



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Business Paper**

**21 September 2022**





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## **COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 5.30pm.

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Remembrances  
Bogan Shire Council acknowledges the life and service of Her Majesty The Queen, who reigned as Australia's Head of State for 70 years, and extends condolences to all members of the Royal family for their loss.
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interest
5. Confirmation of the Closed and Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2022
6. General Manager Closed and Confidential Report
  1. Sale of Land – John Hoare OAM Business Park  
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of this item is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
  2. Proposed Solar Farm – Lease of Land  
The General Manager is of the opinion that consideration of this item is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public for the following reason: in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Clause 10A (d) (i) as involving commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
7. Confirmation of the Ordinary Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 August 2022
8. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:
  - People and Community Services
  - Finance and Corporate Services
  - Engineering Services
  - Development and Environmental Services
9. Correspondence

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

**Melissa Salter**  
**Executive Officer**







**General Manager's Report to the Ordinary Meeting of Bogan Shire Council  
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**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 on 13/07/2022.
2	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>	Letter written to Minister for Water. <b>UPDATE:</b> Scott Barrett MLC requested on 11/08/22 and 13/09/2022 to follow up on letter to Minister for Water.

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3	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.
4	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 Faraway 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.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Council has been informed that the tender process for the new Before and After School Care service is being dealt with by the Department of Education.

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5	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>	Pending commencement of grant- funded works.
6	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> Planning for new residential subdivision has commenced.
7	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	<b>DPCS</b>	Engagement with business community, including agricultural sector, commenced 18/07/22 with online and paper-based survey.

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				mapping exercise. Following the skills and labour shortage mapping exercise, representatives from identified Refugee Recruitment service providers be invited to a meeting with Council.		Refugee recruitment specialist invited to attend August Council Meeting.  <b>COMPLETED</b>
8	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.  Referred to Audit & Risk Committee.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Report from Internal Auditor to be considered by ARIC before making recommendations to Council. ARIC Meeting scheduled for 29/09/22.

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9	25/11/2021	331/2021	<b>Recycling Bins in Town Main Street</b>	Recycling bins be made available in town main street.	<b>DDES</b>	Eight recycling bins received – considered in Council's best interest to delay installation until main street paving completed.
	24/03/2022	068/2022	<b>Recycling Bin Waste Stickers</b>	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.		In Progress.



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10	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> <hr/> <p>Interested Bogan Shire community members be invited to participate in a committee / working group.</p>	<p><b>DPCS</b></p>	<p><b>UPDATE:</b> Event Coordinator now appointed and working with Council Staff. All musical acts have been confirmed, promotion and advertising of the event has commenced.</p> <p>Direction sought from Council as to Bogan Shire Council selling Big Bogan Festival merchandise, including distribution of profit (e.g. funding cost of producing new official VIC visitor guide)</p> <hr/> <p>Invitations made to Community Members.</p> <p><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
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11	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.
12	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>	Initial meeting held with United Way to progress.  <b>UPDATE</b> Imagination Library established – commencing November 2022. Council Library staff working in partnership with Community Nurse at Nyngan Hospital to provide sign- up information to new parents. Library staff to administer the program and enter registrations.

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13	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>	<p>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.</p> <p><b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> It is recommended that Council advertises before work commences for Expressions of Interest from interested parties to have the old pavers delivered to an appropriate site of theirs, where times can be arranged for the public to collect pavers. After a set period of time, the interested party can then make use of unwanted pavers as they see fit.</p>
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14	28/07/2022	162/2022	<b>Bogan River Signage</b>	The General Manager, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, have discussions with the NALC as to whether the wording should be placed on an individual sign or as part of an information sign, as well as their preference for sign location.	<b>GM</b>	Letter sent to Nyngan LALC. Further discussions to take place.  <b>UPDATE:</b> Nyngan LALC has advised that they support the wording as part of the proposed information signs in locations previously mentioned in the report to Council.  <b>COMPLETED</b>
15	28/07/2022	171/2022	<b>Hoskins Street Subdivision</b>	Council approves the draft subdivision layout, with following amendments: Inclusion of a laneway between lots 18-23 and lots 28-33. Accordingly reduce the number of affected blocks to retain an average size of around 1000m <sup>2</sup> .	<b>DES</b>	Amended plan sent back to consultants. Meetings between Alliance of Western Council and NSW Government held of 17/08/22 and 19/08/22 to discuss.

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				Strong representation is made to the Minister for Western New South Wales in relation to Biodiversity Fund contributions.		<b>UPDATE:</b> Further representation to be made by the Alliance of Western Councils.
16	25/08/2022	207/2022	<b>Removal of Athel Pines</b>	<p>Council removes all Athel Pines located adjacent to the airport.</p> <p>Council plants native species to replace the Athel Pines that will be removed, with funding to be allocated at the next budget review.</p>	<b>DDES</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Obtaining quotations prior to carrying out the work.
17	25/08/2022	208/2022	<b>Kerbside Waste</b>	Council determine that the bulky kerbside collection trial proceed and determine associated costs at the next budget review.	<b>DDES</b>	<b>UPDATE:</b> Investigating processes and associated costs, to report to Council at the October meeting.



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18	25/08/2022	209/2022	<b>Subdivision of Land Below the Minimum Lot Size</b>	The General Manager investigates the costs involved in a housekeeping amendment to the Bogan LEP 2011, and report back to a future Council Meeting	<b>DDES</b>	<b><u>UPDATE:</u></b> Initial meeting held with consultant, report to Council at the October Meeting.
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## **1.1 Recommendation**

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

## **2 PRECUIINARY INTEREST**

***Summary:-***

*Tabling of the Pecuniary Interest Register is a requirement under Section 450A of the Local Government Act.*

### **2.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to table the Pecuniary Interest Register.

### **2.2 Background**

Tabling of the Register is a requirement under Section 450A of the Local Government Act.

### **2.3 Discussion**

For noting.

### **2.4 Recommendation**

That Pecuniary Interest Register in respect of the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 be received and noted.

### **3 CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR CLOSURE**

**Summary:**

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

#### **3.1 Introduction**

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

#### **3.2 Background**

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

#### **3.3 Discussion**

Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on a Sunday and Monday, with Monday 26 December 2022 and Tuesday 27 December 2022 being declared Public Holidays. (In place of Christmas Day and Boxing Day which fall on the Sunday and Monday). New Years Day falls on a Sunday, with Monday 2 January 2023 being declared a Public Holiday.

Customary practice is to close the Shire offices, which includes Library, Bogan Shire Medical Centre, and Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre between Christmas and New Year.

Following past practice, this would mean that the Shire offices would be closed for what would otherwise be normal working days on Wednesday 28 December, 2022, Thursday 29 December 2022 and Friday 30 December 2022.

It has previously been suggested that the December Council Meetings be held at 9.00am, and the most suitable date in December 2022 is Thursday 15 December.

It has been the practice in the past to have a combined Councillor/Staff Christmas Party from 12.00pm to 3.00pm on the day of the December Council Meeting, with Council covering the cost of this event.



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**3.4 Recommendation**

**That:**

1. Council closes the Shire Offices including Library, Bogan Shire Medical Centre and Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre on Wednesday 28 December 2022, Thursday 29 December 2022 and Friday 30 December 2022 and advises the community accordingly.
2. That the Bogan Shire Council Christmas Party take place between 12.00pm and 3.00pm on 15 December 2022, involving all Councillors, Staff and their partners, and that council covers the cost of this event.

## 4 DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023 RECESS

### **Summary:**

*The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the option of going into recess during December 2022/ January 2023.*

### **4.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the option of going into recess during December 2022/ January 2023.

### **4.2 Background**

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

### **4.3 Discussion**

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

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

### **4.4 Recommendation**

That:

1. Council goes into recess from Friday 23 December 2022 until 31 January 2023 and consequently does not have an Ordinary Meeting during January 2023.
2. Pursuant to and subject to the limitations of Section 377 of the Local Government Act, Council grants authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager with Councillors to be contacted if practical, to make decisions on behalf of Council during this recess period.
3. Any such decisions are to be reported to the Council at its first meeting in 2023.

**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 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE OPERATIONAL REPORT

#### **Summary:**

*The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the operations of the Visitor Information Centre.*

#### **1.2 Discussion**

With COVID-19 restrictions lifted and major events happening once again in the Outback, the Nyngan VIC has reported a large increase in visitor numbers. In particular the revival of the Mundi Mundi Bash (music festival) at Broken Hill in April and again in August has seen an influx of visitors calling into Nyngan either on their way to or from the festival.

With the rain and flooding throughout the state, staff have reported an increase in the number of walk-in visitors and telephone enquiries for this time of year, compared with in other years.

There continues to be a strong demand for free camping, as many travellers are towing caravans or camper trailers. The Flood Memorial free camping area is at times completely filled with vans and motorhomes (even a few tents) and at least 5-10 vehicles most nights. The free camping area at the Upper Weir is also being well utilised by travellers with several people visiting the VIC to check on directions to their preferred camping spot. Several visitors have expressed their delight at the camping spot with birdwatchers particularly impressed.

On Friday 12 August 2022 Mark Greaves from The Tourism Group, visited Nyngan VIC for an Accreditation Review. The Nyngan VIC has been granted accreditation for another 12 months. Mark was impressed with our AVIC and after speaking with staff about the lack of signage to inform those visitors who park in the Flood Memorial carpark/free camping spot of the AVIC's location, Mark gifted the VIC a metal "i" sign to place on the Railway Station's platform fence. Council has been advised that The Tourism Group will review the pre-COVID operating conditions of VIC Accreditation in October 2022.

COVID-safe measures are still being adopted at the VIC, including a Perspex screen on the counter and hand sanitiser is provided.



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The VIC's range of merchandise has continued to be popular, especially the Big Bogan stubby holders which have been the highest selling item consistently for years. Big Bogan magnets, stickers and flannelette shirts have also been popular.

**April 22 - August 22**

**Most Popular Items Sold**

Stubby Holders	113
Magnets	93
Stickers	81
Flannelette shirts	46

A focus last quarter was to encourage local craftspeople to place a sample of their products on display to showcase the amazing talent of Bogan Shire residents and also promote locally made items instead of mass produced merchandise. This focus will continue into the next quarter. Local honey and handcrafted items have sold well with visitors appreciating the locally made products, including recycled fabric Boomerang Bags for carrying of purchases which have proven very popular with locals and visitors.

**Statistics**

The total number of VIC visitors through the centre in the period from April to August 2022 and / or enquiries was as follows:

Visitors: 2,023

Phone: 129

Email: 8

**1.3 Recommendation**

That the Operational Report for the Visitor Information Centre be received and noted.

## 2 AUSTRALIA DAY 2023 NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

### **Summary:**

*The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the Australia Day Award categories, nomination form, guidelines and voting system for the 2023 awards.*

### **2.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for Council to approve the Australia Day Award categories, nomination form, guidelines and voting system for the 2023 awards.

### **2.2 Background**

For the past three years Council has asked for nominations from the community for the following Australia Day categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (aged 25 or under)
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year (aged 25 or under)
- Sports Team of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

In 2018, Council resolved to present certificates to all nominees and award one overall winner (300/2018) and that all Councillors be circularised with the nominations shortly after the closing date, to allow Councillors to vote for the nominees. (301/2018)

All nominees considered worthy are invited to attend the Bogan Shire Australia Day Ceremony at the Nyngan Town Hall on January 26. Nominees are presented with certificates, and the winner of each category is presented with a medal or plaque.

### **2.3 Discussion**

Council will shortly begin the process of emailing and sending out nomination forms to various clubs, community organisations, NGOs and Nyngan High School. The nominations will also be promoted on the Facebook page over the coming months. The closing date for nominations this year will be Monday 5 December 2022 to allow for Councillor Assessment of nominations, effective coordination of the event and for all necessary awards and certificates to be obtained and ready in advance of the event.



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It is recommended that Councillor Votes be received the day before the December council meeting to ensure staff can organise the certificates and awards in time for the January event and presentation.

**2.4 Attachment**

Australia Day 2023 Nomination Forms.

**2.5 Recommendation**

That Council approves the categories, nominations forms and guidelines with the date of Monday 5 December 2022 being the closing date for all nominations and Councillor votes to be received by Wednesday 14 December 2022.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**



**Bogan Shire Council Australia Day Awards  
Nomination Form**

**Nomination for:**

- Citizen of the Year (26 years or older on 26 January 2023)
- Young Citizen of the Year (under 26 years of age on 26 January 2023)
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year (18 years and under on 26 January 2023)
- Sports Team of the Year

**DETAILS OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:**

<i>Title:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Surname:</i>
<i>Address:</i>		
		<i>Postcode:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>		
<i>Email:</i>		
<i>Date of birth:</i>		<i>Age:</i>

- Does the nominee currently live and/or work in Bogan Shire YES/NO
- Is the nominee an Australian citizen? YES/NO
- Will nominee be aged 26 years or over on 26 January 2023? YES/NO

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

<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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**CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH THE PERSON IS NOMINATED**  
Include membership or life membership of community and / or sporting groups, awards and other significant achievements.

**Please attach additional sheets/material if required.**

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**ATTACHMENT 1**



**OTHER PERSONS TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Name:</i>
<i>Relationship to Nominee:</i>	<i>Relationship to Nominee:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>	<i>Telephone:</i>
<i>Email:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Address:</i>

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

<i>Title:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Surname:</i>
<i>Address:</i>		
		<i>Postcode:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>		
<i>Email:</i>		
<i>Organisation (if any):</i>		
<i>Signature:</i>		<i>Date:</i>

**PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NOMINATION IS COMPLETE**

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

**Nominations close on [Monday 5 December, 2022](#)**

Please send completed form to:

The General Manager  
PO Box 221  
Nyngan NSW 2825

The awards will be announced on Australia Day Thursday 26 January 2023.



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ATTACHMENT 2



Bogan Shire Council Australia Day Awards Community Event Nomination Form

DETAILS OF EVENT AND ORGANISER OR ORGANISATION BEING NOMINATED:

Event Name: [ ]

Organiser and / or Organisation details.

Form with fields: Title, Name, Surname, Organisation Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone, Email

Was the Community event held in Bogan Shire? YES/NO

I, on behalf of the nominated event, agree to be nominated for this award.

Signature: [ ] Date: [ ]

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

Dashed box for text input

Please attach additional sheets/material if required.



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**ATTACHMENT 2**



**OTHER PERSONS TO CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EVENT**

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Name:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>	<i>Telephone:</i>
<i>Email:</i>	<i>Email:</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Address:</i>

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION**

<i>Title:</i>	<i>Name:</i>	<i>Surname:</i>
<i>Address:</i>		
		<i>Postcode:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>		
<i>Email:</i>		
<i>Organisation (if any):</i>		
<i>Signature:</i>		<i>Date:</i>

**PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE THAT YOUR NOMINATION IS COMPLETE**

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

**Nominations close on [Monday 5 December, 2022](#)**

Please send completed form to:

The General Manager  
PO Box 221  
Nyngan NSW 2825

The awards will be announced on Australia Day Thursday 26 January 2023.

### 3 BOGAN SHIRE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

**Summary:**

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

#### 3.1 Introduction

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

#### 3.2 Discussion

Statistics

- Total children enrolled as at 12/09/2022: 71
- Total children scheduled to attend for the week ending 16/09/2022: 65

Usage Capacity

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Ave.
July 22	71%	66%	55%	63%	61%	63%
August 22	77%	73%	65%	69%	71%	71%
September 22	77%	69%	63%	72%	68%	70%

The ELC staff and children have been raising money for charity by holding activities including “Pyjama Day” which raised \$285 for children in foster care and “Crazy Hair Day” for people with Cystic Fibrosis. The team also raised awareness on “Jeans for Genes Day” for children with Genetic Disorders, as well as “Red Nose Day”, helping to end child poverty.

The annual “Book Week” at the Centre was very successful, with many children going home with some great books for their continued learning with their families.

COVID-19

Impacts from COVID-19 are still affecting child attendances as well as staff availability, however it is slowly settling down and hopefully this continues.

#### 3.3 Recommendation

That the Early Learning Centre report be received and noted.



## 4 BOGAN SHIRE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE – VENUE HIRE FEES AND CHARGES

### Summary:

*The purpose of this report is for Council to fix fees and make charges for venue hire at the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre.*

### 4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is for Council to fix fees and make charges for venue hire at the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre.

### 4.2 Background

The Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre is due to open in the coming weeks and Council staff have already received inquiries about usage and venue hire. Other Council-owned facilities already have a range of fees and charges applied to their venue hire, which are included in the Operational Plan and Budget each year.

As the Centre will be used for a variety of youth, community, private and corporate purposes, Council should fix fees and make charges by resolution, in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

s608(1) states Council may charge and recover an approved fee for any service it provides, and includes “allowing admission to any building or enclosure” (s608(2)). s610D states that Council can determine a fee by considering (1)(a) the cost to the council of providing the service and (1)(c) the importance of the service to the community. s539(1) provides criteria for determining charges and includes “the purpose for which the service is provided” and “the nature and use of premises to which the service is provided”.

### 4.3 Discussion

A comparison of fees for other non-Council owned venue hire in Nyngan showed a room hire fee of \$100 for a small / medium sized meeting room. The below table shows the 2022/2023 fees and charges for existing Council owned meeting room and venue hire and bonds:

Existing Council owned meeting rooms and facilities	Fee
Council meeting room (per day)	\$160 +GST
Works Depot Training Room (per day)	\$170 +GST
Town Hall or Supper Room	\$290 +GST
Town Hall and Supper Room	\$400 +GST
Town Hall Complex Bond (no GST)	\$670
Walker and Wye Pavilions Bond (no GST)	\$400

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The below table provides suggested fees and charges for venue hire at the Centre. It is also suggested that room hires end at 3pm on days set aside for the Youth Drop-In program, effectively quarantining the Centre for the sole use of youth during these times:

<b>BSYCC Venue Hire</b>				
<b>Room</b>	<b>Corporate Hire (+GST)</b>	<b>Private Use (+GST)</b>	<b>Community Organisations</b>	<b>Youth and Community Programs</b>
Room 1 (full day)	\$170	\$100	Nil	Nil
Room 1 (half day <3hrs)	\$100	\$50	Nil	Nil
Room 2 (full day)	\$170	\$100	Nil	Nil
Room 2 (half day <3hrs)	\$100	\$50	Nil	Nil
Room 1&2 (full day)	\$340	\$200	Nil	Nil
Room 1&2 (half day <3hrs)	\$200	\$100	Nil	Nil
Room 3 (full day)	\$85	\$50	Nil	Nil
Room 3 (half day <3hrs)	\$50	\$25	Nil	Nil
Room 4 (full day)	\$75	\$40	Nil	Nil
Room 4 (half day <3hrs)	\$40	\$20	Nil	Nil
Room 3&4 (full day)	\$160	\$90	Nil	Nil
Room 3&4 (half day <3hrs)	\$90	\$45	Nil	Nil
Bond for Rooms (No GST)	\$100	\$100	Nil	Nil
Kitchen/Lounge (per day)	\$400	\$290	Nil	Nil
Kitchen/Lounge (half day <3hrs)	\$290	\$170	Nil	Nil
Sports Hall (per day)	\$400	\$400	Nil	Nil
Sports Hall (half day <3hrs)	\$290	\$290	Nil	Nil
Additional cleaning after hire	Actual Cost	Actual Cost	Nil	Nil
Bond for K/L/Hall (No GST)	\$800	\$800	Nil	Nil

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With reference to clarifying the categories above, Council's resolution 194/2017 provides the following definition of community events:

*Applicable fees set out in this section are to be waived for bona-fide community events. Community events are defined as those run by not-for-profit organisations based in the Bogan Shire area, excluding events run by Government Agencies and private functions. The exception to this is where Council assets are hired for funerals when fees are to be waived.*

The definition of community organisation and community event were further defined in resolution 439/2018 as:

*Council define a community organisation as being a not-for-profit organisation including, but not limited to, churches, schools, registered charities, sporting bodies and hospitals.*

*Council define a bona fide community event as one run by a community organisation where it is clearly demonstrated that money raised from the event goes back into the community.*

Applying these definitions to the table on the previous page the heading 'Community Organisations' is understood to mean:

*Community organisations are defined as not-for-profit organisations based in the Bogan Shire Council LGA, including, but not limited to, churches, schools, registered charities, sporting bodies and hospitals but excluding Government agencies, corporate bodies, businesses and private individuals.*

The heading 'Corporate Hire' is understood to mean:

*Government agencies, corporate bodies and businesses.*

The heading 'Private Use' is understood to mean:

*Individuals in their private capacity for a private event or function.*



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The heading 'Youth and Community Programs' is understood to mean:

*Activities or programs targeted at specific groups such as youth and seniors to meet a particular outcome or objective (e.g. driver education, school holiday activities and well-being initiatives).*

Determining a range of categories for users of the Centre and charging fees accordingly will enable Council to generate funding which can be used for running youth and community programs and activities at the Centre. This can be determined at each budget review once it is known what venue hire revenue has been received.

#### **4.4 Recommendation**

That:

1. Council adopts the Bogan Shire Youth and Community Centre fees and charges contained within this report.
2. Revenue generated from these fees and charges be identified separately in the budget review and directed to youth and community programs and resources.

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

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

### Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:

### 1 INVESTMENTS AUGUST 2022

#### **Summary:**

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

*The Investment Report for August 2022 is shown below. At the 31st August 2022 Council had \$19.5 million invested. There has been an increase of \$4 million due to claims being received for Transport for NSW projects, the first milestone of Stronger Country Community Round 4 Resources for Regions Round 8 projects, Second Water Storage project as well as the 1st Quarter Financial Assistance Grant payment.*

#### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of August 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 August 2022 is shown below. At the 31st August 2022 Council had \$19.5 million invested. There has been an increase of \$4 million due to claims being received for Transport for NSW projects, the first milestone of Stronger Country Community Round 4 Resources for Regions Round 8 projects, Second Water Storage project as well as the 1st Quarter Financial Assistance Grant payment.

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

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**Investment Movements for August 2022**

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

Bogan Shire - Investment movements						
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Bal July22	Bal Aug 22
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%	8,691,390.24	12,711,219.51
	Balance securities held				<b>15,491,390.24</b>	<b>19,511,219.51</b>
	Balance Ledger 19010.8200.8200				<b>15,491,390.24</b>	<b>19,511,219.51</b>
	<b>Summary by institution</b>					
	WESTPAC				2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
	NAB				11,491,390.24	12,711,219.51
	COMMONWEALTH				2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
					<b>15,491,390.24</b>	<b>19,511,219.51</b>

**1.4 Recommendation**

That the Investments Report be received and noted.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

**Summary:**

*This report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31st August 2022, with the same period last year.*

*Total arrears have decreased from \$1,127,103 as at the 31st August 2021 to \$1,041,352 as at 31st August this year.*

### 2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 31st August, 2022, with the same period last year.

### 2.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

<b>Rate Collections</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
Arrears Prior to 30/06/2022	712,934	837,156
First Instalment arrears as at 31/08/2022	328,418	289,947
Second Instalment outstanding as at 31/08/2022	1,100,939	1,064,747
Third Instalment outstanding as at 31/08/2022	1,132,003	1,096,655
Fourth Instalment outstanding as at 31/08/2022	1,144,155	1,105,011
<b>Total Arrears</b>	<b>1,041,352</b>	<b>1,127,103</b>
<b>Total Outstanding</b>	<b>4,418,449</b>	<b>4,393,516</b>
<b>Monthly Transactions</b>		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	<b>6,017,058</b>	<b>6,158,231</b>
Add: Adjustments	7,052	3789
Less: Payments to end of May	-1,527,371	-1,691,583
Less: Rebates	-78,290	-76,921
Add: Postponed	0	0
<b>Gross Total Balance</b>	<b>4,418,449</b>	<b>4,393,516</b>
<b>Arrears of total amount levied %</b>	17%	18%

Total arrears have decreased from \$1,127,103 at the 31st August 2021 to \$1,041,352 as at 31st August this year and has reduced to \$966,266 at the time of writing this report.

Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,504,000

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



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As at the 31st August 2022 Council had collected \$164,212 less than at the same time last year, an additional \$108,423 had been collected at the time of writing this report making the total collected to date \$1,635,794.

21% of rates remain outstanding on the first instalment. At this time of writing this report this has reduced to 17%.

### **2.3 Recommendation**

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



### 3 ADOPTION OF THE 2021/2022 DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENTS

#### **Summary**

*To adopt the 2021/2022 Draft Annual Statements and for Council to delegate Authority to the General Manager to Authorise the Year End Account for issue.*

*Consolidated Accounting Surplus of \$9,938,000.*

*Surplus of \$7,326,000 in the General Fund is due to \$7,719,000 in expenditure being capitalised and not expensed and the income included in the Operating Result.*

*Surplus of \$2,917,000 in the Water Fund is due to Capital Grant funding included in the operating result and expenditure of \$3,006,000 being capitalised and not expensed.*

*Consolidated unrestricted cash reserves of \$1,345,000.*

#### **3.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for council to adopt the 2021/2022 Draft Annual Statements and for Council to delegate Authority to the General Manager to authorise the Year End Accounts for issue.

#### **3.2 Background**

The accounts have been completed and are in the final stages of Audit however, Council is awaiting final reports. There may be slight changes to the accounts because of the audit process, although staff are confident that these will be minimal. If there are any material changes to the accounts they will be brought back to Council.

An excerpt of the financial statements sent for Audit is attached. Council's Contract Auditor, Nexia undertook the audit on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August and are still working on them off-site. Once completed the accounts will be sent to the Audit Office for signing off.

Once finalised by the Audit Office the Financial Statements for 2021/2022 will then be forwarded to the Office of Local Government, advertised and presented to the public at the next meeting of Council.

Section 418 – "*Public notice to be given of presentation of financial reports*"- of the Local Government Act, 1993 states;

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- (1) *As soon as practicable after a council receives a copy of the auditor's report:*
  - a) *It must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's report, to the public, and*
  - b) *It must give public notice of the date so fixed.*
  
- (2) *The date fixed for the meeting must be at least 7 days after the date on which the notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports are given to the council.*

With the strict timeframe from the date of receipt of the Auditor's Report to when the public meeting must be held it is recommended that Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to "authorise the Year End Accounts for issue" subject to there being no material audit changes or audit issues, in accordance with AASB 110.

### **3.3 Discussion**

The figures within the financial accounts indicate how Council has performed financially over 2021/2022 financial year.

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

#### ***Favourable***

- Positive consolidated result. This is due to the capitalisation of projects where the income is shown on the income statements and the expenditure has been capitalised.
- Strong cash position in General Fund.
- Sewer fund has a strong cash position of \$2.171 million with carry over works of approximately \$250,000 that would reduce this amount to \$1.921 million.
- TfNSW Ordered Works received in 2021/2022 increased by \$600K.
- TfNSW Flood Damage Claim for roads in 2021/2022 of \$2.6 million.
- Account surplus of \$2,917,000 in the Water Fund better than the budgeted accounting surplus of \$69,925 due to debtors being raised for Capital Grant funding included in the operating result and the expenditure being capitalised as Work in Progress.
- A reduction of \$76,000 to employee benefit provisions arising from employees taking leave that is due to them or long term employees retiring.

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***Unfavourable***

- Water fund holds cash of \$513 thousand however there is approximately \$763 in carry over works that would reduce this amount to a deficit of \$250,000 if it is carried out. Debtors are \$1,950,000 in the Water Fund due mainly to grant expenditure where claims are unable to be made as yet which once cash is received by Council will help to rectify this cash situation.
- TfNSW Contract Maintenance decreased by \$212,000 for 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021.
- Own source revenue ratio decreased from 50.77% in 2020/2021 to 42.57% in 2021/2022 due to the increase in grant funding recognised during 2021/2022.
- A \$2,469,000 decrease to unrestricted cash reserves.
- Investment returns decreased by \$46,000 as a result of low interest rates. Interest rates have increased in the last few months which should result in a positive outcome for 2022/02023.
- \$334,000 overall increase to depreciation expenses. This increase is attributable to Buildings and Other Structures and Roads depreciation due to a revaluation by external valuers and a change in methodology and also rising costs of materials during Covid 19 resulting in an increase to replacement costs of all assets. There has also been an increase to depreciation on Water and Sewer assets due to the indexation rate required by Council to be used for 2021/2022 being 5.73%.
- Sewer Fund Accounting Deficit of \$305,000, worse than the originally budgeted \$166,873 due to \$6,000 less than budgeted operational income received and \$131,000 in additional operational expenditure attributable to increased depreciation and extra sewer mains maintenance required throughout the year.

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

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Water \$000's</b>	<b>Sewer \$000's</b>	<b>General \$000's</b>	<b>Consolidated \$000's</b>
Income	5,056	541	30,359	35,956
Expenditure	2,139	846	23,033	26,018
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>2,917</b>	<b>(305)</b>	<b>7,326</b>	<b>9,938</b>
Current Assets	1,790	2,235	24,550	28,575
Non-Current Assets	38,275	10,029	210,835	259,139
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>40,065</b>	<b>12,264</b>	<b>235,385</b>	<b>287,714</b>
Liabilities	40	3	12,220	12,263
<b>Equity</b>	<b>40,025</b>	<b>12,261</b>	<b>223,165</b>	<b>275,451</b>

### **General Fund**

- The cash operating result for the General Fund was \$3,265,000 surplus. The General Fund shows an accounting operating result of \$7,326 million surplus however \$7,719 million dollars of expenditure was capitalised in the General Fund. This then leaves a deficit of \$393,000. Adding back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$3,723,000 and taking off profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment of \$65,000 results in the cash surplus figure of \$3,265,000.

### **Water Fund**

- The cash operating result for the Water Fund was \$445,000 surplus. The Water Fund shows an accounting operating result surplus of \$2,917,000 however \$3,006,000 of expenditure was capitalised in the Water Fund. This then leaves a deficit of \$89,000. Adding back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$534,000 and the results in a cash surplus of \$445,000.



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**Sewer Fund**

- The cash operating result for the Sewer Fund was \$108,000 deficit. The Sewer Fund shows an accounting operating result of \$305,000 deficit however \$25,000 of expenditure was capitalised as Work in Progress in the Sewer Fund. This then leaves a deficit of \$330,000. Adding back non-cash expenditure of depreciation \$222,000 results in the cash deficit of \$108,000.

The overall unrestricted cash balance has decreased from \$3,814,000 to \$1,345,000 a decrease of \$2,469,000 however this will increase as Council debtors are collected.

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

**3.4 Recommendation**

That:

1. Council adopts the 2021/2022 Draft Annual Statements.
2. Council delegates authority to the General Manager to authorise the Year End Accounts for issue.

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

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**Income Statement**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

<i>Original unaudited budget 2022</i>			<i>Actual 2022</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>
<b>\$ '000</b>		Notes	<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>
	<b>Income from continuing operations</b>			
5,302	Rates and annual charges	B2-1	<b>5,210</b>	5,203
3,913	User charges and fees	B2-2	<b>9,489</b>	9,144
159	Other revenues	B2-3	<b>245</b>	299
7,883	Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	B2-4	<b>12,862</b>	9,728
150	Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	B2-4	<b>7,747</b>	4,786
108	Interest and investment income	B2-5	<b>129</b>	152
211	Other income	B2-6	<b>209</b>	181
286	Net gain from the disposal of assets	B4-1	<b>65</b>	106
<b>18,012</b>	<b>Total income from continuing operations</b>		<b>35,956</b>	29,599
	<b>Expenses from continuing operations</b>			
7,373	Employee benefits and on-costs	B3-1	<b>7,903</b>	7,990
10,438	Materials and services	B3-2	<b>13,300</b>	11,388
75	Borrowing costs	B3-3	<b>73</b>	78
4,109	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets	B3-4	<b>4,479</b>	4,145
449	Other expenses	B3-5	<b>263</b>	428
<b>22,444</b>	<b>Total expenses from continuing operations</b>		<b>26,018</b>	24,029
<b>(4,432)</b>	<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>		<b>9,938</b>	5,570
<b>(4,432)</b>	<b>Net operating result for the year attributable to Council</b>		<b>9,938</b>	5,570
<b>(348)</b>	<b>Net operating result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>		<b>2,191</b>	784

The above Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Statement of Comprehensive Income**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	<i>Actual</i> <b>2022</b>	<i>Actual</i> <b>2021</b>
Notes	<b>\$ '000</b>	<b>\$ '000</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year – from Income Statement</b>	<b>9,938</b>	<b>5,570</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>		
Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result		
Gain (loss) on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment	C1-6 <u>12,111</u>	<u>(48)</u>
<b>Total items which will not be reclassified subsequently to the operating result</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>(48)</b>
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>(48)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to Council</b>	<b>22,049</b>	<b>5,522</b>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**Statement of Financial Position**

as at 30 June 2022

	Notes	<b>Actual 2022 \$ '000</b>	<b>Actual 2021 \$ '000</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	C1-1	<b>10,643</b>	13,684
Investments	C1-2	<b>6,800</b>	2,800
Receivables	C1-4	<b>10,347</b>	5,320
Inventories	C1-5	<b>655</b>	659
Other		<b>130</b>	103
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>28,575</b>	22,566
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Receivables	C1-4	<b>1,307</b>	671
Infrastructure, property, plant and equipment (IPPE)	C1-6	<b>257,757</b>	239,583
Investments accounted for using the equity method	D2-1,D2-3	<b>75</b>	70
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>259,139</b>	240,324
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>287,714</b>	262,890
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables	C3-1	<b>3,182</b>	1,852
Contract liabilities	C3-2	<b>4,967</b>	3,327
Borrowings	C3-3	<b>186</b>	119
Employee benefit provisions	C3-4	<b>1,929</b>	2,005
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>10,264</b>	7,303
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	C3-3	<b>1,999</b>	2,185
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,999</b>	2,185
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>12,263</b>	9,488
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>275,451</b>	253,402
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated surplus	C4-1	<b>178,172</b>	168,234
IPPE revaluation reserve	C4-1	<b>97,279</b>	85,168
<b>Council equity interest</b>		<b>275,451</b>	253,402
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>275,451</b>	253,402

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



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**Statement of Cash Flows**

for the year ended 30 June 2022

<i>Original unaudited budget 2022 \$ '000</i>		Notes	<i>Actual 2022 \$ '000</i>	<i>Actual 2021 \$ '000</i>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
5,201	Rates and annual charges		5,178	5,468
3,406	User charges and fees		8,538	9,221
87	Interest received		105	73
9,128	Grants and contributions		17,707	15,843
–	Bonds, deposits and retentions received		28	29
190	Other		2,493	969
<i>Payments:</i>				
(7,590)	Payments to employees		(7,945)	(7,965)
(5,509)	Payments for materials and services		(14,853)	(12,716)
(75)	Borrowing costs		(75)	(79)
–	Bonds, deposits and retentions refunded		(29)	(28)
(1,587)	Other		(255)	(325)
3,251	<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	G1-1	<b>10,892</b>	<b>10,490</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
<i>Receipts:</i>				
–	Redemption of term deposits		2,800	7,800
286	Proceeds from sale of IPPE		314	562
<i>Payments:</i>				
–	Acquisition of term deposits		(6,800)	(2,800)
(3,423)	Payments for IPPE		(10,128)	(7,920)
(3,137)	<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(13,814)</b>	<b>(2,358)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
<i>Payments:</i>				
(119)	Repayment of borrowings		(119)	(116)
(119)	<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>(119)</b>	<b>(116)</b>
(5)	<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(3,041)</b>	<b>8,016</b>
9,580	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		13,684	5,668
9,575	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	C1-1	<b>10,643</b>	<b>13,684</b>
6,800	plus: Investments on hand at end of year	C1-2	6,800	2,800
16,375	<b>Total cash, cash equivalents and investments</b>		<b>17,443</b>	<b>16,484</b>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 to the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022 consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Comments
	Local Roads	
25	Merryanbone Road	Flood damage repairs continuing
78	Okeh Road	Maintenance grading completed
86	Neeroc Road	Resheeting continuing
73	Jump's Road	Maintenance grading completed
74	Doney's Road	Maintenance grading completed
	Jack Hargreaves Park	Parking area construction continuing
9	Glenn Garriff Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced

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64	West Bogan Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced
22	Moonagee Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced
44	Koomanganon Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced
19	Cooneybar Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced
10	Pangee Road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced
24	Canonba road	Flood damage repairs/maintenance grading commenced

	Regional Roads	
7514	Cockies Road	Flood damage repairs and maintenance continuing
424	Cobar Condo Road	Flood damage repairs and maintenance continuing
	State Highways	
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulla Road rehabilitation on hold
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Mulga Shoulder Widening Project completed
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Yarran Hut culvert installation continuing

Council has been successful in its Repair Grant funding application for this financial year by receiving \$250,000 for the Tottenham Road widening and rehabilitating 2km of pavement, and \$150,000 for the construction and sealing of a further 2km of Cockies Road. This funding is 50% of the cost which Council has to match out of the TfNSW Block Grant funding.

Council has received confirmation that a Notice of Natural Disaster Declaration has been extended to include Bogan Shire for damage caused to roads in recent rain and flooding events. This will allow us to claim approved emergency work and immediate repair works up until to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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

- Nyngan Town Streets
- Canonba Road
- Mulla Road
- 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:- Koomanganon Road, O'Neill's Road, Warrah Road, Kelly's Road, Merryanbone Road, Cockies Road, Glengarriff Road, Wera Road, Colane Road, and Simpson's Road.
- Commencing in October the resurfacing of the Pangee Street.
- Commencing construction, and sealing of 900m of Mulla Road.
- Commencing 10km of shoulder widening of the Mitchell Highway 14km north of Nyngan near the property Yarran Hut.
- Completing construction, and sealing of Cobar St into to Jack Hardgrave's Park.
- Continuing the installation of pipe culverts as part of the Yarran Hut Shoulder Widening Project Mitchell Highway.
- Commencing heavy patching program for the Mitchell Highway, Barrier Highway, and Arthur Hall VC Way.

Dates for Council Road Tours have been determined as Tuesday 27 September 2022 and Tuesday 4 October 2022, 3.00pm-6.00pm.

### **Works and Services**

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

#### **Civil Works**

- Erected shelters & shed at bush care nursery site
- Carried out annual condition assessment on all councils playground equipment
- Carried out installation of sandstone terrace in Davidson park
- Completed paths & edging at youth centre (contractors)
- Installation of car charging station commenced
- Carrying out repairs to levee bank golf club pump station site
- Completed street signs replacement
- Construction of welding workshop extension ongoing
- Painting of Girilambone railway station completed
- Carried out repairs to cemetery rest rooms

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- Removed rubbish and cleaned out councils material/gravel compound in Pangee Street
- Commenced installation of culverts on Levee bank walking tracks

**Community Facilities**

- Mowing/slashing and maintenance of ovals, reserves and highway approaches to Nyngan (ongoing)
- 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.
- Assisted in turf laying at youth centre and cemetery
- Weed spraying lane ways and culverts (ongoing)
- Assisted in grounds preparation at youth & community centre
- Assisted with councils pest control program

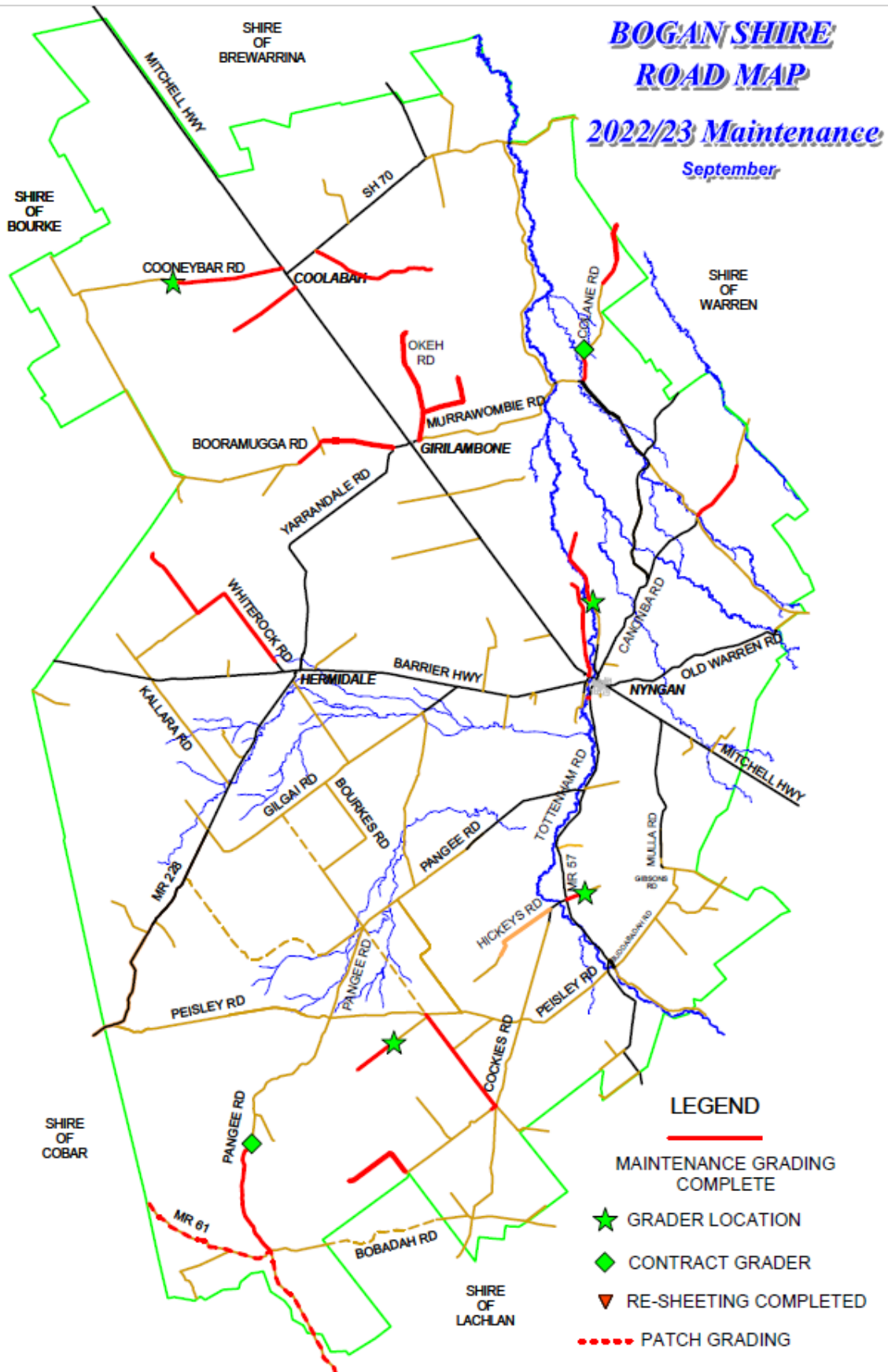
**Water & Wastewater**

- Completed installation of irrigation for turfed area at youth & community centre
- Installed new control valve for Hoskins Street water reservoir
- Carried out slashing and spraying of APC (ongoing)
- Replaced three old channel crossings on APC (Contractors)
- Repaired wash out on Tottenham Rd end of APC
- Cleaned fire hydrants in all villages
- Flushing of reticulation system being carried out (ongoing)
- Repaired broken 100mm water main in Wambiana Street
- Replaced display panel on APC water meter to comply with NRAR guide lines (Registered contractor)
- Additional water treatment ongoing due to high turbidity & colour in Bogan River during natural flow

**1.4 Recommendation**

That the Operational Report be received and noted.

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## 2 FUTUREBUS – FEASIBILITY PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLING & OPERATING AN ELECTRICITY GENERATING PLANT

### **Summary:**

*The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a feasibility proposal from a company called FutureBus for the installation and operation of a proton exchange membrane (PEM), water electrolyzers and containerised balance-of-plants.*

### **2.1 Introduction**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a feasibility proposal from a company called FutureBus for the installation and operation of a proton exchange membrane (PEM), water electrolyzers and containerised balance-of-plants.

### **2.2 Background**

PEM water electrolyzers use the energy of the sun (solar panels) to split the 2 hydrogen molecules and the oxygen molecule, in water. The pure oxygen is diffused into an aerobic tank at the waste water treatment plant to improve the quality of effluent and the pure oxygen can also be delivered to Nyngan Hospital.

The stored hydrogen is released through “fuel cells” – after the sun sets or on rainy days - to generate up to 500 kW's of zero-emissions electricity, every hour of every day, for twenty years.

### **2.3 Discussion**

FutureBus propose that Council apply to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency for funding on an equal share basis for 9,788 x 570 w solar panels, 478 x 13.3 kg composite cylinders, 25 concrete plinths, 10 x 34,000 litre above-ground “poly” rainwater tanks, 8 x 50 kW fuel cells, 8 sheds to accommodate the fuel cells, 1 containerised reverse osmosis plant, and 1 hydrogen dispenser.

The funding would also include the cost of fencing, installing solar panels, concrete Futureslabs, and poly tanks, along with electrical and plumbing work to connect panels and containers, and to connect the system to the grid.

The purpose of installing this infrastructure is to reduce the carbon emissions of Bogan Shire residents by at least 33% by supplying the shire with zero-emission electricity. The proposed infrastructure would also produce green hydrogen for

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transport, that Bogan Shire Council and private vehicles can use to recharge or refuel.

FutureBus propose that the infrastructure be installed now, and Council take over Essential Energy's infrastructure, to supply electricity to our ratepayers. The transition from vehicles using fossil-fuel to zero-emission fuel would take place progressively over the next twenty years.

The report submitted by FutureBus advises that the average NSW electricity bill is \$1,421 and if Council was to charge residential ratepayers this amount and equally share this amount with FutureBus (for generating the electricity), Council's resulting annual revenue would be \$877,194. This amount would then be used to employ staff to maintain the electrical network and pay FutureBus to maintain the new electricity generating infrastructure for twenty years.

FutureBus proposes that Council apply for 50% of the \$11,396,986 capital cost in grant funding and borrow the remaining \$5,696,484 and pay back at \$1,025,727 p.a. for ten years. The electricity generating infrastructure would require replacement in twenty years.

FutureBus have provided estimates of revenue and expenditure over the next 20 years. This estimate shows considerable operating losses over the first 10 years before generating positive cash flows.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

That the report on FutureBus be received and noted.

**Graeme Bourke**

**Director, Engineering Services**





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**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

One application requires additional information, two applications are under assessment, one application has been referred to Essential Energy for comment and four applications were approved since Council's meeting of 22 August 2022 as indicated in the table below:

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2021/025	Mr BS Miles	214 Cooneybar Road, Coolabah	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$544,800	Withdrawn
2022/013	Mr R Burns	38 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Transportable Dwelling	\$72,000	Additional Information Required
2022/014	Rawson Homes Pty Ltd	36 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$415,956	Approved
2022/017	NSW Police	27 Tabratong Street, Nyngan	New Private Carport	\$21,350	Approved
2022/018	Mrs E Stanton	79-81 Pangee Street, Nyngan	New Storage Shed	\$35,000	Approved
2022/019	Mr J Sibbald	37 Cannonbar Street, Nyngan	New Carport and Patio	\$30,840	Under Assessment
2022/020	Mr J Bourke	40 Dandaloo Street, Nyngan	New Single Storey Dwelling	\$505,300	Approved
2022/021	Mrs C Watt	25 Flashman Avenue, Nyngan	New Private Shed	\$80,000	Referred to Essential Energy for comment
2022/027	Mr S Bell	Bexon Street, Nyngan	Subdivision	-	Under Assessment

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 25 August 2022. Assistance continues to be provided to the community regarding the complexity in lodgment of applications on the NSW Planning Portal.

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**Waste Management**

Kerbside recycling continues to be transported to the Gilgandra Materials Recycling Facility for processing. The contamination rate for August was 22%.

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

**Compliance**

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

**Biosecurity**

Biosecurity and Weed duties continued and are reflected in the statistics outlined in Attachment 3. During the month of August, Council's Biosecurity and Weeds Officer assisted NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) in the current Varroa Mite emergency response works.

**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. Following the installation of head walls in the new section of the lawn cemetery, the team has been busy with the establishment of turf in this area.

**1.4 Attachments**

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

**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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**Table 1: Building and Development**

	Application Type							Application Value
	Totals		Breakup					
	DA	CDC	Dwellings	Shed/Garage/Patio/Awning	Pool	Sub-division	Other	
July 2022	4	-	2	1	-	-	1	\$ 563,350.00
August 2022	4	-	1	2	-	1	1	\$ 631,140.00
September 2022								-
October 2022								-
November 2022								-
December 2022								-
January 2023								-
February 2023								-
March 2023								-
April 2023								-
May 2023								-
June 2023								-
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 1,194,490.00</b>
<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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**Table 2: Kerbside Waste Collection**

	<b>No of Premises with Service</b>	<b>Services Provided (Bins Emptied)</b>	<b>Tonnes Collected</b>
July 2022	1,035	5,235*	86.90
August 2022	1,035	5627*	103.70
September 2022			
October 2022			
November 2022			
December 2022			
January 2023			
February 2023			
March 2023			
April 2023			
May 2023			
June 2023			
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>190.60</b>
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>1,036</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 -July \* Bins emptied - 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 2022	898	865*	10.60	8.1	24
August 2022	898	845*	13.3	10.31	22
September 2022	898				
October 2022	898				
November 2022	899				
December 2022	902				
January 2023	902				
February 2023	902				
March 2023	902				
April 2023	902				
May 2023	902				
June 2023	902				
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>10.60</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>7,635</b>	<b>110.10</b>	<b>78.62</b>	<b>21.72</b>
<b>Total 2020/21</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>117.50</b>	<b>90.92</b>	<b>22.53</b>

*Note 1 -July \* Bins emptied - 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 2022	170.33	61.54	2.24	-	5.10	6.54	4.01
August 2022	166.85	23.55	1.24	-	4.38	10.8	0.89
September 2022							
October 2022							
November 2022							
December 2022							
January 2023							
February 2023							
March 2023							
April 2023							
May 2023							
June 2023							
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>170.33</b>	<b>61.54</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.10</b>	<b>6.54</b>	<b>4.01</b>
<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: used engine oil, batteries, gas bottles, fire extinguishers mattresses, tyres mixed recyclables and cleaned chemical drums.*

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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 2022		1,937	\$ 15,937	-	3.40	4.10	0.004
August 2022		466	\$10,805	-	-	-	-
September 2022							
October 2022							
November 2022							
December 2022							
January 2023							
February 2023							
March 2023							
April 2023							
May 2023							
June 2023							
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>15,540</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>\$ 15,937</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>12,710.00</b>	<b>140,590.00</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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**Table 6: Compliance**

	Animals Impounded	Animals Released		Complaints/Enquires
		To Owner	Rehomed	
July 2022	11	8	3	24
August 2022	7	0	6	27
September 2022				
October 2022				
November 2022				
December 2022				
January 2023				
February 2023				
March 2023				
April 2023				
May 2023				
June 2023				
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>51</b>
<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

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**Table 7: Biosecurity**

	Inspections (Weeds Action Program)					Weed Control Spraying
	Private Land	Council Land	Roads (Km)	Waterways	Rail (Km)	
July 2022	3	2	482	0	0	18
August 2022	1	1	429	0	0	6
September 2022						
October 2022						
November 2022						
December 2022						
January 2023						
February 2023						
March 2023						
April 2023						
May 2023						
June 2023						
<b>Total 2022/23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Total 2021/22</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4247</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>228</b>

Note – Weeds Action Program (WAP) figures only listed in the above table.



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**PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**1 CR DARRIEA TURLEY AM, PRESIDENT LGNSW**

Attached is correspondence received from Cr Darriea Turley AM, regarding the Rural Fire Service "red fleet".

**1.1 Recommendation:** For noting.

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**From:** Cr Darriea Turley AM - LGNSW President  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 September 2022 3:59 PM  
**To:** Derek Francis  
**Subject:** The Red Fleet Fight Continues



## **The Red Fleet Fight Continues**

Dear Mr Francis,

Last week, accompanied by Ken Keith, Mayor Parkes Shire Council & President of Country Mayors and Scott Phillips, CE LGNSW, I attended a meeting to discuss the sector's call for the NSW Government to end the crippling financial implications of Rural Fire Service assets being imposed on councils' financial statements and to finally recognise the 'red fleet' as State controlled assets.

Sitting across the table was **The Hon Matt Kean NSW Treasurer**, the Secretary of NSW Treasury, the Chief Financial Officer of NSW Treasury and several NSW Treasury bureaucrats; **The Hon Steph Cook, Minister for Emergency Services**, the Minister's Chief of Staff and other Ministerial staff; **The Hon Wendy Tuckerman, Minister for Local Government**, the Minister's Chief of Staff, other Ministerial staff, the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Local Government, the Executive Director of the Office of Local Government and other Departmental staff; **Margaret Crawford, NSW Auditor General** and the Assistant Auditor General. Suffice to say, it was a formidable audience and I thanked Minister Tuckerman for bringing together the important decision makers in Government to try and resolve this longstanding problem.

Our delegation set out the long history of the burden of the red fleet on councils' finances, explained that in practice councils don't 'actually' control RFS assets and demonstrated that the current legislation is inconsistent with the Australian Accounting Standards. We tabled the many resolutions from rural, regional and metropolitan Councils as well as independent Audit, Risk & Improvement Committees calling on the Government to end the nonsensical notion that red fleet assets are controlled by and should be vested in councils. We implored the Auditor General to review independent auditing advice demonstrating the inconsistency of the current legislation with the Accounting Standards and we asked the Government to release its own advice. We questioned the accuracy of the Government's schedule of RFS assets and asked why the only information that has ever been provided is not identified as a Government document, is undated and has no author.



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We did not receive answers to any of these questions. Instead, it was clear that those across the table were only there to speak and not to listen. We were advised by Treasury and Auditor General officials that there is categorically no financial impact on councils of recording red fleet assets on councils' statements. We were told to be thankful for the support Government provides councils with a suggestion the Government might conduct a comprehensive review of all the help they provide (with an inference that councils currently receive more than their share of support from the Government). We were scolded for the condition of about 80% of SES buildings across the State and told we should be upgrading them as a matter of urgency. And we were warned there would be "dire consequences" for councils that do not record red fleet assets on financial statements.

In my experience, when a person doesn't have a sound argument, they bring large numbers with them. That is precisely what happened at this meeting, and it is abundantly clear that the current Government has no interest in working with councils on this issue.

Which brings us to '*what's next*'?

We don't know how much longer this Government has and a State election around the corner brings a number of opportunities. We have already started speaking to the Opposition, minor parties, and independents seeking their support for legislative changes to the *Rural Fires Act* in this term. We have included the 'red fleet' in our election advocacy. And we will continue to bring both community and media attention to the plight of councils at every opportunity.

We are encouraged by the many councils who continue to recognise the injustice of denying local communities much needed services and infrastructure by depreciating State Government assets and remain undeterred by overtures of qualified audits. Equally, we are encouraged by the growing number of councils who have resolved to terminate existing '*Rural Fire District Service Agreements*' with the Commissioner of the RFS and negotiate new agreements which do not vest RFS assets in or under the control of the council. I would like to thank Mayor Keith and the Councillors at Parkes Shire Council, who have led this initiative and I would encourage all councils to consider if similar action is appropriate in your circumstances.

This fight is not over and LGNSW will not rest until we extinguish this unjustifiable cost shifting burden placed on councils by this Government. Thank you and we look forward to updating members with our progress shortly.

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



## NOTES
