



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Business Paper**

**28 July 2022**





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**COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 28 July 2022 at 5.30pm.

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances
3. Apologies
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2022
6. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2022
7. Committee Meeting Minutes
8. Address from Kylie Pearce, Nyngan Public School Principal on the subject of Before and After School Care
9. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
  - People and Community Services
  - Finance and Corporate Services
  - Engineering Services
  - Development and Environmental Services
10. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

**Melissa Salter**  
**Executive Office**



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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	23/09/2021	249/2021	<b>Increase of train speed through Nyngan</b>	Prior to the next state Election, Council raise the issue of the Hoskins Street Level Crossing & Train Speeds with Barwon candidates.	<b>GM</b>	Pending discussions closer to State Elections.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Mayor and GM held site visit with Scott Barrett MLC.
2	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>	Further correspondence sent to CWB.  Meeting held with CWB 30.11.2021. Further discussion to take place.





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3	27/05/2022	122/2022	<b>Nyngan Emergency Bore</b>	Council seeks advice from the Minister for Water, as to a mechanism for periodic extraction of water for maintenance purposes, given that it is understood that Council is unable to extract water from the bore at this stage.	<b>GM</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Letter written to Minister for Water.
4	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>	Remediation work postponed due to wet weather and soft floor. Floor continues to be wet and soft from rain.  Requires warm weather to dry out sub- base A contract variation has been issued to the Contractor for change of scope for repairs to inside batters.



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5	17/12/2020	373/2020	<b>Lack of Vacation Care/Before and After School Care in Nyngan</b>	Council approach both primary schools in Nyngan. Council bring this matter to the attention of local State Member and Hon. Sam Farraway MLC.	<b>DPCS</b>	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.
	24/02/2022	010/2022		Council make enquiries from the State Government to find out why progress has halted on before and after school care.		Response received from Hon. Bronnie Taylor, indicating support for funding application by Nyngan Public School to the Department of Education for the construction of a purpose built building for Before and After School Care.



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	27/05/2022	118/2022		Correspondence from the NSW Government Education – School Infrastructure be received and noted and representatives from the NSW Department of Education be invited to attend and address the next Council meeting.		and expects to be in a position to confirm and initiative to support the creation of places for parents in the coming weeks  <b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Principal Nyngan Public School and representative of NSW Government – Education invited to attend Council Meeting.
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6	25/02/2021	012/2021	<b>Nyngan Railway Wool Dump</b>	A colour information sign be erected at the Nyngan Railway Wool Dump on stand adjacent to the dump.A cement path from the existing walkway to the sign be constructed, with available funding.	<b>DES</b>	<p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p> <p>Pending commencement of grant- funded works.</p>
7	25/02/2021	013/2021	<b>Honour Board</b>	Recipients of National Awards, prior to 1980's, be recognised on Honour Board. The board include National awards including recipients of the British Empire Medal (BEM), Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM),Victoria Cross.	<b>GM</b>	<p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Board installed.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>



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8	27/05/2021	126/2021	<b>Addressing Local Job Vacancies</b>	Council delays the launch of the marketing campaign until progress is made with establishing more housing accommodation in Nyngan.	<b>DPCS</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> DES Report to Council on new residential subdivision refers.
9	28/05/2022	085/2022	<b>Refugee Employment</b>	Council funds, and invites the Bogan Shire's business community to participate in a skills and labour shortage mapping exercise. Following the skills and labour shortage mapping exercise, representatives from identified Refugee Recruitment service providers be invited to a meeting with Council.	<b>DPCS</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Engagement with business community, including agricultural sector, commenced 18/07/22 with online and paper-based survey.  Refugee recruitment specialist invited to attend August Council Meeting.



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10	28/10/2021	162/2021	<b>Section 355 Committee – Nyngan Museum</b>	General Manager to 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.	<b>GM</b>	Initial meeting held with Museum Committee.  Draft delegations prepared for further discussions with Museum Committee.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Referred to Audit & Risk Committee. Awaiting Report from Internal Auditor.
11	25/11/2021  24/03/2022	331/2021  068/2022	<b>Recycling Bins in Town Main Street</b>  <b>Recycling Bin Waste Stickers</b>	Recycling bins be made available in town main street.  That Council, as part of the recycling education program that will be conducted through schools, supply students with a sticker and encourage to stick it to their household recycling bin.	<b>DDES</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Eight recycling bins received – considered in Council's best interest to delay installation until main street paving completed.  <b>UPDATE:</b> In Progress – stickers now received.



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12	27/05/2022	111/2022	<p><b>Nyngan's Big Bogan Festival</b></p>	<p>Bogan Shire Council applies for funding from the Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program grant to host Nyngan's Big Bogan Festival to be held between October and November 2022.</p> <p>The General Manager appoints a part time event coordinator for the Festival,</p> <p>Interested Bogan Shire community members be invited to participate in a committee / working group.</p>	<p><b>DPCS</b></p>	<p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Grant application submitted.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Event Coordinator appointed.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Invitations made to Community Members.</p>
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13	23/06/2022	126/2022	<b>New Water Treatment Plant Site</b>	A further report to Council be considered for location of the New Water Treatment Plant, including the location as presented to Council, as well as other options outside/adjacent to the levy bank.	<b>DES</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Public Works currently investigating suitability of substation site.
14	23/06/2022	141/2022	<b>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Australia</b>	Council establishes an Imagination Library in partnership with United Way Australia.	<b>DPCS</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Initial meeting held with United Way to progress.
15	23/06/22	148/2022	<b>Pangee Street Paving</b>	The Director of Engineering investigate options of disposing of the pavers, as alternatives of what was discussed at the meeting, including costings, and report back to Council.	<b>DES</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Most appropriate method of disposal would appear to be removing old pavers to a non-Council-owned site to enable public access to the pavers free of charge. Further investigations continuing.

**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 ACCOUNTING TREATMENT FOR RURAL FIRE SERVICE FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to bring to Council's attention an issue concerning the recording of the Rural Fire Service's so-called red fleet (tankers) in Council's annual financial statements.*

### **2.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to bring to Council's attention an issue concerning the recording of the Rural Fire Service's so-called red fleet (tankers) in Council's annual financial statements.

### **2.2 Background**

In common with 68 other councils in NSW, Bogan Shire Council's audit report for the year ended 30 June 2021 contained reference to the fact that rural fire-fighting equipment, specifically the Rural Fire Service (RFS) red fleet, had not been recognised in Council's financial statements.

The following comment was contained under significant audit issues and observations in the Auditor General's letter to the Mayor:

#### ***Rural fire-fighting equipment not recognised in the financial statements***

*Council did not record rural fire-fighting equipment in the financial statements.*

*Rural fire fighting equipment, specifically the red fleet vehicles, is controlled by the Council and should be recognised in their financial statements. This is supported by the requirements of the Rural Fires Act 1997 and service agreements between councils and the RFS.*

*The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government) confirmed in the 'Report on Local Government 2020' (tabled in Parliament on 27 May 2021) their view that rural firefighting equipment is not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Service.*

At the time of the audit Council provided the following response to the NSW Audit Office

*Council has no control over the plant and equipment that the Rural Fire Service has in its possession. Council does not consider that it owns these assets and therefore has not included them in the Financial Statements for 2021.*

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*Council does not have any knowledge of the extent of the RFS fleet operating within our district at any point in time and Council does not have any control over any of the RFS plant and equipment.*

*Council has no access to the plant and equipment nor is Council permitted to use any such equipment. Council does not insure this equipment or fix the equipment if there are damages to it.*

*Council does not have any input into decisions on the purchase or sale of any plant and equipment that the RFS has in its possession.*

*Council will not be including the plant and equipment in their asset registers unless this position changes.*

### **2.3 Discussion**

This matter has been the subject of much discussion within the NSW local government industry for a long time and hinges on whether Councils should be bringing firefighting equipment assets, "vested" in Councils under the provisions of the Rural Fires Act, 1997, to account in their balance sheets and consequently bear the cost of depreciating them.

In 2021 Leeton Shire Council wrote to the NSW Audit Office about this matter, raising several questions and concerns and took the lead in coordinating efforts on behalf of other affected Councils.

Amongst this was obtaining advice from one of the so-called Big 5 accounting firms that supports the stance that Councils should not recognise the rural fire fighting equipment in their year end financial statements.

Part of this advice argues that Councils do not control red fleet assets. Under Australian Accounting Standards, "Control of an asset refers to the ability to direct the use of, and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from, the asset. Control includes the ability to prevent other entities from directing the use of, and obtaining the benefits from, an asset." The advice also refers to the accounting concept of substance over form and notes "To be useful, financial information must not only represent relevant phenomena, but it must also faithfully represent the substance of the phenomena that it purports to represent. In many circumstances, the substance of an economic phenomenon and its legal form are the same. If they are not the same, providing information only about the legal form would not faithfully represent the economic phenomenon."

Of concern is the possibility that the Auditor-General will issue a qualified audit opinion on Council's 2021/22 Annual Financial Statements if red fleet assets are not brought to account.

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In general terms an unqualified opinion is expressed when the auditor is satisfied in all material respects that the financial statements are presented fairly. A qualified opinion is issued when a specific part of the financial statements contain a material misstatement but the rest of the financial report is found to give a true and fair view.

A qualified opinion may have negative impacts on Council's reputation and ability to borrow money.

Whether or not the Auditor-General would go as far as qualifying Bogan Shire Council's audit report would depend, amongst other things, on whether they considered the omission of the value of the red fleet sufficiently material against the total value of Council's assets to warrant this. Not knowing the value of the red fleet makes it difficult for Council to consider this.

Regardless of the complexities of the technical accounting debate over the correct treatment of the RFS red fleet, the simple fact is that the RFS appears unable to provide Bogan Shire Council with a list of red fleet located within the Bogan RFS District together with their value. This means that even if Council supported the Auditor-General's view, we would not be able incorporate red fleet assets in our Balance Sheet as we do not know what assets exist, their condition or value.

Council has requested a list of red fleet assets each year from the RFS since 2018. In response to a recent request the RFS directed Council to the Office of Local Government (OLG) in an email on 24 June 2022 stating:

*It was agreed last July that the RFS would provide relevant firefighting appliance information to the Office of Local Government who would then deal directly with Councils as required.*

Whilst Bogan Shire Council has not to date had a written response from the OLG in this regard, the following response was received from the OLG by another Council who had contacted the OLG to request their list of red fleet assets:

*Date: 24 June, 2022  
Subject: Re: Red Fleet*

*Hi XXXXXXXX  
there has been some miscommunication about this issue going around including that OLG has a list of RFS asserts [sic].  
We don't collect or have any access to this information.  
sorry*

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On 14 July 2022 Council's Director of Finance and Corporate Services received a phone call from an official from the OLG who said they that were unable to provide a list of assets to Council as the lists that they were provided by the RFS were incomplete and had been provided some time ago.

On 23 June 2022 Bogan Shire Council, in common with all other affected Councils, received a letter from the Auditor-General (Attachment 1) drawing Council's attention to her findings and recommendations to the NSW parliament concerning rural firefighting equipment. These included:

- Councils should recognise this equipment as assets in their 30 June 2022 financial statements.
- Councils should perform a full asset stocktake of rural firefighting equipment, including a condition assessment for 30 June 2022 financial reporting purposes.
- The Department of Planning and Environment (through the Office of Local Government) should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment

On this last point the Office of Local Government has written to the Auditor-General notifying her that the Office does not have legal authority to direct Councils in this matter. (Attachment 2)

Following the Auditor-General's letter, the President of LGNSW issued a newsletter to member Councils (Attachment 3) providing comment and expressing LGNSW support for the stance of the 68 Councils.

There is no doubt that the non-recording of RFS red fleet assets generates maintenance risks, management risks and stewardship risks for the assets but it does not necessarily follow that it should be councils that bring them onto their books to address these concerns. It should be a relatively straightforward process for them to be accounted for in the RFS's accounting records and Balance Sheet.

To reiterate, Councils do not have any say in the acquisition, deployment, or disposal of these assets. Comparable assets held by Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES) are not vested anywhere other than with the organisations that purchase, use, maintain and dispose of them. The Government's blanket determination is not only nonsensical, but also inconsistent with the treatment of the comparable assets of other emergency service agencies such as Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES). There is no rational reason for maintaining this anomaly.

From a common sense point of view it would seem more logical that the entity that bought the RFS assets, vested them to Council, controls them, uses them, insures them and sells them would be the same one that accounts for them.



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## **2.4 Attachments**

1. Letter from the Auditor-General dated 23 June 2022
2. Letter from Office of Local Government to NSW Auditor-General dated 7 June 2022
3. Newsletter from President LGNSW issued 24 June 2022

## **2.5 Recommendation**

It is recommended that

1. Council take into consideration the risks involved in potentially receiving a qualified audit report for 2021/22 Council nevertheless, as a matter of principle, does not include Rural Fire Service Red Fleet assets in Bogan Shire Council's 2021/22 annual financial statements based on the fact that Council does not control, manage, or govern Rural Fire Service assets, nor is it able to obtain a list of red fleet assets from the NSW Government.
2. Makes representation to the Local Member, the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for Local Government and the Deputy Premier on this matter.

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Attachment 1



Mr Derek Francis  
General Manager  
Bogan Shire Council

Contact: Aaron Green  
Phone no: 02 9275 7209  
Our ref: D2210985/FA1697

By email only

23 June 2022

Dear Mr Francis

### Rural Firefighting Equipment

I am writing to let you know that our Report to Parliament, 'Local Government 2021' was recently tabled and is available on our [website](#). This report brings together findings and recommendations from our 2020–21 financial audits of local councils and comments on financial reporting and performance, internal controls and governance, and areas of interest that are in focus during the conduct of our audits.

The intent of this letter is to draw your attention to the specific findings and recommendations reported to Parliament about rural firefighting equipment vested to councils. Please refer to the Appendix for the relevant extract from the Report.

Our management letters issued to councils on the 2020–21 financial audits included recommendations to undertake a stocktake of the rural firefighting equipment vested to councils and record the value in the council's financial statement. I trust these recommendations are being actioned. Please share this letter with relevant staff within your council to ensure they consider recommendations when preparing your financial statements for the 2021–22 financial year.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Aaron Green on 02 9275 7209.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Crawford  
Auditor-General for New South Wales

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### APPENDIX

#### **Sixty-one per cent of the total value of uncorrected errors was due to unrecorded rural firefighting equipment**

In 2017, we recommended that OLG should address the different practices across the local government sector in accounting for rural firefighting equipment.

In 2020–21, 68 (2019–20: 68) councils did not record rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements estimated to be \$145 million (2019–20: \$119 million). Forty-one councils recognise this equipment in their financial statements with a total value of \$162.8 million, highlighting the inconsistent recognition practices across the local government sector.

The financial statements of the NSW Total State Sector and the NSW Rural Fire Service do not include these assets, as the State is of the view that rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to councils under section 119(2) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* is not controlled by the State. In reaching this conclusion, the State argued that on balance it would appear the councils control the rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to them. It is important to note that there are only two parties to the agreements that govern the use of vested rural firefighting equipment, leaving only two parties who would be considered to control this equipment- the NSW Rural Fire Service in the State sector, or councils in the Local Government sector.

The Department of Planning and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government) (the Department) confirmed in the 'Report on Local Government 2020' (tabled in Parliament on 27 May 2021) their view that rural firefighting equipment is not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting confirms the State's view that it does not control these assets but provides that 'Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards'. It would seem however, given the State's view that it does not control these assets, that these assets can only be controlled and therefore recognised by councils in the local government sector.

Despite this, many councils do not report these critical assets in their financial statements.

The continued non-recording of rural firefighting equipment in financial management systems of some councils increases the risk that these assets are not properly maintained and managed. Councils who have rural firefighting equipment vested from the NSW Rural Fire Service should recognise these assets in their financial management systems and consider their condition and useful life.

#### **Recommendation to councils**

**Councils should perform a full asset stocktake of rural firefighting equipment, including a condition assessment for 30 June 2022 financial reporting purposes.**

**Consistent with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards, councils should recognise this equipment as assets in their 30 June 2022 financial statements.**

#### **The Department should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment**

The Department, through the Office of Local Government, requires each council to prepare financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (accounting standards), as required by the LG Act. The State Government, through NSW Treasury (and in agreement with the Department), has concluded that under accounting standards rural firefighting equipment vested to councils is not controlled by the State, and further on balance that councils in the local government sector control this rural firefighting equipment.

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The Department's role includes assessing whether intervention is appropriate with respect to council's compliance with and performance against legislative responsibilities, standards or guidelines. Given the State's clear position, it would appear that any council not recognising this equipment is non-compliant with the relevant accounting standards.

Having considered the accounting position papers prepared by the respective stakeholders, the Audit Office has advised councils and the Department that any council not recognising this equipment is not complying with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Department should now intervene to address this matter as a priority.

### Recommendation to the Department

**Consistent with the Department's role to assess council's compliance with legislative responsibilities, standards or guidelines, the Department should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment.**

We acknowledge that the Department has committed to working closely with NSW Treasury to educate, guide and assist councils to understand the State's view regarding ownership and recognition of rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements.

Non-recognition of this equipment may impact the financial statements audit opinions of those councils. The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), a state government entity, has spent in excess of \$1.1 billion over the past ten years on rural firefighting activities and equipment. While confirming the State Government's position that it does not control this equipment, the NSW RFS advised it has a complete listing of the rural firefighting equipment vested to councils under section 119(2) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, and has provided this to the Department. The NSW RFS also confirmed that as it does not control the equipment, it is unable to confirm its value or condition.

This raises two general questions: whether these assets are being properly managed as in some instances they are purportedly not controlled by any government sector and are not recorded in either the State or the local government sector financial records, and whether in these instances there is non-compliance with accounting standards if this equipment is not recorded in the financial statements of councils. This may impact audit opinions on the financial statements of councils.

The Audit Office is conducting performance audits of the NSW Rural Fire Service (Planning and managing bushfire equipment) and the Office of Local Government (the effectiveness of local government regulation and support).



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Attachment 2



Office of  
Local Government

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Ms Margaret Crawford  
Auditor-General for New South Wales  
GPO Box 12  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Email:

7 June 2022

Dear Ms Crawford

Thank you for the opportunity to review an updated draft of the report on Local Government 2021.

I have reviewed the changes in the draft report and would like to clarify my feedback in relation to the recognition of rural firefighting equipment (RFS Assets) for your consideration in finalising the report.

I acknowledge the State's position is that it does not control RFS assets. Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Councils need to recognise, in their financial statements, any material assets under their control and state the relevant accounting policy in relation to the treatment to the Audit Office.

The Minister for Local Government and the Department do not have legal authority to direct councils in this matter. However, we are working closely with Treasury to educate, guide and assist councils to understand the State's view regarding the ownership and recognition of the RFS assets in their financial reporting.

Should you require further assistance in relation to these matters, please do not hesitate to contact Ally Dench, OLG's Executive Director on [redacted] or by email at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**Michael Cassel**  
Secretary  
Department of Planning and Environment

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Attachment 3



### The Red Fleet Fight Comes to a Head

Dear Mr Francis

As many of you would be aware, the accounting dispute over the Red Fleet is rapidly coming to a head following the release of the Auditor-General's latest Report on Local Government this week.

In the Report, the Auditor General reiterates the State Government determination that Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets are the "property" of councils, who must therefore absorb all depreciation costs.

This Determination is nothing more than a financial sleight of hand, which would force councils to absorb significant depreciation costs for assets over which we have precisely zero management or control.

Councils have no say in the acquisition of the assets, no involvement in their deployment, and none in their disposal.

In fact, the *only* connection between the two is the Government's nonsensical determination that the Auditor General has called out in this latest report.

Comparable assets held by Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES) are not vested anywhere other than with the organisations that purchase, use, maintain and dispose of them.

The State Government's own *Local Government Accounting Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting* states councils are able to choose whether or not to record this RFS equipment on their books.

Unsurprisingly, 68 impacted rural and regional councils have refused to record these assets just as they refuse to wear costs which last year stood at \$145 million.

The latest Audit Report tightens the screws on councils by:

- recommending them to undertake a stocktake of RFS assets and record the value in their financial statements;
- warning councils that do not recognise the assets will be found non-compliant; and
- calling on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to intervene.



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This latest development only compounds the farce, given the Government's 7 June letter – included in the Report and attached to this email – which states neither it nor the Local Government Minister have legal authority to direct councils to record the assets and assume the costs.

I have today written urgently to the NSW Treasurer Matt Kean, Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience Steph Cook, and Local Government Minister Wendy Tuckerman.

I have urged them to finally clear up this mess once and for all by ensuring the NSW Government acknowledges rural firefighting equipment is controlled by and the property of the RFS.

I am also appealing to you to join your fellow councils in rejecting this shameless financial chicanery.

Help restore financial transparency and integrity to the process by moving motions advising the Audit Office your council will not carry out the stocktakes, and will not record RFS assets on your financial statements.

This action is supported by resolutions passed at several LGNSW Conferences and meetings of the Country Mayors Association.

Local government in NSW stands together, and speaks with one voice. To help us amplify that voice please let us know of the actions you intend to take by contacting our Chief Economist Shaun McBride via email at [shaun.mcbride@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:shaun.mcbride@lgnsw.org.au).

**Kind Regards,**  
Cr Darriea Turley AM  
President LGNSW

### 3 BOGAN RIVER SIGNAGE

**Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for wording relating to the Bogan River Massacre to be placed on proposed information signs near the river and flood memorial park.*

#### 3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for the attached wording relating to the Bogan River Massacre to be placed on proposed information signs at the Upper Weir recreational area, Rotary Park, Lower Weir and Flood Memorial Park / Recreational Footpath areas.

#### 3.2 Background

It was envisaged that information signage would be installed as part of Council's Upper Weir, Lower Weir and Flood Memorial Park / Recreational Footpath projects. This would incorporate a mud map showing trail routes and location of key park elements (such as toilets) as well as information on local fauna and flora and relevant visitor information.

Discussions have also been held between Council and representatives from the Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council to erect signage acknowledging what is known as the Bogan River Massacre, an incident that occurred in 1841.

#### 3.3 Discussion

This report deals primarily with signage concerning the Bogan River Massacre.

Council staff have been working with the Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council to develop wording for a sign that acknowledges the historical incident that took place on the Bogan River - at the same time building one community in the Bogan Shire and promoting healing for what occurred in the past.

As with any incident, differing accounts are presented by different people depending on their knowledge of the incident and their perspective. In order to present as accurate an account as possible of the Bogan River Massacre incident, extensive research was undertaken. This research included reference to the verbatim proceedings of the NSW Legislative Council on 23 August 1842 which included detailed accounts of the incident that took place on the Bogan River in October 1841. A transcript of this is available from the General Manager's office.

Rather than being placed on a stand-alone sign it is proposed that the attached wording be incorporated into the information signage previously described and that both the Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council and Bogan Shire Council logos be



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included with the wording representing the desire of both organisations to work together to unite our community.

The wording that is attached has been developed by Council staff in conjunction with the Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council who have formally approved the wording.

**3.4 Attachment**

Proposed Bogan River Massacre sign wording

**3.5 Recommendation**

That Council approves the attached wording relating to the Bogan River Massacre to be placed on proposed information signs at the Upper Weir recreational area, Rotary Park, Lower Weir and Flood Memorial Park / Recreational Footpath areas.

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The Bogan River is significant for Aboriginal peoples - water is life, a resource for environmental, social, cultural and economic purposes.

During the early settler years, the Bogan River area experienced numerous conflicts between Aboriginal peoples and European settlers. Many people lost their lives during these conflicts, which included massacres of Aboriginal peoples.

One well-documented encounter concerns a party of stockmen who in October 1841 had driven several hundred cattle for a period of 16 days over a hundred kilometres beyond the limits of their licence into a prohibited area.

Using the lack of water as a reason to move their cattle from near Peak Hill into the Bogan River area, the stockmen encountered Aboriginal people at a waterhole. Wishing to preserve the only precious water within 120 kilometres for their own use rather than have cattle consuming and contaminating the water, the Aboriginal people defended their rights, which resulted in the death of three of the stockmen. During a parliamentary debate in 1842 concerning the incident, Bishop Lord Broughton, a member of the Legislative Council of the day is recorded as having said:

*"Anyone who goes among Aborigines and interferes with their natural right of procuring the necessities of existence is an aggressor and whatever proceedings may arise out of these acts are chargeable upon him who first gave the provocation".*

One of the remaining stockmen made his way to Bathurst to report the incident to the magistrate. In the absence of the Police Commandant, who was subsequently dismissed for being absent without leave, the Magistrate, together with the Military Officer in Command at Bathurst despatched a mounted force. The mounted force, which had been joined by several civilians, was ordered to Wellington for further instructions from the Crown Lands Commissioner, but unfortunately decided for themselves to proceed directly to the site of the conflict.

Arriving at the waterhole, according to a contemporary account of one of the troopers, the mounted force galloped in upon the Aboriginal people, firing at them and cutting them down with sabres indiscriminately. An unknown number of Aboriginal people were massacred in this incident.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the families of all Aboriginal peoples for the hurt and suffering this has caused.

This account pays tribute to the massacres that occurred to allow spiritual healing of Wangaaypuwan Country.

## **4 COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL FEES**

### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and to recommend that Council fixes Councillor and Mayoral Fees for the 2022/23 financial year based on this determination.*

### **4.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and to recommend that Council fixes Councillor and Mayoral Fees for the 2022/23 financial year based on this determination.

### **4.2 Background**

Section 241 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal to determine each year the maximum and minimum amounts of annual fees payable during the following year to Mayors and Councillors.

Sections 248 and 249 of the Act require Councils to fix and pay fees based on the Tribunal's determination. If Council does not fix a fee, Council is required to pay the minimum fee determined by the Tribunal.

### **4.3 Discussion**

The following fees were approved for rural general purpose councils for the 2021/22 financial year:

<b>Councillor</b>		<b>Mayor (Additional Fee) *</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
\$9,370	\$12,400	\$9,980	\$27,060

\* - *This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor (s.249(2))*

In determining the maximum and minimum fees payable the Tribunal is required by section 242A of the LG Act, to give effect to the same policies on increases in remuneration as those that the Industrial Relations Commission is required to give effect to under section 146C of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996* (IR Act), when making or varying awards or orders relating to the conditions of employment of public sector employees.

The Tribunal took into account that employees under the Local Government (State) Award 2020 will receive a 2 per cent per annum increase in rates of pay from the first full pay period to commence on or after 1 July 2022.

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The Tribunal determined a 2 per cent increase in the minimum and maximum fees payable.

Therefore the Tribunal has determined, pursuant to section 241 of the Local Government Act, 1993 that the fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor of Bogan Shire Council, effective from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

<b>Councillor</b>		<b>Mayor (Additional Fee) *</b>	
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
\$9,560	\$12,650	\$10,180	\$27,600

*\* - This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor (s.249(2))*

Previously, Bogan Shire Council has resolved to pay Councillors the minimum fee and 75.7% of the maximum Mayoral Fee with this being split 80% to the Mayor and 20% to the Deputy Mayor. Taking into account the Tribunal's determination, this would translate into the following for 2022/23:

	<b>Councillor Fee</b>	<b>Mayor Fee</b>	<b>Total Fee</b>
Councillors	\$9,560	-	\$9,560
Deputy Mayor	\$9,560	\$4,178	\$13,738
Mayor	\$9,560	\$16,715	\$26,275

**4.4 Recommendation**

That Council considers and sets the fees payable to Councillors, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Bogan Shire Council, effective from 1 July 2022, in line with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's determination.

**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 BOGAN BUSH MOBILE – TERM 2 REPORT

##### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the Term 2 activities of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.*

##### **1.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the Term 2 activities of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

##### **1.2 Background**

At the end of each term a report is provided to Council on the activities and statistics of the Bogan Bush Mobile service.

##### **1.3 Discussion**

###### Term 2 2022

April 19 – July 15, 2022

###### Statistics:

Total children enrolled: 95 official enrolments, 73 families

Term 2 attendance: 73 children

Term 2 sessions: 53 sessions

KM'S travelled: 10,940kms approx.

###### Current Areas being visited:

Tottenham, Nyngan, Marra, Mungery, Trangie, Hermidale, Marthaguy, Narromine, Trangie, Duck Creek and Collie.



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Term 2 2022 Activities

Term 2 for Bogan Bush Mobile was a very successful term. They have had new families show interest in different play sessions and also enquiries about the day care sessions. There have been new enrolments this term for both play sessions and long day care sessions.

Bogan Bush Mobile recently underwent Assessment and Rating (A&R) at the Marra and Collie day care venues. Assessment and Rating is a national process whereby services are assessed and rated against the National Quality Standards (NQS). Services are given a rating of each of the 7 quality areas and an overall rating based on these results. These ratings can range from Excellent, Exceeding, Meeting, Working Towards and Significant Improvement Required. Bogan Bush Mobile's rating will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Rani Dunn returned to her role as Service Leader for BBM at the end of Term 1 after a period of long service leave. The team continues to work with families in building strong bonds with them and the children, particularly those who are new to the service, as well as providing a welcoming and educational environment founded on a Place-Based Learning program each month.

**1.4 Recommendation**

That the Bogan Bush Mobile report be received and noted.

## 2 BOGAN SHIRE MEDICAL CENTRE

### **Summary:-**

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

### **2.1 Introduction**

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

### **2.2 Discussion**

Below are the activities and statistics of the Bogan Shire Medical Centre for the April to June 2022 period.

#### Statistics

Total registered patients as at 30 June 2022:	4,070
Total active patients:	3,251
Total CDM (Chronic Disease Management) patients:	326
Total RAC (Residential Aged Care) patients:	27
Total 75+ Health Assessment patients:	120
Total ATSI (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Health Assessment patients:	83

The Medical Centre is still consistently registering new patients.

Current waiting periods for a GP is either on the day or 1-2 days maximum, with appointments available for acute complaints (On the Day appointments) daily.

#### COVID-19 Vaccinations

Between January and June 2022 staff have provided 725 Pfizer vaccinations which includes third and fourth booster injections. Appointments are now booked solidly, with next available appointment times not until mid-August.

#### Influenza Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations have been in full swing since mid-April with relatively strong uptake across the community. Clinical staff have carried out 447 flu vaccinations in the past 3 months, averaging around 40 vaccinations per week.

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Expression of Interest for Nurse Immuniser Support

Council was recently contacted by the Western NSW Primary Health Network (PHN) inquiring whether the Medical Centre would be interested in having additional clinical support in the form of a Nurse Immuniser to assist with vaccinations. An expression of interest was submitted to help support our clinical staff with getting through the immunisation requests for COVID-19 and influenza. The Nurse Immuniser would be funded through the PHN and would provide services on an ad hoc basis. Council staff will work with the PHN COVID Clinical Coordinator to implement this support.

Ultrasound Services

The Ultrasound service continues to operate two days per week (Tuesday and Thursday).

***Medical Diagnostic Services***

For the period April to June 2022, the following number of medical diagnostic services were provided.

April:	26
May:	51
June:	58

Physiotherapy Services

With the recent expansion of the Medical Centre resulting in two additional consulting rooms, the Medical Centre's allied health services have expanded to include physiotherapy, with Nyngan practitioner Beck Jacobs joining the team.

The Physiotherapy service operates two days per week (Monday and Thursday) and using a range of evidence-based treatment techniques including strapping, manual therapy, exercise prescription, neuromuscular stimulation/TENs and dry needling, the Physiotherapist is able to assess and treat patients with acute, chronic, and complex musculoskeletal conditions, post-surgical referrals, return to sport programs, enhanced primary care plans, CTP injury claims and worker's compensation claims.

Treatment plans are created on a case-by-case basis with patient goals in mind and a variety of braces and cam boots are kept in stock with fitting assistance provided. Worker's compensation enhanced primary care plans and CTP injury claims require a referral from a treating GP.

Podiatry Services

Podiatry services continue to operate on Wednesdays and Fridays and is well utilised.

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### Accreditation

The Medical Centre recently worked through the lengthy process and necessary stages of the AGPAL Accreditation. The previous two accreditation processes that the Medical Centre went through were based on the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the RACGP Standards for General Practices. In October 2017 the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Standards was released and all Practices were required to gain accreditation against the 5<sup>th</sup> edition from November 2018.

The RACGP developed the Standards for General Practices (5th edition) (the Standards) with the purpose of protecting patients from harm by improving the quality and safety of health services. The Standards support general practices in identifying and addressing any gaps in their systems and processes as well as providing a range of resources to assist in improving the safety and quality of general practices.

The RACGP Standards are developed by an expert panel that consists of 9 GPs from rural and urban practices, and a representative each from the Australian Association of Practice Managers and Australian Practice Nurses Association and a consumer representative.

As part of the Accreditation process, AGPAL Surveyors visited the Medical Centre on Monday 14 February to conduct their site visit and interviews with staff and GPs. The process was completed within the next couple of months and Council was notified on 31 May 2022 that our Accreditation had been awarded. Our current Accreditation period is 3 years and will expire in June 2025.

### Residential Aged Care (RAC) Patients

The Medical Centre GPs and Council staff are currently working with Nyngan Hospital management and staff to resume the full time care of the 27 Residential Aged Care (RAC) patients residing at the Nyngan Facility attached to the Hospital. Health care for these patients has been provided by the NSW Local Health District and their Virtual Rural Generalist Service (VRGS) and GP Visiting Medical Officers (VMOs).

A number of factors have affected the ability of the Medical Centre to provide the full time care to these patients over the past few years, predominantly having to work with a rotation of Locum GPs due to Rural GP shortages. However now with two permanent GPs employed at the Medical Centre, the necessary processes and documentation can be worked through with the Western NSW Local Health District over the coming weeks to ensure these local residents are provided with regular and locally available health care, with the Medical Centre GPs visiting patients on a weekly basis and working with Hospital staff on the management of their ongoing health care.

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Allied Health Services

Allied Health services for the period April to June 2022 are as listed below.

Type of Service	Days	Times	Frequency	Service Accessed by
Cardiologist	Wednesday	9am-5pm	Two Monthly	BSMC Referral
Diabetes Educator	Wednesday	9.30am-3.00pm	Monthly	BSMC Referral
Dietician	Thursday	9am-3pm	Fortnightly	BSMC Referral
Family Planning NSW	Monday	11am-5pm	Monthly	BSMC or Self-Referral
Mental Health Nurse	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	9am-4pm	Monthly	BSMC Referral
Pathology	Monday to Friday	8.30am - 11.30am	Weekly	Anyone holding a pathology request form – not required to be a patient of BSMC
Physiotherapy	Mondays & Thursdays	8.30am – 4.30pm	Weekly	Referral or Private appt.
Podiatrist	Wednesdays & Fridays	9.00am - 2.30pm	Weekly	Referral or Private appt.
Psychiatrist	Monday	9.30am-3pm	Monthly	BSMC Referral
Sexual Health – NSW Health	Thursday	10am-4pm	Monthly	BSMC or Self-Referral

**2.3 Recommendation**

That the Operational Report for the Bogan Shire Medical Centre be received and noted.

### **3 BUSH BURSARIES AND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

#### **Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council provides funding towards medical, midwifery and nursing students work placements at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre under the Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships Program.*

#### **3.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council provides funding towards medical, midwifery and nursing students work placements at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre under the Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships Program.

#### **3.2 Background**

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association of NSW (CWA of NSW) Scholarships provide selected medical, midwifery and nursing students in NSW/ACT with \$1,500 each to assist with costs associated with their studies. Recipients also spend two weeks on a rural placement in country NSW during their university holidays. The placement combines the enjoyable aspects of country life and rural medicine.

The Bush Bursaries are funded by individual NSW rural Councils, scholarships are funded by the CWA of NSW and both are administered by the RDN.

Placements are coordinated by the rural Councils. Placement locations may differ each year due to the involvement of different Councils.

The two-week placements are usually undertaken in December or January but can be at different times of the year.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- an interest in rural practice and lifestyle;
- an understanding of the realities of rural medical practice; and
- the motivation to undertake a placement in a rural area as part of the scheme.

Students not honouring their commitment to undertake a rural placement are required to pay back all money granted to them.

### **3.3 Discussion**

#### **The role of Council**

Rural Councils and Council-assigned community contacts are encouraged to work collaboratively with RDN to facilitate placement programs. This may include:

- Working with RDN and students to work out an appropriate time to undertake the placement, including confirming exact dates;
- Linking with health care providers and services within their Shire/community to engage in the Bush Bursary Program;
- Collaborating with RDN and respective health services to develop a 14-day schedule for the placement;
- Linking with social and community groups to engage in the Bush Bursary Program and arrange time for students to meet respective groups and individuals to increase their social and community engagement;
- Organising accommodation for students while in the town. If payment is required, students are to pay for up to \$150 of their accommodation using their scholarship money. If non-Council and non-health service accommodation is required, RDN is to pay the difference;
- Ensuring the services, groups, accommodation and social/community engagement the student is engaged with are safe; and
- Providing on the ground support and be the point of call within the community in unforeseen circumstances, for example, a student locking themselves out of their accommodation.

#### **The role of healthcare facilities and providers**

Healthcare facilities and health care providers are encouraged to engage with the Bush Bursary students by sharing their knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences, and assisting in the learning career development of the student by:

- Providing clinical experience during placement that is appropriate to the student's levels of knowledge and competency;
- Creating opportunities for the student to interact with other health providers in the community;
- Providing information, guidance and constructive comments; and
- Monitoring progress and providing feedback.

#### **The role of RDN**

RDN facilitates the Bush Bursary Program. This is achieved by overseeing student, Council, legal and mentoring obligations to ensure the Program runs effectively.



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RDN's role includes the following in relation to students and Council/community contacts:

***Students***

- Interviewing and selecting students who show an interest in rural health and embody the qualities required to undertake a placement in a rural and remote location.
- Allocate students to specific rural locations and partner students who will undertake the placement simultaneously.
- Mentor and provide advice to students in the lead up to and during their clinical placement.
- Ensure all students are compliant and safe to walk into all healthcare services and facilities in an observational role.

***Council***

- Liaise with and support councils in allocating a council/community contact to arrange placement logistics on the ground in respective locations.
- Provide support in connecting council/community contact with a range of health services if required.
- Connect council/community contact with student/s.
- Ensure all parties involved are communicated with and aware of arrangements - including placement plan, accommodation, travel requirements and social/community activities.
- Assist with any concerns regarding placement logistics the students or council/community contact may have.

**3.4 Attachment**

RDN Invitation to Council to join the Bush Bursary Program.

**3.5 Recommendation**

1. That Council provides funding of \$3,000 in the 2022/2023 budget for the work placements of two medical students at the Bogan Shire Medical Centre under the Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships Program.
2. That Council considers at its annual estimates meeting ongoing funding of up to four medical students per year at a cost of \$6,000 per year (based on current Bush Bursary amounts) under the Bush Bursaries and Country Women's Association Scholarships Program.

**Debb Wood**

**Director People and Community Services**

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To whom it may concern,

**Re: The 2022 Bush Bursary/Country Women's Association (NSW)  
Scholarship Program**

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Bush Bursary/ CWA (NSW) scholarship Program in 2022.

**What are the Bush Bursary and CWA (NSW) Scholarships?**

The Bush Bursary and CWA Scholarships provide selected medical students in NSW and the ACT with funding to assist with costs associated with their studies. In return, students spend two weeks on a rural placement in country NSW during their university holidays. Lachlan Shire Council initiated this scholarship in 1996 and the CWA of NSW first funded a student in 1997. Over the past two decades, the program has grown to be a well-respected initiative among those studying to pursue a rural health career.

**How do the scholarships work?**

The scholarships are offered annually to selected medical students in NSW and the ACT and are financially supported by the rural councils of NSW, the Country Women's Association and NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN). This year scholarships will continue to be open to nursing students, recognising the important role played by nurses in rural communities. This scholarship will be the only opportunity of its type available to nursing students in NSW. The Council investment is **\$3,000 plus GST**, for one or two students.

**Why should your Council be involved?**

Over the past two decades, more than 350 students have participated in the Bush Bursary program. Our ability to place students is limited by the number of councils involved and the number of placements sponsored. In 2018, RDN received 125 applications for the program, our **highest number ever** – yet we only had 14 places on offer. With more placements available, there is more opportunity for RDN to expose the next generations of doctors and nurses to rural medical practice and lifestyle.

Please read the attached short information pack for more information about how your council can help promote rural NSW living to a future health professional by investing in a Bush Bursary Scholarship.

I am more than happy to discuss this opportunity with you further if you need more information.

Yours sincerely,



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### **Why is the Bush Bursary Scholarship important?**

RDN is driven by a fundamental belief that access to quality healthcare is the right of every Australian, no matter where they live. To create a skilled and sustainable health and medical workforce in rural and regional towns, we work with the next generation of practitioners to encourage them to choose a career in country NSW. Our research shows that positive immersion experiences in rural health settings are known contributors to students choosing rural medical and health careers.

RDN and local councils work together to provide a positive Bush Bursary experience and showcase the incredible rural lifestyles available to students.

### **NSW Rural Doctors Network's role:**

- Advertising and promotion of the Bush Bursary Scholarships to eligible students studying at universities in NSW/ACT
- Recruitment and selection of Bush Bursary recipients
- Administration of funds from sponsoring councils to Bush Bursary recipients
- Matching recipients to sponsoring councils
- Organisation of placement for the sponsored Bush Bursary student, including liaising with local medical practitioners and community groups, accommodation and social aspects of the two-week placement.
- Ongoing support and information for recipients and councils throughout the year
- Distribution of research and evaluation about the Bush Bursary to stakeholders and interested parties

### **Your Councils Role:**

- Investment of \$3,000 (+GST) for two sponsored students
- Nomination of contact person from within council or associated organisation
- Liaise with RDN and sponsored Bush Bursary student regarding placement arrangements
- Liaise with RDN, Bush Bursary recipients and local media (where appropriate) to promote the placements in your community
- Assist RDN in sourcing accommodation in the community for the students whilst they are on placement

In 2012 RDN completed a longitudinal study of scholarship recipients from 1996–2006 to track their career choice and practice locations. The study found:

- one-quarter of previous scholarship recipients were working in a rural or regional area when surveyed
- 41% of scholarship holders spent their first and second postgraduate years (PGY) in a non-metropolitan hospital
- 35% of PGY3 scholarship holders were in a non-metropolitan hospital.

These figures equate to 140 combined years spent in the rural and regional medical workforce and are significant as they indicate a high proportion of scholarship holders began their careers in a non-metropolitan area, spending two or three years as junior rural doctors.

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

### Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:

#### 1 INVESTMENTS JUNE 2022

##### **Summary:-**

*The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of June 2022.*

*The Investment Report for June 2022 is shown below. At the 30th June 2022 Council had \$17.3 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$600,000 due to expenditure paid out and not yet claimed as at 30th June 2022 on both Transport for NSW projects and Water Storage projects.*

#### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of June 2022.

#### 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 June 2022 is shown below. At the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Council had \$17.3 million invested. There has been a decrease of \$600,000 due to expenditure paid out and not yet claimed as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 on both Transport for NSW projects and Water Storage projects.

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

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**Investment Movements for June 2022**

Bogan Shire - Investment movements						
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal May 22	Bal June22
320456998	NAB	03/03/2023	365	0.95%	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
9737369	Westpac	17/02/2023	365	0.950%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
37908808	Commonwealth	30/05/2023	365	3.030%	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
6894	NAB - Professional Funds	At Call		1.350%	11,121,013.32	10,541,065.72
	Balance securities held				<b>17,921,013.32</b>	<b>17,341,065.72</b>
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				<b>17,921,013.32</b>	<b>17,341,065.72</b>
	<b>Summary by institution</b>					
	WESTPAC				2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	NAB				13,921,013.32	13,341,065.72
	COMMONWEALTH				2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
					<b>17,921,013.32</b>	<b>17,341,065.72</b>

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

**1.4 Recommendation**

That the Investments Report be received and noted.

## 2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

### **Summary:-**

*This report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 30th June 2022, with the same period last year.*

*Total arrears have decreased from \$804,138 as at the 30th June 2021 to \$669,139 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June this year.*

### 2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 30th June, 2022, with the same period last year.

### 2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

Rate Collections	2021-2022	2020-2021
Arrears Prior to 30/06/2021	502,677	501,257
First Instalment in arrears as at 30/6/2022	-55,945	19,309
Second Instalment in arrears as at 30/6/2022	52,462	79,996
Third Instalment in arrears as at 30/6/2022	62,313	83,836
Fourth Instalment arrears as at 30/6/2022	107,632	119,740
<b>Total Arrears</b>	<b>669,139</b>	<b>804,138</b>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>669,139</b>	<b>804,138</b>
<b>Monthly Transactions</b>		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	<b>5,867,648</b>	<b>6,049,583</b>
Add: Adjustments	44,232	22,187
Less: Payments to end of May	-5,162,280	-5,185,419
Less: Rebates	-80,462	-82,213
Add: Postponed	0	0
<b>Gross Total Balance</b>	<b>669,139</b>	<b>804,138</b>
<b>Arrears of total amount levied %</b>	11%	13%

Total arrears have decreased from \$804,138 at the 30th June 2021 to \$669,139 as at 30th June this year and has reduced to \$646,042.67 at the time of writing this report.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,467,000  
(Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

As at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Council had collected \$23,139 less than at the same time last year, an additional \$23,339 had been collected at the time of writing this report. The first instalment shows a credit balance due to some rate assessments being in credit, this is not indicative of those ratepayers in arrears on their first instalment.



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3.5% of rates were unpaid on the second instalment.

4.2% of rates were unpaid on the third instalment.

7.3% of rates were unpaid on the fourth instalment.

**2.3 Recommendation**

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

### **3 CARRY FORWARDS AND REVOTES FROM 2021/2022 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**Summary:-**

*The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the carry-forward amounts for the 2022/2023 budget and to ask Council to revote on projects that had not commenced or were not contracted to commence as at 30th June 2022.*

#### **3.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the carry-forward amounts for the 2022/2023 budget and to ask Council to revote on projects that had not commenced as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### **3.2 Background**

Division 5, Clause 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Authorisation of Expenditure, states that all prior approvals of a budget lapse at the end of the financial year except for any work, any service, any goods or materials, or any facilities, that has or have been started or provided or have been contracted to be carried out for the Council before the end of the year concerned. If this is the case then budgeted expenditure can be carried forward automatically to the next financial year where there are unspent budget amounts. However if this is not the case then a revote is required.

#### **3.3 Discussion**

Council is required to revote on any projects or items of expenditure that had not commenced before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 before work commences on these projects in the current budget year unless these projects were grant funded.

In the following Appendices below are:

1. A list of the carry forward items for noting by Council.

These are projects that have budget remaining or restricted funds from 2020/2022.

Either the work on these projects had commenced in the prior year and the managers of these projects need to utilise the remaining budgets in the current year or they are grant funds not fully utilised in the 2021/2022 year for various reasons or specific projects that Council needs to restrict budgeted funds to ensure they are available in future years.





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2. A list of projects that had not commenced before the end of June 2022 and managers believe it was Council's intention to complete these projects or to add funds to them in prior years to enable the projects to be carried out. These projects require a revote from Council before they can be commenced in the current year or before the funds can be added to the current 2022/2023 budgets.

**3.4 Attachments**

1. Appendix A. Carry Forward items – (Restricted Funds)
2. Appendix B. Re-votes

**3.5 Recommendation**

1. That the Carry Forwards from 2021/2022 to 2022/2023 be noted.
2. That Council revotes on items that had not commenced prior to the 30th June 2022.

**Stephanie Waterhouse**

**Director Finance and Corporate Services**

Attachment 1

**Appendix A. Carry Forward items – (Restricted Funds) for noting**

Carry Forward	Girilambone Village	annual \$6k vote less expended	18,874
Carry Forward	Coolabah Village	annual \$6k vote less expended	14,483
Carry Forward	Hermidale Village	annual \$6k vote less expended	28,785
Carry Forward	Collerreina Hall	annual \$6k vote less expended	31,484
Carry Forward	R2R - 2021/2022	Grant	433,637
Carry Forward	Block Grant - 2021/2022	Grant	109,561
Carry Forward	Museum Activities/Projects	13-14 resolution not spent - c/o UF	5,357
Carry Forward	Garford Engine - Proceeds from Historical Society	Funds Received 7/6/17	3,419
Carry Forward	FAG Grant 2022/2023	2022/2023 Grant Received in Advance	3,767,262
Carry Forward	Community Arts and Culture Fund	G/L 3890.460.603	5,849
Carry Forward	Tongling Delegation	G/L 3853.460.603	6,685
Carry Forward	Recycling Facility	Budget	76,608
Carry Forward	Waste Depot at Nyngan	Budget	24,414
Carry Forward	Rural Fire Service	Grant	174,146
Carry Forward	Renewal to 8A & B Dandaloo Street	Internal Loan Funds	24,479
Carry Forward	IT Equipment	Budget	33,246
Carry Forward	PC Upgrades	Budget	12,650
Carry Forward	Ground Tanks (Was W3720)	Budget	22,984
Carry Forward	Wyes Road Box Culvert	Budget	12,682
Carry Forward	Crown Lands Management Act	Grant 18/19	68,007
Carry Forward	Medical Centre - Fit Out of Extension	Budget	19,688
Carry Forward	Waste Depot at Nyngan - Road for wet weather access	Budget	3,807
Carry Forward	Tree Planting Program - Nyngan Streets and Parks	Budget	14,248
Carry Forward	Pangee Rd Culverts	Budget	8,190
Carry Forward	Grid Removal Program	Budget	3,750
Carry Forward	Intsallation of new concrete in lawn cemetery for burials	Budget	2,154
Carry Forward	Key System for Offices & Depot	Budget	14,872
Carry Forward	Workshop - Extension to Welding area	Budget	50,303
Carry Forward	Mulla Road - Constrict & Seal 0.95km to Bend	Budget	137,294
Carry Forward	Footpath Repair Program	Budget	22,371
Carry Forward	Kerb & Gutter Repair Program	Budget	31,623
Carry Forward	Hermidale/Nymagee Rd Maintenance	Hera Mine VPA	215,631
Carry Forward	Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre additions - R4R	Grant 2020/2021	9,419
Carry Forward	Nyngan Railway Heritage - R4R	Grant 2020/2021	250,185
Carry Forward	Davidson Park - R4R	Grant 2020/2021	232,986
Carry Forward	Youth Worker Program - R4R	Grant 2020/2021	97,343
Carry Forward	PANGEE STREET - Resurfacing - Fixing Local Roads Rnd 2	Grant 2020/2021	659,599
Carry Forward	Street Lighting NCBA	Carbon Credit 2020/2021	50,078
Carry Forward	OLG ESL 2022-2023	Grant 2021/2022	57,150
Carry Forward	Showground Capital Works	Budget	2,781
Carry Forward	Street Sign Renewal	Budget	3,840
Carry Forward	Install Walkways on Levee for Gate Access	Budget	9,040
Carry Forward	Install Pathways on Levee for Recreational Access	Budget	9,760
Carry Forward	Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Round 3	Grant 2021/2022	924,000
Carry Forward	Upgrade to essential Energy Sub-station near BSYCC	Budget	43,240
Carry Forward	Rehabilitation on Local Roads - Fixing Local Roads Rnd 3	Grant 2021/2022	480,595
Carry Forward	Lead in infrastructure residential Sub-division R4R8-032	Grant 2021/2022	811,072
Carry Forward	Female Amenities for Larkin Oval R4R8-043	Grant 2021/2022	218,094
Carry Forward	Village Community Improvements - R4R8-044	Grant 2021/2022	172,343
Carry Forward	Youth Precinct at O'Reilly Park	Grant 2021/2022	380,723
Carry Forward	Nyngan Waste and Resource Management Facility Upgrade - R4	Grant 2021/2022	158,295
Carry Forward	Upgrade Pedestrian Footpath in Pangee St CBD - R4R8-062	Grant 2021/2022	255,936
Carry Forward	Levee Bank Walking Paths - SCCF4-0329	Grant 2021/2022	93,200
Carry Forward	New Pony Club Amenities Block - SCCF4-0331	Grant 2021/2022	135,097
Carry Forward	Bogan River Bush Care Group - SCCF4-0333	Grant 2021/2022	99,318
Carry Forward	Street Tree Planting - SCCF4-0517	Grant 2021/2022	24,625

Attachment 2

**Appendix B. Re-votes for a Council Resolution**

Revote	Pipe Culvert Renewals Rural roads (Was W3692)	18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 Budgets	100,000
Revote	Bridge Repair Program (Was W3691)	18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 Budgets	100,000
Revote	Waste Depot at Nyngan - Skip Drop Off From W4672 & W4357	Budget	45,000
Revote	Purchase Hermidale Waste Facility Site	Budget	20,000
Revote	Bullock Wagon Display Shed at Nymagee St Wool Ramp	Budget	15,000
Revote	Big Bogan Dog	Budget	8,000
Revote	Extend Information Bays	Budget	5,000
Revote	Jack Hargeaves Park Signage	Budget	3,000

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

**Mayor and Councillors**

I submit the following report for consideration:-

**1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Summary:-** *The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative in regards to the activities of the Engineering Services Department.*

**1.1 Introduction**

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

**1.2 Background**

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

**1.3 Discussion**

**Roads**

Road work undertaken for the reporting period 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, to the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
25	Merryanbone Road	Flood damage repairs continuing
16	Yarrandale Road	Heavy patching completed
86	Neeroc Road	Re-sheeting continuing
	Weir Lane East & West	Maintenance grade completed
19	Cooneybar Road	Flood damage repairs completed
	Jack Hargreaves Park	Parking area construction continuing
60	Whiterock Road	Maintenance grading completed
60	Whiterock Road	Causeway repairs completed
	Rural Roads	Slashing of roadside completed

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	Regional Roads	
7514	Cockies Road	Flood damage repairs and maintenance continuing
424	Monkeybridge Road	Flood damage repairs and maintenance completed
57	The Bogan Way	Heavy patching continuing
	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulla Road rehabilitation continuing
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Tree trimming continuing
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulga Shoulder Widening Project continuing
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Yarran Hut culvert installation commenced

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

- Nyngan Town Streets
- Old Warren Road
- The Bogan Way
- Yarrandale Road
- Hermidale Nymagee Road
- Barrier, & Mitchell Highways

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:- Warrah Road, Merryanbone Road, Plummer's Road, Cockies Road, Colane Road, Okeh Road, and Simpsons Road .
- Commencing the resurfacing of Pangee Street.
- Complete 12km of shoulder widening of the Mitchell Highway near Byrock.
- Commencing construction, and sealing of 900m of Mulla Road.
- Commencing 14km of shoulder widening of the Mitchell Highway near Yarran Hut.
- Completing construction, and sealing of Cobar St into Jack Hardgrave's Park.
- Continuing installation of pipe culverts as part of the Yarran Hut Shoulder Widening Project Mitchell Highway.

## 1.4 Works and Services

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

### **Civil Works**

Upgraded drainage at the Nyngan Museum

- Clean up of Youth and Community Centre site
- Installed toilet block and slabs at Bogan River Bushcare Nursery
- Carried out repairs and maintenance at Medical Centre
- Erected decorative steel cut outs for race course entrance
- Construction of welding workshop extension ongoing
- Carried out inspection, repairs and maintenance of all toilet systems at Showground / Racecourse prior to Duck Creek Picnic races

### **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.
- Works carried out for Duck Creek Picnic races
- Weed spraying lane ways and culverts ( ongoing )
- Cleaning of works depot (ongoing)

### **Water & Wastewater**

- Installed water main and services for Dandaloo St subdivision
- Commenced cleaning and quality inspection of water storage reservoirs at Bowling Club & Hoskins Street
- Carried out slashing and spraying of Albert Priest Channel
- Continued annual cleaning of sedimentation tanks at water filtration plant
- Cleaned pool and repaired valve in pool pump station
- Installed sand & road base bunkers at water supply depot
- Flushing of reticulation system being carried out ( ongoing )
- Removed old sewer treatment works and cleaned up site ( Contractors )
- Additional water treatment ongoing due to high turbidity & colour in Bogan River
- Repaired major sewer blockage in Gregory St sewer main

## 1.5 Recommendation

That the Operational Report be received and noted.

## 2 HOSKINS STREET SUBDIVISION

**Summary:** *The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a draft lot layout design for the Hoskins Street subdivision adjacent to the Nyngan showground.*

### 2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a draft lot layout design for the Hoskins Street subdivision adjacent to the Nyngan showground.

### 2.2 Background

Council engaged consultants to develop three residential subdivisions in Nyngan. This included Hoskins Street adjacent to the showground, Oxley Street adjacent to the Early Learning Centre, and Dandaloo Street adjacent to the aerodrome.

### 2.3 Discussion

The scope of consultancy works includes:

- Detail Feature and Contour Survey
- Town Planning Lot Layout
- Town Planning SEE and DA Project Management
- Ecology
- Archaeology (Indigenous Heritage)
- Civil Engineering DA Design
- Contamination Assessment
- Bushfire Assessment

Consultants have provided draft lot layout plans - Oxley and Dandaloo Streets are standard lots fronting the existing roadways. The Hoskins Street plan is attached for Council's consideration.

Information has also been provided on the ecological investigation. Due to the requirements of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, Council will be required to make a contribution totalling \$337,181 to the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust to compensate for the removal of native grasses and woodlands on the sites.

According to the ecological report, the subdivisions have a significant amount of native grass and lesser amount of woodland with the woodland ecosystems having a higher credit cost than the grass ecosystem. Accordingly, the Hoskins Street lot layout could be modified to retain portions of the ecologically significant native grasses which would reduce the required contribution to the Biodiversity Conservation Trust. This would however also reduce the number of lots in the subdivision.



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A number of rural NSW Councils have made representations to the NSW Government on the affordability of the biodiversity contributions over the last few years. This matter was raised at the recent Alliance of Western Councils meeting with the Minister for Western New South Wales, Dugald Saunders, who indicated there may be some change to the method of calculations.

**2.4 Attachments**

1. Hoskins Street draft lot layout plan.
- 2.

**2.5 Recommendation**

3. That Council approves the attached subdivision layout.
4. That strong representation is made to the Minister for Western New South Wales in relation to Biodiversity Fund contributions.

**Graeme Bourke**

**Director Engineering Services**





- NOTES**
1. LOT LAYOUT SHOWN IS PRELIMINARY ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CONSTRAINTS REVIEW.
  2. ALL WORKS SHOWN ARE FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PURPOSES ONLY AND ALL WORKS ARE SUBJECT TO DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND THE APPROVAL OF BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL.
  3. CONTOURS SHOWN ARE NATURAL SURFACE CONTOURS.
  4. CONTOUR INTERVAL 0.2m.

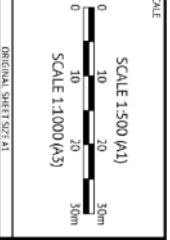
**PRELIMINARY LAYOUT**

20/04/2023	A	PRELIMINARY LAYOUT - SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW	ENVIRONMENT
DATE	REV	DESCRIPTION	BY

**Premise**

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DESIGNED	NICK ALLATT
CHECKED	EDDIE GOULD
PROJECT MANAGER	EDDIE GOULD
ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION	



CLIENT	BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL
PROJECT	PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 4 & 5, SECTION 11 IN DP 758803
LOCATION	HOSKINS STREET, NYNGAN
SHEET TITLE	PROPOSED LOT LAYOUT PLAN

JOB CODE	122217_06
SHEET NUMBER	TP01
REV	A

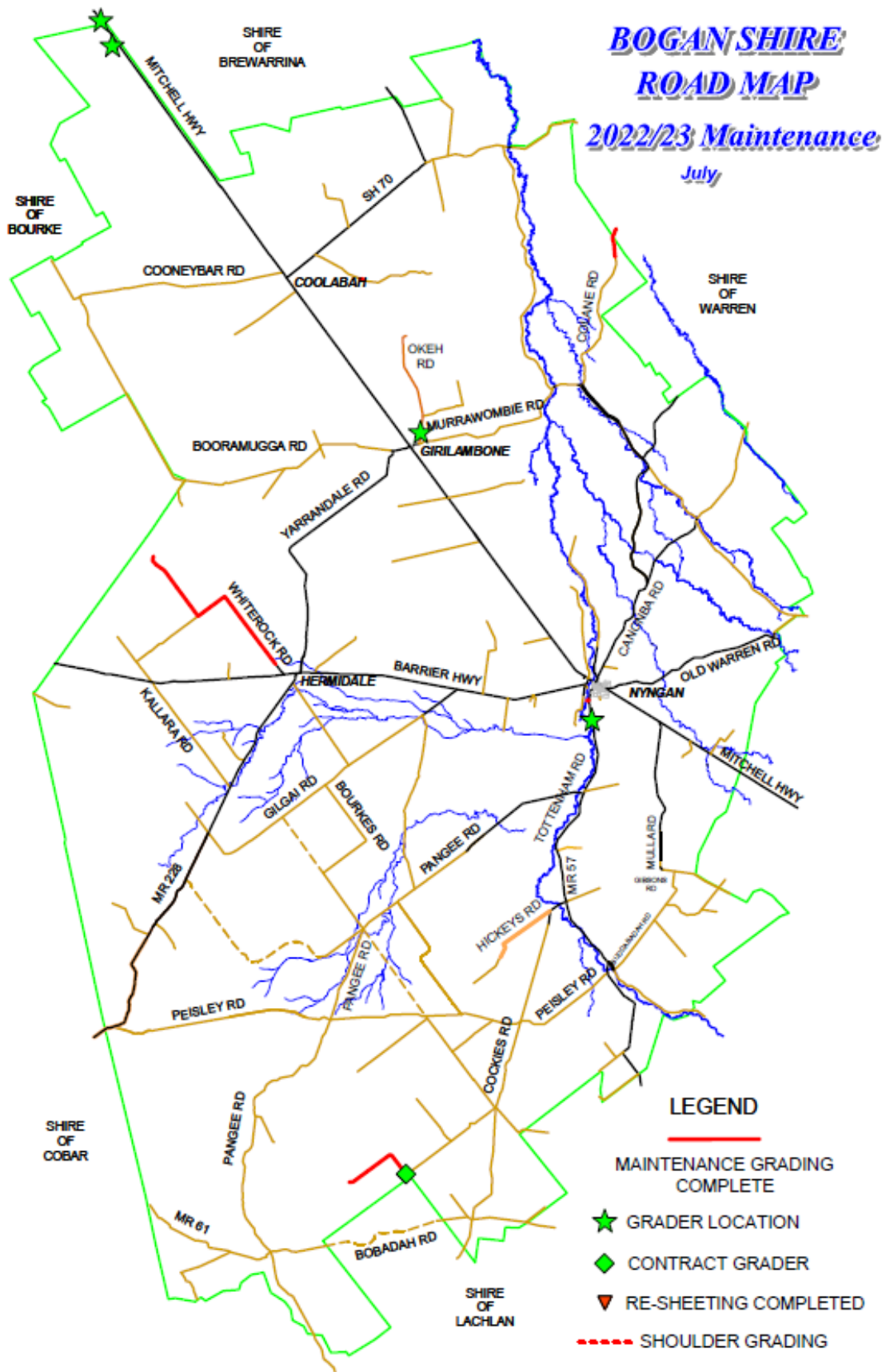


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DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

**Mayor and Councillors**

I submit the following report for consideration:-

**1 DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

***Summary:***

*The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative in regards to the activities of the Development and Environmental Services Department.*

**1.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information that is both statistical and informative in regards to the activities of the Development and Environmental Services Department.

**1.2 Background**

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

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### 1.3 Discussion

#### Development Application Statistics

Two (2) applications require additional informational, four (4) applications are under assessment and seven (7) applications were approved since Council's meeting of 23 June 2022 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2021/019	Taylor Made Buildings Pty Ltd	4026 Cockies Road, Five Ways	New Transportable Dwelling	\$266,235	Approved
2021/020	Barnson Pty Ltd	8-10 Lawlor Street, Nyngan	New Concrete Batching Plant	\$300,000	Approved
2021/025	Mr BS Miles	214 Cooneybar Road, Coolabah	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$544,800	Additional Information Required
2022/006	Taylor Made Buildings Pty Ltd	80 Wambiana Street, Nyngan	New Transportable Dwelling	\$152,450	Approved
2022/008	Langford and Rowe Consulting Surveyors	Lot 101 D.P. 803368 Temples Lane, Nyngan	Subdivision of Rural Land	-	Approved
2022/010	Telstra Corporation Ltd	16 Nymagee Street, Nyngan	New Satellite Ground Network Earth Station	\$30,000	Approved
2022/012	Mr J Bourke	40 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$23,000	Approved
2022/013	Mr R Burns	38 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Transportable Dwelling	\$72,000	Under Assessment
2022/014	Rawson Homes Pty Ltd	36 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$415,956	Awaiting Additional Information
2022/015	Mrs D Tremain	340 Honeybugle Road, Honeybugle	New Private Swimming Pool	\$49,900	Approved
2022/016	Mr A Jones	42 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$435,000	Under Assessment
2022/017	NSW Police	27 Tabratong Street, Nyngan	New Private Carport	\$21,350	Under Assessment
2022/018	Mrs E Stanton	79-81 Pangee Street, Nyngan	New Storage Shed	\$35,000	Under Assessment



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Included as Attachment 1 is statistical/historical information in relation to applications received including Development Applications, for information.

Council has taken a number of pre-Development Application enquiries since Council's meeting of 23 June 2022. Assistance continues to be provided to the community regarding lodgment of applications on the NSW Planning Portal.

### Waste Management

Kerbside recycling continues to be transported to the Gilgandra Materials Recycling Facility for processing. The contamination rate for June was 24.59%.

The Nyngan waste facility continues to operate as normal. Statistics relating to the Council waste management functions are contained in Attachment 2.

As part of Council's ongoing education program for waste and recycling, Waste 2 Art was launched at the Nyngan Show and nine (9) pieces progressed to the regional exhibition and were judged in Lithgow in early July and will remain on public exhibition at the Union Theatre Lithgow until 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Three (3) local entries were awarded as Winners in their respective categories and one (1) was awarded High Commended. This is a fantastic result in our first year of holding a Waste 2 Art competition.

### Compliance

Compliance duties continued and are reflected in the statistics relating to these functions in Attachment 3.

### Biosecurity

Biosecurity and Weed duties continued and are reflected in the statistics outlined in Attachment 3.

### Town Gardens

Regular works and maintenance were carried out during the reporting period across all routine areas of responsibility with particular attention to high priority areas. Concentrated works were carried out at the ELC with topdressing of the back lawn playground area to address safety issues around play equipment and the sandpit and re-mulching of all the garden beds.

## **1.4 Attachments**

1. Development Application Statistics
2. Waste Management Statistics.
3. Compliance and Biosecurity Statistics



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**1.5 Recommendation**

That the Development and Environmental Services Departmental Activity Report be received and noted.

**Cathy Black**

**Director Development and Environmental Services**



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Attachment 1

**Building and Statistical/Historical Information**

**Table 1: Building and Development**

	Application Type							Application Value
	Totals		Breakup					
	DA	CDC	Dwellings	Shed/Garage/ Patio/Awning	Pool	Sub-division	Other	
July 2021	5	-	2	2	-	-	1	\$ 800,620.00
August 2021	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	\$ 100,000.00
September 2021	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	\$ 566,200.00
October 2021	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,882,013.00
November 2021	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	\$ 544,800.00
December 2021	3	-	4	2	-	-	-	\$ 1,643,457.00
January 2022	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	\$ -
February 2022	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	\$ 36,000.00
March 2022	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	\$ 18,000.00
April 2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -
May 2022	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	\$ 244,450.00
June 2022	5	-	1	1	1	1	1	\$ 518,856.00
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 6,354,396.00</b>
<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$ 4,107,610.00</b>
<b>Total 2019/20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$ 11,294,300.00</b>



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Attachment 2

**Waste Management Statistics**

**Table 2: Kerbside Waste Collection**

	<b>No of Premises with Service</b>	<b>Services Provided (Bins Emptied)</b>	<b>Tonnes Collected</b>
July 2021	1,031	5,398	41.10
August 2021	1,031	6,883	94.50
September 2021	1,031	5,903	98.20
October 2021	1,031	6,061	96.10
November 2021	1,032	6,634	112.80
December 2021	1,035	5,627	102.30
January 2022	1,035	6,458	92.54
February 2022	1,035	5,297*	84.30
March 2022	1,035	6,125	96.20
April 2022	1,035	5,406	81.30
May 2022	1,035	6,051	101.40
June 2022	1,035	5,191	84.90
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>65,737</b>	<b>1085.64</b>
<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>302.10</b>

*Note 1 – August figures are higher than usual due to temporary closure of Gilgandra MRF for two weeks of the reporting period.*

*Note 2- September figures are higher than usual due to temporary closure of Gilgandra MRF for the whole of the reporting period*

*Note 3 – February \* estimation due to technical issues.*

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**Table 3: Kerbside Recycling Collection**

	No of Premises with Service	Services Provided (Bins Emptied)	Tonnes Collected	Tonnes Recycled	% Contamination
July 2021	898	1,062	10.30	3.08	29.89
August 2021	898	158	5.20	1.54	29.60
September 2021	898	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
October 2021	898	902	8.80	6.2	29.5
November 2021	899	950	10.8	7.82	27.61
December 2021	902	840	6.2	5.24	15.52
January 2022	902	88	5.4	3.8	29
February 2022	902	862*	11.5	8.99	21.75
March 2022	902	915	14	12.75	8.9
April 2022	902	807	11.6	9.00	22.39
May 2022	902	1,068	13	10.2	21.83
June 2022	902	845	13.3	10	24.59
Total 2021/22	898	7,635	110.10	78.62	21.72
Total 2020/21	896	N/A	117.50	90.92	22.53

*Note 1 - August figures are lower than usual due to temporary closure of Gilgandra MRF for two weeks of the reporting period.*

*Note 2 - September figures are nil due to temporary closure of Gilgandra MRF for the whole of the reporting period.*

*Note 3 - October figures are lower than usual due to temporary closure of Gilgandra MRF for one week of the reporting period.*

*Note 4 - December recycling down due to closure of Gilgandra MRF 1/22/29 of December.*

*Note 5 - February \* estimation due to technical issues.*

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**Table 4: Nyngan Landfill - Disposal, Recycling and Resource Recovery**

	Mixed Waste (Tonnes)	Recoverable Materials (Tonnes)			Recyclable Materials (Tonnes)		
		Organic	Masonry	Soil	Paper / Cardboard	Metal / eWaste	Other
July 2021	112.97	100.47	36.00	-	4.14	12.67	0.80
August 2021	146.74	33.71	4.58	-	3.06	3.30	1.58
September 2021	146.54	17.76	21.60	-	4.32	6.53	0.93
October 2021	237.12	54.22	7.22	-	7.02	1.59	0.77
November 2021	165.75	49.65	1.00	-	2.22	4.14	1.07
December 2021	239.39	32.81	0.62	-	6.72	9.21	2.95
January 2022	177.91	132.54	0.62	-	7.38	6.60	1.40
February 2022	178.78	45.61	3.62	-	2.82	6.78	1.28
March 2022	153.21	49.10	2.00	-	5.46	8.75	0.80
April 2022	163.81	34.82	12.86	-	5.16	4.25	1.34
May 2022	148.50	22.52	100.00	-	2.58	3.96	1.70
June 2022	154.93	28.50	2.62	-	4.14	5.40	0.23
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>2,025.65</b>	<b>601.71</b>	<b>192.74</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55.02</b>	<b>73.18</b>	<b>14.84</b>
<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>1,921.52</b>	<b>680.78</b>	<b>452.54</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56.28</b>	<b>78.96</b>	<b>34.84</b>

*Note 1 - Other materials recycled include: mattresses, tyres, mixed recycling, used engine oil, batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers and cleaned chemical drums.*

*Note 2 - All weights are nominal weight converted from CuM or assumed tare weights.*

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**Table 5: Vouchers and Expected Resource Recovery**

	Vouchers			Out for Recycling / Recovery			
	No Issued	No Redeemed	Value Redeemed	Metal / eWaste	Mattresses	Tyres	Other
July 2021		312	\$ 12,113	-	5.26	-	-
August 2021		489	\$ 7,446	-	-	-	-
September 2021		423	\$ 9,557	-	4.68	3.86	-
October 2021		1,053	\$ 13,694	-	-	-	-
November 2021		939	\$ 9,086	-	-	-	-
December 2021		1,605	\$ 13,178	-	-	-	-
January 2022		1,668	\$ 18,219	-	3.38	-	-
February 2022		1,402	\$ 14,752	-	-	-	-
March 2022		1,096	\$ 10,387	153.78	-	-	-
April 2022		1,177	\$ 12,155	-	-	-	0.05
May 2022		1,026	\$ 9,025	-	3.86	2.30	0.03
June 2022		1,520	\$ 10,978	-	-	-	0.04
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>12,710</b>	<b>\$ 140,590</b>	<b>153.78</b>	<b>17.18</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>185.54</b>	<b>16.68</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>-</b>

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Attachment 3

**Compliance and Biosecurity Statistics**

**Table 6: Compliance**

	Animals Impounded	Animals Released		Complaints/Enquires
		To Owner	Rehomed	
July 2021	2	3	4	16
August 2021	4	2	2	10
September 2021	3	1	4	14
October 2021	6	0	6	11
November 2021	4	3	1	12
December 2021	4	3	1	10
January 2022	6	2	4	8
February 2022	8	3	1	29
March 2022	9	3	5	15
April 2022	6	4	2	20
May 2022	6	3	2	23
June 2022	4	1	3	17
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>185</b>

*Note - Includes dog, cat, straying stock, dead animals, and general matters*

**Table 7: Biosecurity**

	Inspections (Weeds Action Program)					Weed Control Spraying
	Private Land	Council Land	Roads (Km)	Waterways	Rail (Km)	
July 2021	14	6	715	1	-	25
August 2021	3	-	535	3	-	18
September 2021	9	-	143	-	25	-
October 2021	10	2	336	-	52	16
November 2021	12	-	448	1	-	17
December 2021	9	-	104	-	77	14
January 2022	11	2	90	1	-	12
February 2022	3	1	542	-	-	36
March 2022	1	3	572	1	-	23
April 2022	4	-	124	-	-	22
May 2022	13	-	598	-	-	14
June 2022	6	2	40	2	46	31
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4,247</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>228</b>



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## PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

### 1 NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2022

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Nyngan LALC regarding Nyngan NAIDOC Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

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

### 2 NSW GOVERNMENT SENIORS LEADERS TOUR

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Coordinator General of the NSW Regional Health Division.

General Manager's Note: The General Manager was asked to host a meeting of Senior NSW Government officials as part of their recent tour of Western NSW. The attached letter was received from one of the participants and is included in the precis for Councillor's information in relation to the positive sentiments expressed about our town and community.

**2.1 Recommendation:** For noting.

### 3 REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from The Hon. Paul Toole MP.

**3.1 Recommendation:** For noting.

### 4 CHERYL BURNS

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from Cheryl Burns.

General Manager's Note: This request can be considered when Council is notified of the next round of Stronger Country Communities funding.

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



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## NYNGAN NAIDOC WEEK

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Bogan Shire Council  
P.O. Box 221  
Nyngan NSW 2825

**RE: Nyngan NAIDOC Celebrations 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Dear Mr Francis, Mayor Neill & Councillors

Nyngan LALC is current planning NAIDOC with Community agencies; school leaders and we would like to thank Bogan Shire for the continual support of this celebration.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August, we would like to hold the opening ceremony at Winangali Walk (Winangali means to hear, listen) on the corner of Titanic Drive and Cemetery Road at 10.00am.

We also would like to invite Mayor Glen Neill or General Manager Mr Francis to speak on behalf of Bogan Shire Council. In the event of rain would it be possible to use the Town Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> for the opening ceremony if necessary.

Tuesday to Thursday the schools will showcase their own schools with in house activities and Community are welcome to participate.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August, between 10am to 2pm we are also planning a community day and usually we have this event at the Bogan River- Rotary Park but this year due to uncertain weather and river levels we feel it would be ideal to move to the showground in the Walker pavilion and ask if council could kindly donate the use of the pavilion and 20 tables, 60 chairs plus bins to use on the day.

Nyngan LALC would also like to take the opportunity to invite the Councillors of Bogan Shire Council to come along to any of the events, and we look forward to working with you to celebrate NAIDOC within our Community

Kind Regards

Veneta Dutton  
CEO  
Nyngan LALC



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Good morning Derek,

Just wanted to email my thanks for hosting us last week as part of the NSW Government Senior Leaders tour.

As always all of the people we touched based with, in Nyngan conveyed their passion for Nyngan and their dedication to providing the services to the town and its surrounds.

It is clear that the leadership from the Council and yourself is very much engaged with the community, and this was reflected in the tour of the medical centre and support for the GPs now available to the community through that model.

I reference the culture and community in Nyngan often when discussing rural and regional communities that are exploring many different ways to service the community, and appreciate it's not without a lot of work and forward thinking.

Look forward to returning in the future, and will ensure I touch base when we are out in WNSW next.

Thanks again for hosting.

Coordinator General | **Regional Health Division**



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**The Hon. Paul Toole MP**  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional New South Wales  
Minister for Police

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Ref: RVF22/3304

Clr Glen Neill  
Mayor  
Bogan Shire Council  
PO Box 221  
NYNGAN NSW 2825  
E: [admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au](mailto:admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Clr Neill

The NSW Government is leading the way to deliver unprecedented investment to our regional communities. In the past five years alone, we have channelled more than \$2 billion in funding into more than 2,700 local projects under the Regional Growth Fund. As part of the 22/23 Budget, we continue to build on this investment with a further \$1.3 billion for the next generation of the Regional Growth Fund which will include:

- \$250 million to expand the Stronger Country Communities Fund, supporting grassroots projects to reinvigorate rural communities,
- \$230 million for the Regional Tourism Activation Fund to support tourism projects that leverage the recent significant growth in regional tourism, and
- \$220 million to expand the Resources for Regions program, supporting the ongoing prosperity of mining communities.

I am also pleased to advise the [Regional NSW – Business Case and Strategy Development Fund](#), is a brand new program with \$24 million in funding available to support local councils, joint organisations, not-for-profit, industry and Aboriginal community groups develop business cases for projects that have the potential to deliver significant economic and social benefits in our regional communities.

There are many more programs announced in the 22/23 NSW Government Budget that build upon our proven record of supporting regional councils, businesses and communities. I am proud to say this budget helps bring to life our vision for growing local economies and making everyday life better for everyone who lives, visits or does business in regional NSW.

The success of the new Regional Growth Fund investment will rely on us working together. We acknowledge the challenges facing the local government sector in project delivery and we will continue to work closely with you to resolve these.

New rounds of programs under the Regional Growth Fund will begin rolling out in coming weeks and months, and we encourage you to consider what projects would be suitable for your Local Government Area, and to share this information with key stakeholders in your community.

The [NSW Government Grants and Funding](#) webpage lists current funding opportunities and the [Regional Growth Fund](#) webpage will also be continually updated for your assistance.

I encourage council to reach out to the Department of Regional NSW Regional Director in your area to discuss how to take full advantage of these transformational investments.

The Regional Director in the Orana/Far West region is Gerry Collins who can be contacted on [gerry.collins@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gerry.collins@regional.nsw.gov.au) or 0412 602 688.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your community to deliver important new projects and initiatives as part of the next generation of the Regional Growth Fund.

Yours sincerely



**The Hon. Paul Toole MP**  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Regional New South Wales  
Minister for Police



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BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE	R/N
13 JUL 2022	
ASSIGNEE	

Cheryl Burns  
P O Box 201  
NYNGAN NSW 2825

The General Manager  
Mr Derek Francis  
Bogan Shire Council  
Cobar Street  
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Mr Francis

I would just like to ask that if Shire improvement money becomes available in the future, that you would consider putting soft fall under all the playground equipment in the Shire instead of bark chips, especially in O'Reilly Park.

O'Reilly Park is frequently used for birthday parties, family gatherings and for tourists travelling to and through the area and the current bark chips under the enclosed playground equipment really isn't suitable. It doesn't allow for families to put their younger children down in the safe enclosed area while they help their older children on the play equipment. The bark chips are dirty and easily picked up by toddlers to put in their mouths, whereas the soft fall would allow the park maintenance teams to blower vac or wash down the area during their routine park maintenance, if required.

The town's parks and other recreation areas look amazing, and I think that this has just slipped under the radar, especially if you don't have small children using these facilities.

I hope you consider this request.

Kind regards

Cheryl



