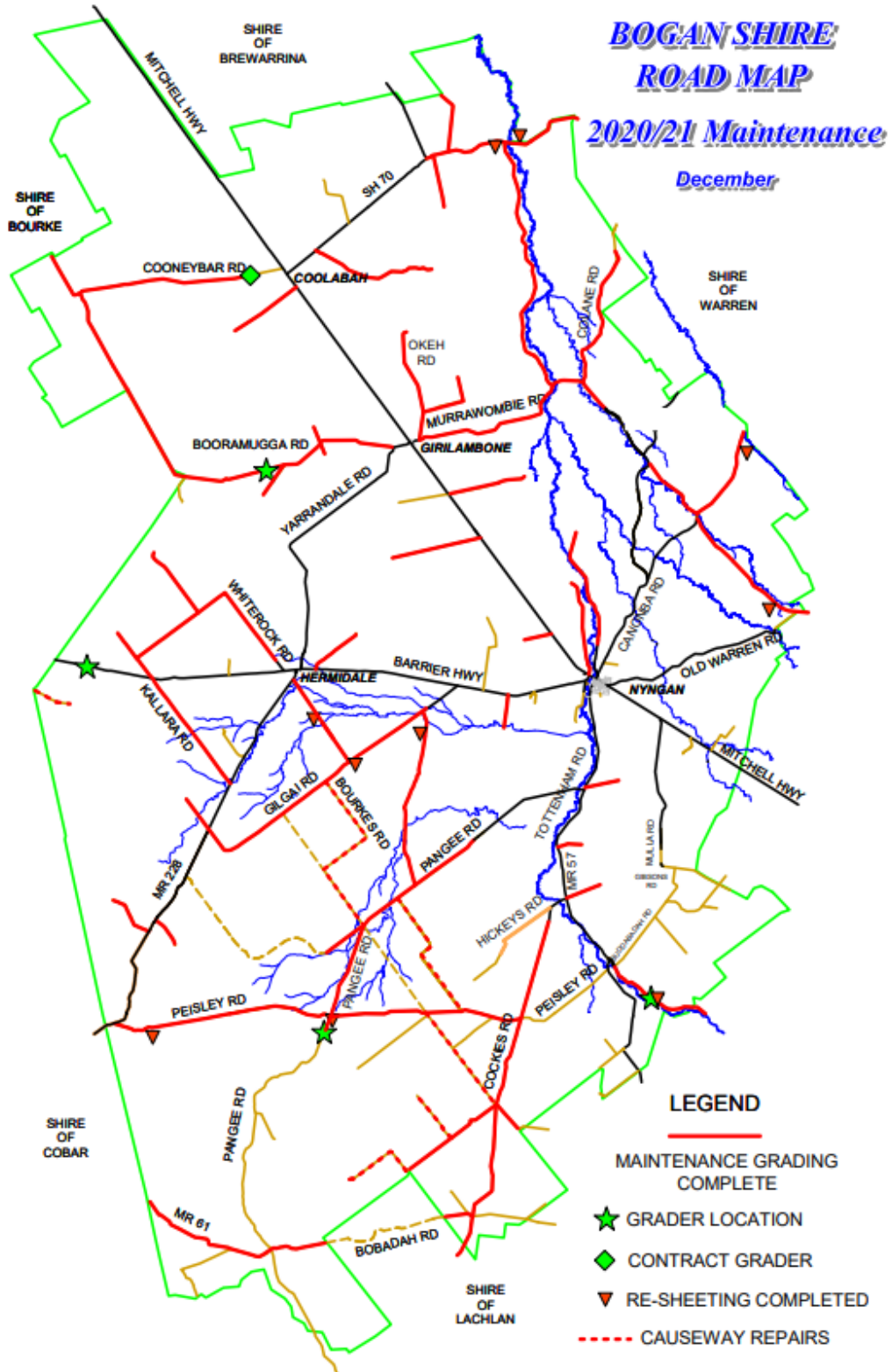
### **Water & Wastewater**

- Extended raw water system at cemetery
- Repairs carried out on water main Nymagee St
- Albert Priest Channel commenced 8/12/20 & ordered until 18/01/21
- Quarterly water meter readings commenced 14/12/20
- Assisted with sprinkler system upgrades Lions Park
- Spraying carried out along Albert Priest Channel

### **1.3 Recommendation**

That the Operational Report be received and noted.

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## 2 INSTALLATION OF BENCH SEATING IN PANGEE STREET

### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request to have more bench seating installed on the footpath in Pangee Street.*

### **2.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a request to have more bench seating installed on the footpath in Pangee Street.

### **2.2 Background**

Council has received requests to have two bench seats installed on the footpath in the vicinity of Nyngan Rural Agencies and St Mark's Op Shop.

### **2.3 Discussion**

There is an existing bench seat located outside Joblink - if two additional bench seats were to be provided, they will be located approximately 35 metres apart.

The estimated cost to supply and install a bench seat is \$2,000. There is currently no provision made in the capital budget for this project.

### **2.4 Recommendation**

That Council considers the requests to have more bench seating installed on the footpath in Pangee Street and allocates a budget accordingly

### 3 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

**Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to present the discussions of the Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and for Council to consider their recommendations.*

#### 3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the discussions of the Traffic Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and for Council to consider their recommendations.

#### 3.2 Background

The Traffic Committee meets quarterly to discuss traffic and pedestrian facilities and related issues, and to make recommendations to Council.

#### 3.3 Discussion

The following were discussed:

##### **Installation of Fatigue Signs on Highway**

Transport for NSW provided funding for the supply of these signs which have been installed on the three approaches to town.

##### **Train Speeds through Nyngan**

Council has engaged a consultant to provide a risk assessment report on the Hoskins Street rail crossing and Transport for NSW are in the process of arranging an onsite meeting with all stakeholders.

##### **Speed Reduction Canonba Road**

Council had been requested to move the 50 km/h speed zone on the Canonba Road closer to town. Transport for NSW are now in the process of formally moving the 50km/h zone back to the Moonagee Road intersection.

##### **Speed Reduction Pangee Street CBD**

Transport for NSW are in the process of formally reducing the speed limit in the Pangee Street CBD (Terangion St to Dandaloo St) to 40 km/h.

### **Heavy Vehicles Obstructing Derrybong Street When Fuelling at Nyngan Truck and Travellers Stop**

Transport for NSW have prepared a design for realigning traffic lanes in Derrybong St. by moving them towards the eastern shoulder and trialling line marking to assess improvements to entry and exit at the Nyngan Truck and Travellers Stop. This would allow for road trains to refuel with their trailers out onto the road shoulder without obstructing the traffic lane.

### **Harvest Vehicles Intersection of Pangee and Moonagee Streets**

It was brought up that harvest truck drivers mentioned the difficulty in turning west from Moonagee St when coming from the Tottenham Rd at the Pangee St intersection and turning back into Moonagee St from Pangee St when coming from the west.

This intersection has been looked at several times in the past because of truck turning issues at the Preschool. It was discussed that an alternate option for future harvests is to allow vehicles travelling to the AWB from the Tottenham Rd to use Nyngan St and turn onto the highway at the Tritton Mine Village. This would make turning on and off the highway easier for trucks and relieve congestion at the Preschool.

The committee recommended that this option be investigated.

### **Hermidale Speed Zone Reduction on Highway**

A request was made at the Hermidale Village meeting to reduce the speed zone through Hermidale on the highway to 70km. Transport for NSW advised that they would not support a speed reduction at this location, as it doesn't meet their criteria.

### **Pangee Street Pedestrian Crossings**

Council received a request from a member of the public to have pedestrian crossings installed at IGA to Service NSW and at the NAB to the Medical Centre to assist older customers in crossing the street.

Transport for NSW advised that this would remove 40 metres of parking each side of the street in each location and they would not support pedestrian crossings because it would not meet their criteria, and it would create greater pedestrian safety issues.

## **3.4 Attachment**

Proposed Line marking – Derrybong Street intersection with Nymagee Street.



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**3.5 Recommendation**

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council investigates the option of allowing harvest trucks to use Nyngan Street (as an alternative to Moonagee Street) when carting to AWB from the Tottenham Road.

**Graeme Bourke**

**Director Engineering Services**

Attachment: Proposed Line marking – Derrybong Street intersection with Nymagee Street





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## 4 NYNGAN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to present a Railway Level Crossings Risk Assessment for Council's information.*

### **4.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to present a Railway Level Crossings Risk Assessment for Council's information.

### **4.2 Background**

In 2018 Council started raising serious concerns with the NSW Government about the safety of the Hoskins Street Level Crossing. Council requested that train speeds through Nyngan revert back to the previous temporary 20km/h speed limit that had been in place for many years due to a required track upgrade.

Council has continued since then lobbied to have the train speed limit reduced in town or to have appropriate safety devices installed at the Hoskins Street rail crossing to reduce the safety risk. The Mayor held an on-site meeting with the Deputy Premier to highlight the seriousness of the situation. John Holland Rail have previously advised Council that this crossing is not a priority for them as it complies with requirements.

### **4.3 Discussion**

Gilbert Service Group Pty, Ltd. was engaged by Council in June 2020 to prepare a Railway Level Crossings Risk Assessment Report to assist Council in providing information to improve the safety at the Hoskins Street railway crossing.

### Risk Assessment Findings

Five risk categories were identified for the three Nyngan rail crossings, followed by identified key hazards. Of the five risk categories reviewed, an assessment was made against each of the Railway Crossings.

This method provided a total of 14 risks to review, which resulted in:

- HIGH risks
- MEDIUM risks
- 8 LOW risks, and
- negligible



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The risks identified as HIGH were both for the Hoskins Street Railway Crossing and are associated with the potential for road users failing to stop while a train is approaching, or road users failing to keep clear while a train is approaching.

The report has some recommended actions that are currently being followed up with Transport for NSW (RMS). The Director Engineering Services has had several conversations with Transport for NSW who are in the process of arranging a meeting with JH Rail, TfNSW, and Council to discuss a possible solution to the safety issues at the crossing.

A copy of the Consultant's Report is available from the General Manager on request.

#### **4.4 Recommendation**

For Council's information

**Graeme Bourke**  
**Director Engineering Services**

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

**Mayor and Councillors**

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

**1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

**1.1 Introduction**

One (1) application has been approved and three (3) applications are under assessment since Council's meeting of 22 November 2020 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2020/007	ITP Development Pty Ltd	Pt Lot 2 DP 222408 Moonagee Road, Nyngan	5MW Solar Farm	\$6,600,000	Awaiting Additional Information
SSD-10415	BayWare Projects Australia Pty Ltd	Lot 21 DP 704061 Mitchell Highway, Nyngan	State Significant Development – Solar Farm	\$42,000,000	Under Assessment (DPIE)
2020/024	Roman Catholic Church	28-34 Warren Street, Nyngan	Alterations and Additions to Education Building	\$1,650,000	Under Assessment
2020/026	Debbie Roach	76 Bogan Street Nyngan	New private shed	\$12 000	APPROVED

**1.2 Recommendation**

That this report be received and noted.

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## **2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

### **2.1 Introduction**

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

### **2.2 Discussion**

The Gardening Team were very busy with the increasing warmer weather. General routine works continued at the Nyngan Cemetery and all key areas the team are responsible for including the Seniors Living and Early Learning Centre. Watering demands have increased and will continue to do so in line with the warmer weather.

New flowering plants have been added to the garden beds in the Main Street and around the new (replaced) fountain, which has improved the street's appearance.

The Council Ranger completed a range of duties throughout the reporting period with no dogs being surrendered and no complaints of barking dogs being received. The Ranger received one complaint regarding a wandering goat in the village of Coolabah.

Council received a request to manage/eradicate the Myna birds within town. These birds are particularly aggressive and invade nests and do harm to native bird's nests and young. The Ranger is investigating the best way to manage this problem and has sought advice and assistance from colleagues at neighboring Shires. This issue will continue to be monitored and Council will determine if intervention is possible.

A fire occurred in the separated E-waste stockpile in the Resource Recovery section of the Nyngan Waste Management Facility on 17 November, a day on which the facility was closed. Council Staff responded on seeing the smoke, with the fire-fighting water cart on-site. Council's roads water cart was also called and the fire extinguished in an hour. The source of the fire could not be determined and the residual burnt material was landfilled the following day. The EPA were advised as required by the Facilities Environmental Protection Licence.

### **2.3 Recommendation**

That this report be received and noted.

**Chris Foley**

**ACTING MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

## PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

### 1 NSW POSITIVE RUGBY FOUNDATION

Attached is a copy of correspondence addressed to the Mayor, received from NSW Positive Rugby Foundation.

**1.1 Recommendation:** For Council's Consideration.

### 2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Attached is correspondence received from the Australian Local Government Women's Association – NSW Branch.

General Managers Note: Should Council wish to become a member of ALGWA to take advantage of this free offer the annual cost of subscription would be \$275.00

**2.1 Recommendation:** For Council's Consideration.

### 3 KEITH WHITE

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Keith White

**3.1 Recommendation:** For Council's Consideration.

### 4 THE HON KEITH PITT MP, MINISTER RESOURCES, WATER AND NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Attached is a copy of correspondence addressed to the Mayor, from Hon. Keith Pitt MP, Minister Resources, Water and Northern Australian,

**4.1 Recommendation:** For Council's Information

### 5 NYNGAN MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Nyngan Museum Committee

**5.1 Recommendation:** For Council's Information

## 6 HERA RESOURCES PTY LTD DONATIONS 2021

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Hera Resources Pty Ltd. Hera Resources is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aurelia Metals Ltd which owns and operates the Hera Mine at Nymagee. They would like to discuss the potential to partner with Bogan Shire Council to fund community projects and discuss Council's priorities. Their main priorities are projects that directly benefit health and education in the local area.

General Manager's Comment: Liam Richards, Environment Advisor at Aurelia Metals recently met with the Mayor, General Manager and Director People and Community Services to discuss the attached letter and provide background on the possible funding available. Three ideas were put forward at this meeting – speech therapy, medical equipment for the Bogan Shire Medical Centre and a contribution towards the Hermidale Park Project. In addition to this, a focus on tourism, publicity of the Mine and local history displayed at the Nyngan Museum were also discussed.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Correspondence be received.
2. That Council continue discussions with Aurelia Metals and also meet with Aeris Resources to determine Council's priorities for the whole of the Bogan Shire community.
3. That Council work in partnership with both companies to obtain financial assistance for identified projects for the long term benefit of the community.

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1 Correspondence from NSW Positive Rugby Foundation



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Positive Rugby Foundation

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Ray Donald

Mayor for Bogan Shire

81 Cobar Street  
P.O. Box 221  
Nyngan, 2825  
8th December 2020

**Dear Ray,**

In August this year Rugby was announced as one of four main tenants on the Master Plan in the multi-million-dollar Sports Hub at Dubbo. Alongside PCYC, Netball and Tennis, Rugby will have the ability to develop a world class facility to service our regional communities and receive funding from the \$22m already committed to the project from State Government.

Whilst this opportunity in itself is amazing, Rugby plans to apply for further grants with the vision of building a Centre of Excellence for both Country and Indigenous Rugby. Specifically, we are applying for a Building Better Regions Fund grant from Federal Government to fulfill our vision for a \$18 million-dollar facility.

Please find attached a short prospectus of the facility and the scope of works we have planned for this project. We see great benefits to your region with this Centre of Excellence which are outlined below:

- Increase sporting participation in your region
- Create economic benefits through sports tourism and reduced travel offset
- Health and wellbeing benefits to your broader community including indigenous

As part of the grant application process, we are requesting formal letters of support from local councils and would greatly appreciate your support in providing a letter of support stating the following;

1. Your council/region
2. How your region could utilise this facility
3. The benefits to your region

We have included a sample letter of support – please feel free to use this as a guide.

If we could have this completed by **Friday 11th December** that would be much appreciated.

If you have any questions or require more information please don't hesitate to contact me on

0413 588 874 or at gmumm@nswrugby.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,

Greg Mumm

Head of the NSW Positive Rugby Foundation



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**Letter of Support - Template for Local Councils**

To whom it may concern,

I write to you from the **XYZ** council with regard to the opportunity and involvement that NSW Rugby has in the development of a multi-sports hub at Dubbo NSW.

For our region, a Centre of Excellence for Country and Indigenous Rugby would have a huge impact on our ability to create health, social and economic benefits to our community.

Our council sees great potential to engage with the facility in **XYZ** ways to have the following benefits for our region:

- Increase sporting participation
- Create economic benefits through sports and tourism and reduce travel offset
- Health and wellbeing benefits to our broader community including indigenous

We feel that a world class centre such as the one proposed would enhance our ability to provide a significant contribution to communities by allowing our region to experience the benefits of a Rugby Centre of Excellence.

Kind Regards,



A large group photograph of a rugby team, consisting of approximately 25 young men, is the background of the page. They are posed in three rows on a grassy field. The back row is standing, the middle row is kneeling, and the front row is sitting on the grass. Most are wearing light-colored, short-sleeved rugby jerseys with a crest on the chest. One person in the back row on the right is wearing a dark jacket. The background shows a cloudy sky and some trees.

# COUNTRY AND INDIGENOUS RUGBY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Dubbo Sports Hub Project

*Impact: Increased participation*

**In total it is estimated that access to greater field capacity could add 40% or more to the regional rugby community, taking total registrations from 3,800 to 5,300.**

*Anecdotal feedback from Dubbo Kangaroos Coach & NSWRU Dubbo Development Officer, Angus McDonald.*



## STRATEGIC VISION FOR COUNTRY & INDIGENOUS RUGBY

NSW Rugby Union and the NSW Positive Rugby Foundation

(collectively 'Rugby') have prepared this business case in support of their lead tenancy of the Sports Hub and the establishment of a NSW Country and Indigenous Rugby Centre of Excellence.

The proposal aligns strategically with all levels of government. Through a NSW Country and Indigenous Rugby Centre of

Excellence, Rugby will bring the following key benefits to the region:

Increased participation in sport across all age groups and demographics through clubs, schools and summer programs. Increased engagement with Indigenous communities (Clontarf Academy, Girls Academy, Lloyd McDermott Foundation).

Growth in the youth girl's competition.

Host larger, high quality tournaments (Country, Indigenous and Stage Age) and significant entertainment games (Super Rugby, Super W, Aussie 7's).

Tourism revenue estimated at \$3.54 million per annum.

Trade and employment.

Access to Rugby partner programs in health and wellbeing with batyr, Black Dog Institute, Diabetes NSW & ACT, Life Education and Creating Chances.

DUBBO SPORTS HUB MASTER PLAN





## SCOPE OF WORKS: FACILITIES OUTLINED

4 x training fields 2 with 2 x synthetic surfaces

AS 2560.2.3 compliant sports lighting

Grandstand at the main field with: 1,000 seat capacity (500 covered), General lighting and Public toilets including disabled access

Multi-use function area (150sqm) with commercial kitchen

and availability of liquor license Open office space with 4 x small meeting rooms/consultation/teaching rooms, informal meeting and engagement space with reception, storage, kitchen and utility areas (total 160sqm);

36-person capacity amphitheatre for meetings, match and training analysis, general teaching and seminars Multi-purpose fitness, strength, training & physical education space (500m<sup>2</sup> total)

Hot and cold recovery pools/ Ice bath (15-20 person);

4 x gender neutral team change rooms & shower facilities

2 x gender neutral officials change rooms & shower facilities

Accessible toilet with shower & change area

Medical assessment and treatment room

First aid and drug testing room

50sqm outdoor training and game day equipment storage

Outdoor teaching and gathering space

Car parking for 120 (minimum, including disabled spaces)

# POTENTIAL EVENTS RUGBY COULD BRING TO THE REGION



## INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL

Waller Roos Trial/Games  
U16's National Champs  
U19's National Champs  
Oceania U20's Champs



## STATE

Waratahs Trial/Games  
Super W Trial/Games  
Under 13's State Champs  
Waratahs Junior Academy  
Junior Gold Cup



## REGIONAL & LOCAL

Senior School 7s  
Country Junior Rugby Champs  
Ella 7's Junior and Senior



## **POTENTIAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERS**

In conjunction with the NSW Positive Rugby Foundation, the following organisations would support Rugby's provision of additional inclusive health and wellbeing services to the region:

### **CREATING CHANCES**

Creating Chances provides internationally and nationally renowned best practice, evidence-based programs promoting positive youth development through sport.

### **LIFE EDUCATION**

Life Education is passionate about the health and well-being of the next generation of Australians.

### **BLACK DOG INSTITUTE**

The only medical research institute in Australia investigating mental health across the lifespan, their aim is to create a mentally healthier world for everyone.

### **BATYR**

batyr is a for purpose preventative mental health organisation, created and driven by young people, for young people.

### **DIABETES NSW & ACT**

Diabetes NSW & ACT is dedicated to helping people living with or at risk of diabetes, their families, friends and carers.

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**2 Correspondence from Australian Local Government Women's Association**

**From:** Clr Sera Yilmaz ALGWA NSW [<mailto:algwansw@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, 23 November 2020 10:39 PM

**To:** Admin <[admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Women in Local Government



**23 November 2020**

**Bogan Shire Council**

**PO Box 221**

**NYNGAN NSW 2825**

Dear General Manager,

Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW is offering to conduct a female forum within your LGA.

ALGWA has had recent success in running these forums in Orange City Council, Municipality of Kiama and Gunnedah Shire Council. The forums are a way to include all women from staff, Councillors and to the local community. This event is vital in the successful growth of women in Council.

There is no presentation fee for the event, however the local Council must be a member of The Australian Local Government Women's Association. This ensures that representation of the forum has a strong organisation running the event.

In order to have this event organised the following will be required from your Council:

- Conference Room
- Promotion and advertising of the event
- Food and Drink for the participants
- Accommodation for the forum Leader

Lithgow City Councillor Cassandra Coleman NSW State President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) will be the forum conductor for the event.

We look forward to being in partnership with your Council. Regards

**Clr Sera Yilmaz**

Secretary | Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW Board [algwansw@gmail.com](mailto:algwansw@gmail.com) P:  
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3 Correspondence Keith White

Keith White  
73 Warren Street  
Nyngan 2825  
The General Manager  
Bogan Shire Council  
Nyngan

Dear Derek,                      Ref. 1924 Garford

As you know I was given custody of the Garford by the late Jim Marr to have it restored for the Nyngan Community as part of the tools available for Tourism and Festivals that may be held in the future times.

I, with a very small committee, have tried to raise the funds to complete that task and have succeeded to a degree. We have been able to get it running on new Tyres and 2 sets of personal equipment for display in the Fire Station. There are now all the Extinguishers on the Machine.

I have sought a Quote from a Vehicle Restorer, which you have, to bring it back to its Original Finish, along with safety modifications that allow Bogan Shire, when it is proposed to be used, to obtain a permit from the relative Traffic Authority, without having to register the Garford, a process which is quite expensive.

The reason for this letter is that I have run out of ideas and effort to complete my mission and my age, along with some health concerns, has made me realise I am unable to do so.

Accordingly, I have decided, to hand over the Mission the Bogan Shire Council to complete the Task. I would appreciate advice if the Bogan Shire decides to complete the Mission.

Yours faithfully,



Keith White

20/11/2020

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ASSIGNEE	

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**4 Correspondence from Hon. Keith Pitt MP, Minister Resources, Water and Northern Australian,**



**The Hon Keith Pitt MP**

**Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia**

MC20-015946

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

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE	R/N
14 DEC 2020	
ASSIGNEE	

Dear Mayor 

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2020 to the Hon Mark Coultan MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, concerning Burrendong Dam. Your letter was forwarded to me as the minister responsible for the matters you raised.

I note your concerns regarding critical human water needs. The Basin Plan and Murray-Darling Basin Agreement work together to prioritise water for critical human water needs in the River Murray system. The Basin states are responsible for setting aside the water they need to meet critical human water needs. Once this required volume of water is met and set aside, the states may then make any additional water that enters the system available to state allocations. All allocations need to be within the sustainable levels of water take that have been established for groundwater and surface water resource units under the Basin Plan.

The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment-Water (DPIE-Water) allocates the amount of water available each year to different licence categories in the Macquarie Valley. Water is firstly allocated to the highest priority water requirements such as domestic and town water supply, followed by high security licences, and then general security licences. Water is only allocated to general security environmental and irrigation accounts after human consumption and higher priority licences have been met.

As reported on the website of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office, the Commonwealth manages 126,244ML of General Security entitlements in the Macquarie valley. This is around 15 per cent of the licence shares. Environmental water holders receive the same allocations as irrigators holding the same entitlement. As for all water licence holders, the actual amount of water available for the environment varies considerably from year to year, as does the amount of water stored in Burrendong Dam. The amount of Commonwealth water for the environment held in Burrendong Dam would be very much less than 60 per cent.

In very dry times when inflows to Burrendong are near record lows, there may be insufficient water to meet all critical human needs, DPIE Water can suspend use of any water in accounts, this occurred in 2019/20. This water (including Commonwealth water for the environment) was borrowed and transferred into drought reserves and made available for human needs. With better inflows in the current year, this borrowed water has been paid back.

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You mentioned using capacity in the flood mitigation zone for storage rather than to control flood releases for the benefit of some upstream towns. Storing more water in the flood mitigation zone would reduce airspace to manage floods. The Water Sharing Plan for the Macquarie and Cudgegong Regulated Rivers Water Source 2016 provides for management of water in the flood mitigation zone. The flood mitigation zone is being considered as part of a regional water strategy for the Macquarie-Castlereagh catchment. Further information is available at [industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/regional-water-strategies](http://industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/regional-water-strategies).

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Pitt", is written above the typed name.

Keith Pitt 26/11 /2020

Cc: Hon Mark Coulton MP

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5 Correspondence from Nyngan Museum Committee

Nyngan Museum Committee

9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Good Morning Derek,

The Museum Committee would like to pass onto you and your team, our thanks for your ongoing help during the renovation of our buildings.

Your support has allowed our volunteers the time to fully reorganise the collection to compliment the building renovations completed with your guidance.

We could never have begun the journey without your help and support. We had an idea, and you all worked hard to make sure that idea came into being. Impossible though it may have seemed at the time!

We would also like to thank the Shire tradesman and their offsiders for being available to us whenever they could, to assist with the technical and tricky stuff. Much thinking outside the box was needed! They provided time, ideas and expertise that we couldn't have done without

Together we have built a museum equal to any, one we can be proud of, and one we did together as a team.

We are looking forward to continuing to work together as our focus moves to the sheds and gardens still to be completed.

Thank you again for your help and support during the ongoing development of the museum.

Regards Anna Corby

Secretary Museum Committee

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6 Correspondence from Hera Resources Pty Ltd



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11<sup>th</sup> of November 2020

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

Attention: Debb Wood  
Director People and Community Services

Dear Ms. Wood,

**Re: Hera Resources Pty Ltd Donations for FY21.**

Hera Resources Pty Ltd (the Company), a wholly owned subsidiary of Aurelia Metals Ltd, own and operate the Hera Mine. The Hera Mine is operated in general accordance with Project Approval (PA) 10\_0191, Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 20179 and Mining Lease (ML) 1686 and 1746.

As previously discussed in email correspondence, dated 9 November 2020, the Company would like to discuss the potential to partner with Bogan Shire Council to fund community projects and we would like to discuss Council's priorities. Our main priority is projects that directly benefit health and education in the local area.

If there is a suitable time for you to meet, can you please let me know and I would be happy to attend Council Chambers in Nyngan to discuss this further.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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