



BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL

Business Paper

27 October 2016

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COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Nyngan on Thursday 27 October 2016 at **9.00am**, commencing with a visit to the Nyngan Waste & Resource Facility.

At 10:00am Mike Brearley of Mike Brearley and Associates will present his draft report on a business case for the Nyngan and Cobar Water Security Project which includes the proposed piping of the Albert Priest Channel.

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 29 September 2016
6. Community Services Closed and Confidential Report
 1. **Bogan Shire Medical Centre – Request for Proposals**

In accordance with the provision of Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, 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: because information provided and disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
7. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 September 2016
8. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 September 2016
9. Committee Meeting Minutes
10. General Manager's Report incorporating reports from:-
 - Community Services
 - Corporate Services
 - Engineering Services
 - Development and Environmental Services
11. Correspondence
12. Grants and Funding

Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Cathy Ellison

Executive Assistant



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1 ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC) BOARD MEETING

Attached are the Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting held in Dubbo on 30 September 2016.

1.1 Recommendation: That the Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting held in Dubbo on 30 September 2016 be received and noted.

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Minutes of the OROC Board Meeting

held at
Dubbo Regional Council
Central Conference Room
On Friday 30th September 2016
at 9.30am

1.1 Meeting Open

Chair: Clr Rex Wilson, OROC Joint Deputy Chair and Mayor Warren Shire Council.

Present: Ashley Wielinga, General Manager Warren Shire; Greg Lamont, General Manager Narromine Shire; Clr Craig Davies, Mayor Narromine Shire; Michael Kniepp, Administrator Dubbo Regional Council; Clr Peter Abbott, Deputy Mayor Cobar Shire; Peter Vlatko, General Manager, Cobar Shire; Clr Peter Shinton, Mayor Warrumbungle Shire; Steve Loane, General Manager Warrumbungle Shire; Clr Michael Webb, Mayor Coonamble Shire; Rick Warren, General Manager Coonamble Shire; Don Ramsland, General Manager Walgett Shire; Clr Ian Woodcock, Mayor Walgett Shire; Clr Phillip O'Connor, Mayor Brewarrina Shire; Dan Simmons, General Manager Brewarrina Shire General Manager; Clr Doug Batten, Mayor Gilgandra Shire; David Neeves, General Manager Gilgandra Shire; David Dwyer, Acting Interim General Manager Dubbo Regional Council; Ross Earl, General Manager Bourke Shire; Clr Barry Hollman, Mayor Bourke Shire; Brad Cam, General Manager Mid-Western Regional; David Swan, Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMWUA); Stewart McLeod, Director Technical Services Dubbo Regional (representing LMWUA) Kerrie Murphy, Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services Narromine Shire (representing LMWUA) and Belinda Barlow OROC Executive Officer.

Apologies: Clr Ray Donald, Mayor Bogan Shire; Derek Francis, General Manager Bogan Shire; Clr Lilliane Brady, Mayor Cobar Shire; Mark Riley, Interim General Manager Dubbo Regional and Clr Des Kennedy, Mayor Mid-Western Regional.

1.2 Welcome to Dubbo Regional Council

Acting Interim General Manager Dubbo Regional, David Dwyer warmly welcomed the OROC Board and guests to Dubbo Regional Council.

1.3 Acknowledgement of previous OROC Board Members

Clr Rex Wilson acknowledged the contributions of all former OROC Board Members, particularly OROC Chair Clr Bill McAnally and OROC Joint Deputy Chair Clr Andrew Lewis.

1.4 Apologies

Motion: *That the apologies be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Clr Ashley Wielinga

Seconded: Clr Doug Batten

CARRIED

2. Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance

Project Officer's Report to the Board

2.1 LMWUA Technical Committee Minutes

The minutes of the LMWUA Technical Committee Meetings held on 26th April 2016, 21st June 2016 and 23rd August 2016 were noted by the Board.

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2.2 Water and Drought Security Report Launch

OROC Executive Officer advised the Board that Ministers Toole, Blair and Joyce were all unavailable for a launch of the LMWUA Water and Drought Security Report Launch on Friday 21st October 2016 (National Water Week). It was noted that Member for Parkes Mark Coulton MP is available in Dubbo on 21st October 2016 for a launch of the report.

Motion: *That LMWUA will launch the 'Drought and Water Security Report' in Dubbo on Friday 21st October 2016 and that a deputation will meet with relevant State Government Ministers in early 2017 for an official State launch of the publication.*

Moved: Doug Batten

Seconded: Steve Loane

CARRIED

2.3 Retirement of Stewart McLeod

Stewart McLeod accepted the thanks of the Board and spoke to the report making the following points:

- The Technical Committee was working through the recommendations of the Strategic Business Plan. The Strategic Business Plan has been a good document and process. Stewart considered its value and suggested a review of the Plan every 5 years.
- Due to imminent retirement from local government, Stewart McLeod offered a suggestion to the Board to re-engage Daryl McGregor as 'a champion/mentor' to the LMWUA.

Motion: *That LMWUA formally thank Stewart McLeod for his role within the Alliance and that LMWUA seek Daryl McGregor's interest in being involved following Stewart McLeod's retirement from local government in early 2017.*

Moved: Ashley Wielinga

Seconded: Greg Lamont

CARRIED

2.4 Asset Management Group

It was reported that the Asset Management Group had participated in 4 meetings to date and was now starting to make progress in the Asset Management area. *Brearley and Hansen* have been engaged by LMWUA to facilitate the LMWUA Asset Management Group and will be presenting to the next meeting of GMAC.

The Board noted the Asset Management Report.

2.5 Drinking Water Quality Review Committees

LMWUA Project Officer David Swann advised that the first round of meetings were underway and all but three Councils had now met. The meetings had progressed well and the facilitator engaged by LMWUA was proving to be a valuable during this process.

The Board noted the Drinking Water Quality Review Committee report.

2.6 Microbial Health Based Targets

The Board noted the report in respect to Microbial Health Based Targets.

2.7 NSW Water Directorate

Stewart McLeod advised the Board that four Councils owed outstanding membership contributions towards the Water Directorate. Stewart also reported that General Managers will be encouraged to vote for suggested LMWUA nominees to the Water Directorate in the future.

The Board noted the report in respect to NSW Water Directorate.

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2.8 Vale Sam Samra

Motion: *That LMWUA write to Mrs Joyce Samra the late wife of Sam Samra expressing the Board's condolences on his recent passing.*

Moved: Rick Warren **Seconded:** Clr Michael Webb **CARRIED**

Motion: *That LMWUA Project Officer's report be accepted by the Board.*

Moved: Peter Vlatko **Seconded:** Ashley Wielinga **CARRIED**

2.9 Midwestern Regional Council

As a late item, Brad Cam, General Manager Mid-Western Regional Council, indicated the Council's interest in joining LMWUA.

Motion: *i) That LMWUA invite Mid-Western Regional Council to join LMWUA.*

ii) That the LMUWA Board unanimously endorse the inclusion of Mid-Western Regional Council as a member of LMWUA.

Moved: Peter Vlatko **Seconded:** David Neeves **CARRIED**

At this juncture David Swann and Stewart McLeod left the meeting.

At this juncture Ian Scott NBN Co joined the meeting.

3. NBN Co – Ian Scott Community Affairs Manager

Ian Scott offered the OROC Board an update on the roll out of NBN in the region. A copy of Ian Scott's presentation has been supplied to each OROC Member Council.

At this juncture Ian Scott left the meeting.

4. Minutes of the previous OROC Board Meeting

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of OROC Board Meeting held in Gilgandra on 8th July 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting noting that item 9.1.2 is amended to reflect the item Moved by Ross Earl and Seconded by Clr Rex Wilson.*

Moved: Clr Barry Hollman **Seconded:** Clr Doug Batten **CARRIED**

4.1 Fit for the Future – Local Government Reform Submission 'Towards a new model for regional collaboration'

Motion: *That OROC's submission 'Towards a new model for regional collaboration' is noted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Clr Peter Shinton **Seconded:** Peter Vlatko **CARRIED**

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4.2. Fit for the Future – ‘Getting the Boundaries Right’

Invitation to Mid-Western Regional Council

- Motion:**
- i) That the OROC Board invite Mid-Western Regional Council to join OROC.
 - ii) That the OROC Board unanimously endorses the inclusion of Mid-Western Regional Council as a member of OROC.

Moved: Clr Doug Batten **Seconded:** Clr Craig Davies **CARRIED**

- Motion:**
- i) That the OROC Executive Officer prepares a submission to the Fit for the Future discussion paper ‘Getting the Boundaries Right’. That such a submission includes the 4 Far West Councils to be included as members of the Orana Joint Organisation as well as Mid-Western Regional Council. Also noting that, the JO boundary published for the Orana does not align/nest with the strategic growth planning boundary of Orana.

Moved: Clr Doug Batten **Seconded:** Clr Craig Davies **CARRIED**

4.3 Fit for the Future Far West Initiative – ‘Improving the outcomes for people of Western NSW’

- Motion:** That OROC prepares a submission to ‘Improving the outcomes for people of Western NSW.’

Moved: Clr Doug Batten **Seconded:** Clr Craig Davies **CARRIED**

5. OROC Board Current Issues

5.1 OROC Constitution

- Motion:** That the OROC Board notes the changes to the OROC constitution, replacing the membership of Dubbo City and Wellington Councils with the recently proclaimed Dubbo Regional Council and the recent inclusion of the membership of Mid-Western Regional Council.

Moved: Clr Doug Batten **Seconded:** Peter Vlatko **CARRIED**

5.2 Office of Local Government – Hit the Ground Running Workshops

Brewarrina Shire Council is conducting a councillor training series ‘Elected Life’ that will be facilitated by LGNSW. Mid-Western Regional Council is running a series of training workshops over the next few months for councillors.

- Motion:** That OROC determines the demand for ongoing professional development for elected members in the region once ‘Hit the Ground ‘ running workshops are conducted throughout the region.

Moved: Clr Greg Lamont **Seconded:** Clr Michael Webb **CARRIED**

5.3 NSW Department of Industry

The OROC Board had before it the Central West/Orana and Far West Regional Economic Opportunities and Infrastructure Priorities Project documents.

That such information is noted by the OROC Board.

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5.4 NSW Inquiry into Crown Land

Motion: *That OROC notes the submission to NSW Inquiry into Crown Land offered by OROC.*

Moved: Ashley Wielinga **Seconded:** Greg Lamont **CARRIED**

5.5 IPART – Draft Report on Rates Review

Motion: *That OROC notes the IPART Review of the local government rating system in NSW.*

Moved: Ashley Wielinga **Seconded:** Greg Lamont **CARRIED**

5.6 Western Mining Taskforce

The OROC Board had before it a communique dated 11th July 2016 from the NSW Western Mining Taskforce.

That such information is noted by the OROC Board.

5.7 Electricity Contracts Street Lighting

Motion: *That OROC Board nominates a delegate from Dubbo Regional Council to represent OROC on the Essential Energy Street Lighting Consultative Committee.*

Motion: *That OROC endorses the actions in engaging Energy and Management Services to undertake a full investigation of Essential Energy's proposal for LED street lighting.*

Moved: Clr Ian Woodcock **Seconded:** Steve Loane **CARRIED**

Motion: *That OROC seek a proposal from Energy and Management Services to scope the costs to provide the following:*
i) the benefit of installing smart meters for over 40kW hour sites across the region;
ii) the benefit of installing solar systems on council administration and works depot buildings.

The OROC Board noted that Midwestern Regional Council and Warrumbungle Shire Council have progressed to an Expression of Interest stage to undertake a similar scope of works within each of their respective local government areas.

Moved: Ashley Wielinga **Seconded:** Clr Michael Webb **CARRIED**

5.8 Regional Road Freight Transport Route

Motion: *That OROC Board adopts the Regional Road Freight route map prepared by General Manager Warren Shire Council and OROC Executive Officer as the preferred major regional freight route, noting the inclusion of Coonabarabran to Purlewaugh and Pilliga to Burren Junction Roads.*

Moved: Clr Doug Batten **Seconded:** Cr Peter Shinton **CARRIED**

5.9 NSW Container Deposit Scheme

The OROC Board notes the OROC submission provided to the NSW Container Deposit Scheme Regulatory Framework Discussion Paper.

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5.10 Impact of the loss of the Greyhound racing industry to rural communities

The OROC Board had before it information in respect of the impact of the loss of the Greyhound Industry to rural communities.

Motion: That such information be noted by the OROC Board.

Moved: *Clr Doug Batten*

Seconded: *Michael Kneipp*

CARRIED

6. Minutes of previous GMAC Meeting held 2nd September 2016

Motion: *That the minutes of the meeting of GMAC meeting held in Dubbo on Friday 2nd September 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

That the OROC Board note the contribution made by Warren Shire Council General Manager Ashley Wielinga in developing the OROC Regional Road Freight Route.

Moved: *Greg Lamont*

Seconded: *Peter Vlatko*

CARRIED

Motion: *That the 10 recommendations contained therein be adopted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Greg Lamont*

Seconded: *Peter Vlatko*

CARRIED

- 1: That Asset Management training for Councillors is to be delivered in early 2017 across all 11 LMWUA member councils.
- 2: That Jacqui Hansen and Mark Looney be invited to present on the topic of Asset Management at a future meeting of GMAC.
- 3: That LMWUA Board considers the most appropriate way to officially launch the Water and Drought Security Report.
- 4: That LMWUA consider opportunities to nominate the Water and Drought Security Report to a suitable awards program.
- 5: That the OROC submission 'Towards a new model for Regional Collaboration' be noted.
- 6: That OROC Executive Officer prepares a submission to the Far West Initiative Consultation Paper 'Improving the outcomes for the people of Western NSW'.
- 7: That OROC advise NSW Department of Infrastructure of OROC's disappointment in the lack of lead time to attend the workshops in view of the long distances required to travel to Broken Hill or Orange to participate.
- 8: That OROC seek a proposal from Energy and Management Services to scope the costs to provide the following:
 - i) The benefit of installing smart meters for over 40 kW hour sites across the region;
 - ii) The benefit of installing solar systems on council administration and works depot buildings;
 - iii) A full investigation and audit of street lighting in the OROC region determining those lights that can be modified to LED.
- 9: That OROC nominate a delegate to the Essential Energy Street Lighting Consultative Committee to replace the former Mayor of Dubbo City Council.

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10: That the OROC Executive Officer prepares a submission to the NSW Container Deposit Scheme Regulatory Framework Discussion Paper.

Motion: *That the 26 determinations contained therein be endorsed by the OROC Board.*

Moved: *Greg Lamont*

Seconded: *Peter Vlatko*

CARRIED

- 1:** That the apologies be accepted.
- 2:** That David Swan Project Officer and LMWUA be congratulated on the LMWUA Water and Drought Security report.
- 3:** That the minutes of previous GMAC Meeting held 24th June 2016 be adopted.
- 4:** That the information supplied in respect to Regional Tourism Operators be noted.
- 5:** That the information supplied in respect to Office of Local Government's final discussion paper Joint Organisations - Towards a new model for Regional Collaboration be noted.
- 6:** That the information supplied in respect to OLG's circular 'Preparing for New Joint Organisations in each region' be noted.
- 7:** That the information supplied in respect to OLG's Consultation Paper 'Improving the outcomes for the people of Western NSW' be noted.
- 8:** That GMAC note the 'Making it Happen in the Regions' communique supplied by NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- 9:** That the *Central West/Orana and Far West Regional Economic Opportunities and Infrastructure Prioritisation* draft report be noted.
- 10:** That General Managers provide additional information to the OROC Executive Officer in respect to the list of priority projects.
- 11:** That OROC Executive Officer together with Warren Shire Council General Manager be requested to consolidate a summary of Infrastructure and Road plans and develop a draft regional freight route map for the OROC Board to consider at its next meeting.
- 12:** That the information supplied in respect to LGNSW Disability Inclusion Action Planning be noted.
- 13:** That the submission provided to the NSW Inquiry into Crown Land be noted.
- 14:** That the information supplied in respect to IPART's draft report on Rates Review be noted.
- 15:** That it be noted IPART will be conducting a public forum on 10th October 2016 in Dubbo.
- 16:** That the communique supplied by Western Mining Taskforce following its most recent meeting on 11th July 2016 be noted.
- 17:** That the information supplied in respect to Fixing Country Freight announcements be noted.
- 18:** That the information in respect to the Rural Fire Fighting Fund Contributions be noted.
- 19:** That the information in respect to the Emergency Services Property Levy be noted.

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- 20:** That the OROC Correspondence report be accepted.
- 21:** That the financial report for period ending 29th August 2016 be noted.
- 22:** That the Executive Officer's report be accepted.
- 23:** That it be noted the OROC Human Resource and Development Team will meet on Thursday 13th October 2016 in Bourke and it is strongly encouraged that all councils send a representative to this meeting.
- 24:** That it be noted BUPA (previously known as MBF) has agreed to conduct a 'Health and Wellbeing' survey across the entire workforce of the 11 member councils of OROC.
- 25:** That GMAC note the recent release of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Planning) Bill 2016 and relevant changes to the Role of the Mayor and Mayoral Term.
- 26:** That it be noted the report supplied in respect of the loss of greyhound racing industry to rural communities.

7. OROC Correspondence

Motion: *That the OROC correspondence be accepted.*

Moved: Peter Vlatko

Seconded: Clr Doug Batten

CARRIED

8. OROC Financial Report

Motion: *That the OROC financial report for the period ending 30th June 2016 be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Greg Lamont

Seconded: Clr Peter Shinton

CARRIED

9. OROC Executive Officer's Report

Motion: *That the OROC Executive Officer's Report be accepted by the OROC Board.*

Moved: Dan Simmons

Seconded: Clr Peter Abbott

CARRIED

10. OROC General Business

10.1 RDA Review

Motion: *The OROC Board notes the Independent Review of the effectiveness of Regional Development Australia (RDA) programme and that OROC is to offer a submission to this review.*

Moved: Greg Lamont

Seconded: Steve Loane

CARRIED

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10.2 Changes to the framework for Regional Tourism Operators

Motion: *The OROC Board notes the boundary changes to the framework for Regional Tourism Operators and that General Manager Midwestern Regional Council Brad Cam has nominated as a Director to the Country and Outback NSW region.*

Moved: Greg Lamont

Seconded: Steve Loane

CARRIED

10.3 Western Regional Roundtable

Motion: *The OROC Board notes the Western Regional Roundtable is to be held in October 2016 with representatives from CENTROC and OROC.*

The Hon Sarah Mitchell Parliamentary Secretary to Western NSW be invited to the next OROC Board meeting on 2nd December 2016.

Moved: Steve Loane

Seconded: Greg Lamont

CARRIED

10.4 Hear Our Heart

The OROC Board notes the meeting held between Member for Dubbo The Hon Troy Grant MP and Member for Parkes Mark Coulton in respect to securing ongoing funding for the Hear our Heart project.

10.5 Fixing Country Rail

The OROC Board notes the information in respect to Fixing Country Rail funding.

10.6 Central West/Orana Regional Plan - Regional Narrative

Motion: *The OROC Board notes the information supplied by NSW Planning and Infrastructure in respect to the 'Regional Narrative key themes' for the Central West/Orana Regional Plan noting that Midwestern Regional Council is part of the Orana region and NSW Planning be notified accordingly.*

Moved: Greg Lamont

Seconded: Steve Loane

CARRIED

10. Close / Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

The next OROC Board Meeting and AGM is to be held on Friday 2nd December 2016 in Bourke.



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2 MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Attached are the Minutes of the Museum Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2016.

2.1 Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Museum Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2016 be received and noted.



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Nyngan Museum Meeting Date: October 5th 2016

Present:

Sharon Thompson and Cute, Di Donald, Shirley Biddulph, Val Keighran, Anna Corby, Stewart MacKenzie, Margaret Sibbald. Hugh Sibbald, Collin Pardy

Apologies:

Glad Eldridge, Bay Lovett

Guests:

Abigail McLaughlin

Minutes last meeting: Read and Moved: Yes 2nd: *Shirley Biddulph*

Business Arising from Minutes:

Abigail chased up the chairs and Geoff Leek will organize the delivery.

New pamphlets have been organized with AGL

VIC lights have been fixed but the museum lights will need yet another quote before any progress can be made. Sensor lights have yet to be dealt with.

Anna has given Abigail notes on Ron Larkin.

Correspondence In:

Invitation to “Imagine” Awards for 2016

Message from the Shire stating we have not weeded the helicopter pots!!

Correspondence Out:

**Card sent to Margaret and Hugh Sibbald for family bereavement.*

Treasurers Report attached and read: yes 2nd: *Hugh Sibbald*

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General Business:

- *RSL will be done on 14th October by Val and Stewart*
- *Bogan Shire council seems unhappy with the pots under the helicopter. We agreed to water them but there is no record of weeding in the agreement. We already clean rubbish from that area in the mornings, and there appear to be no weeds in the pots today. Many small bulb like plants are appearing in the pots but as they don't smell like onion weed they have not been removed. We'll wait till they grow then make a decision as the soil in the pots is quite hard and removing them by hand is not possible.*
- *Bike Man: Some complaints have been made about him and his dogs being a problem for bus passengers as they bark and jump about. It really has nothing to do with us except the complaints came here. Abigail will speak with Tony.*

Co Ordinator's Report:

Rosters have been printed off for the next 3 months and are on the sign on book. Any queries please see Stewart

Hose has been purchased and will be hooked up.

Four new bins have been ordered for around the museum for general waste.

T Towel design was passed around for comment. Black and white is OK but perhaps sepia could be an option as they can only be printed with one colour.

Vandalised plant has been replaced.

Meeting Closed: 10.12

Next meeting Nov 2nd 9.30am

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

Mayor and Councillors

The following report is submitted for consideration:-

1 CHECKLIST

Item No.	Date	Minute No	Matter	Action Required	Officer	Status
1	13/12/2012 28/03/2013	418/2012 098/2013	Davidson Park Revitalisation Program	Establish paving pathways to the mural.	MDES	To be completed in conjunction with Landscaping of Medical Centre and reinstatement of mural wall.
2	24/09/2015	342/2015	Teamster Rest Area	Invite NHS to make suggestions for internal & external painting that the school could undertake. Dump point be relocated to Flood Memorial Car Park.	MDES	UPDATE: Meeting scheduled with Nyngan High School week ending Friday 28 October 2016.
3	22/06/2014	209/2014	Tourist Information Bay	On commencement of project, Council advise owners/apparent owners of existing highway signage that existing signs to be removed.	GM	Signage installed. Process of engagement with existing sign owners to be commenced.

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				Or maybe replaced by signs on the Information Bays. Council charge an annual fee and an initial fee.		
4	26/09/2014	363/2014	Fire Safety Audit Program	Further report on progress of compliance with Program.	MDES	Fire Safety Audit Reports (FSARs) to all selected properties completed. Meetings held with several owners / Boards.
	26/02/2015	033/2015		Legal proceedings including the issuing of Notices and Orders to commence against the owner/occupier of any premises who fails to confirm their agreement to comply with the findings of the FSAR.		Agreement on required works achieved with several owners / Boards. Efforts still being made to have owners upgrade building voluntary.
5	26/11/2015	440/2015	Show Day	Joint approach from Nyngan Combined Schools & Council be made to the Dept of Education for schools to have a full day holiday.	GM	Discussions held with Schools and Local Member, awaiting feedback prior to sending another letter.

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						UPDATE: Meeting with schools to be arranged prior to end of term to allow for representation via Local Member.
6	26/11/2015	457/2015	Sports Insurance	Council write to Minister for Sport & Minister for Health concerning inadequate reply to Council's enquiry on what local sports insurance fees are spent on.	MPC	Ongoing.
	23/06/16	245/2016		Council forward a copy of the Manager of Corporate Services letter to the Minister of Sport to the Minister for Finance, Services & Property & the Department of Fair Trading.		Letters to Minister for Finance, Services & Property & Dept of Fair Trading sent. Dept of Fair Trading has advised that Council should refer this matter to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC).

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	29/09/2016	391/2016		Council write to the CRL & Associations for Netball and Cricket & enquire to what happens to the balance of fees are the insurance is paid.		UPDATE: In progress.
7	24/03/2016	056/2016	Aged Care Accommodation Retirement Village	Council do some financial modelling on the cost implications to Council & the community for an aged care unit development.	MFIN	Consultant briefed to undertake modelling. UPDATE: Report refers. COMPLETED
8	25/02/2016	022/2016	Bogan Bush Mobile	Delegation is planned to meet with Minister.	GM	Awaiting notification from Mark Coulton regarding suitable date.
9	24/03/2016	058/2016	Dob in a Dealer Campaign	Make available at a number of locations in town, boxes that people can anonymously leave information, about: - suspected drug dealers & information about any dogs.	GM	To be done in liaison with Darling River Command Campaign.

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10	24/03/2016	078/2016	Bicentennial Wall & Ceramic Mural	Be reinstated.	MDES	<p>Around 70% of tiles on the damaged part of the wall are unbroken. However there is extensive old mortar adhering to them and all attempts at removing this have resulted in the tiles breaking.</p> <p>Unfortunately this is likely to mean having all the tiles remade.</p> <p>Quotations sent to Insurers concerned.</p> <p><u>UPDATE:</u> Insurers have agreed to meet costs. Funds not yet received.</p>
11	28/04/2016	107/2016	Village Tour	Entrance Signs into villages be pursued in conjunction with the villages' communities. Costing to be part funded from village allocation & part funded by Council.	MENG	<p>Preliminary design commenced, expected to be presented to November Council meeting before consultation with village representatives in December.</p>

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12	26/05/2016	179/2016	NSW Container Deposit Scheme	Council investigate the establishment & operation of a CDS collection depot as more information is announced and the cost implications of this.	MDES	<p><u>UPDATE:</u> Submission lodged by NetWaste on behalf of Councils in September on the draft Waste & Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit Scheme) Bill 2016 & a Container Deposit Scheme Regulatory Framework Discussion Paper.</p> <p>Submission highlighted issues such as population and distance, operational hours, collection frequency, mobile collection points and the like and their impact on recovery targets. Submission lodged before 21September deadline. Submissions are currently being reviewed with no date provided as to when the review will be completed.</p>
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13	28/7/2016	268/2016	Duck Creek Races	General Manager request a meeting with Local Area Command to discuss Police presence at recent meeting and future meetings.	GM	UPDATE: Discussed at meeting between Superintendent Moore and Commander Darling River Local Area Command and General Manager. To be raised again prior to planning for 2017 event. COMPLETED
14	25/8/2016	321/2016	Operational - Roads	A report be presented to Council on the proposed locations for <i>Roads Closed</i> signs.	ENG	In progress.

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 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the current status of, and future actions for, identified Council priorities.

2.2 Background

At the first meeting of the new term of Council in September 2016 each Councillor identified particular priorities for the term. The General Manager was requested to provide a high-level analysis of where we stand in relation to these matters for discussion at the October meeting.

2.3 Discussion

Attachment 1 shows the current status of each identified priority and recommended or planned future actions. Progress has been made with many of these priorities which have been carried forward from Council's previous term.

Council is required to undertake a review of its Community Strategic Plan before 30 June 2017 which includes a process of community consultation. This review process can be used to validate Council's priorities with the community and ensure that the Community Strategic Plan and its subordinate plans (Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan and Budget) clearly set out identified priorities.

2.4 Attachment

Council priorities.



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2.5 Recommendation

1. That Council considers the future actions set out in the attachment to this report.
2. That the General Manager progresses the future actions, as amended, in the attachment to this report.

**Derek Francis
General Manager**



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Council's Priorities – October 2016

Attachment 1

	Councillor Priority	Current Status	Future Actions
1	Operation of the Medical Centre	Medical Centre construction expected to be complete early in 2017. Expression of interest process for operations currently under way. Report to Council refers.	Preferred provider/s to be invited to address Council in November.
2	Provide Aged Care Rental Accommodation / Units	Report to Council refers.	Community consultation to be undertaken with a further report to Council. Continue to investigate possibility of partnering with a community services organisation.
3	Upgrade of Shire Roads, including completion of Hermidale / Nymagee Road	Provision made in 2016/17 budget for some new road construction. Council has been successful in its application for the Block Repair Grant so 2km of Hermidale / Nymagee Road will be constructed in 2016/17. Colane Road also under construction.	Strategic Plan for ongoing construction of roads (subject to funding) to be prepared.

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	Councillor Priority	Current Status	Future Actions
4	Promote tourism more	Investigating potential for upgrade of VIC to Category 2 – will allow for highway advertising.	GM to review current tourism advertising spending to gain best value for money. Establish whether there is community interest in forming a Community Tourism group as part of Council's new Economic Development Strategy.
5	Visitors Information Centre – more signage / flag at Railway Station to advertise VIC	Italicised "i" can be used within VIC precinct as a Level 3 VIC.	Erect 'i' signage at VIC – including flag. (Requires \$2,500 budget funding for purchase, delivery and installation of flag pole and purchase of flag).
6	Improvement to appearance of town entrances	Tree plantings done annually over last 3 years on eastern approaches to town. Unauthorised advertising signage to be replaced with signage at information bays.	Public consultation for suggestions from Councillors and community for improvements as part of Community Strategic Plan review.
7	Retirement Village (as previously proposed) – interested persons can view new staff housing for plan	Staff housing unit – constructed as per design for retirement village units - nearing completion, one of which can be used as a display home in the interim.	Consider and establish appropriate timing for renewed publicity around the "purchase" scheme concept. Review location and consider alternatives.
8	Address condition of overgrown yards – vacant and residential blocks	Legal notices sent to 25 property owners on 11/10/2016.	Depending on response, GM to undertake follow up action including Council to take steps to clear vegetation.

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9	Improved lighting at Larkin Oval	Expression of interest for Club Grant submitted September 2016.	If unsuccessful with grant investigate possibility of Council funding in conjunction with community fundraising as part of Community Strategic Plan review.
10	Provisions for refuelling facilities at the airport	Was budgeted for in 2015/16 - not currently funded. Significant cost (\$110,000) for installation of refuelling facility.	Public consultation required - approaches to be made to local aircraft owners and mines for funding.
11	Make use of empty shop fronts in Pangee Street – other businesses or schools may wish to use vacant shops for advertising	Schools approached in 2014 but suggestion not taken up by them. Some of the owners approached were only willing to allow access to vacant shops if rent was paid.	Plan to be developed and incorporated into new Economic Development Strategy.
12	Combat illegal drug use in the community	Darling River Command has recently committed to Dob in a Dealer campaign.	Council to promote campaign. Council to assist by maintaining communication links between community and NSW police.
13	Develop a Youth Centre / Sports Complex	Not currently budgeted.	To be considered as part of new Community Strategic Plan.
14	More seating in Pangee Street for the elderly	Not currently budgeted.	Community consultation regarding preferred locations to be undertaken. Budget funding required \$1600.00 per seat installed.
15	Shop Locally Policy and communicate to the community	Existing policy is to shop locally wherever possible in the best interests of Council.	Revised local purchasing policy to be presented to November Council meeting.



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	Councillor Priority	Current Status	Future Actions
16	Investigate ways to encourage more businesses to open in town	Council has industrial sites in Lawlor Street available for sale – two of which have been sold.	To be developed as part of new Economic Development Strategy.
17	Increase community awareness (including community and sporting groups) of available grants	Council currently receives notification of available grants.	GM to investigate most efficient way to communicate with community organisations – web / facebook / email.



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REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 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.

1.1 Introduction

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

1.2 Background

At its meeting on 23 June 2016, Council resolved to provide additional funding in the 2016/17 budget to allow for the Visitor Information Centre to be staffed for 5 afternoons, Monday through Friday, in addition to it already being staffed by the VIC Officers on Saturdays and Sundays.

Following on from this meeting, Council held discussions with the Museum Committee and volunteers and noted the changes in the VIC Officer staffing hours. The staffing for the Visitor Information Centre now stands as follows:

- Monday through Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm – Museum Volunteer.
- Monday through Friday, 12.00pm to 4.00pm – VIC Officer.
- Saturdays and Sundays, 9.00am to 4.30pm – VIC Officer.

The new Community Development Officer was appointed to the position on 15 August 2016 and is working closely with the VIC Officers to ensure continued effective operation of the Visitor Information Centre.

Council staff are currently reviewing all Nyngan, Bogan Shire and other local area information booklets and pamphlets and looking to collate the majority of information into one or two information booklets.

Council staff are also reviewing the merchandise that is currently for sale at the VIC, updating photos and images, reviewing retail pricing and looking to refresh the types of merchandise the VIC sells. The VIC staff have been surveying the tourists and visitors on what types of items they generally like to purchase.

1.3 Recommendation

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

2 LIBRARY REPORT

Summary:

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

2.1 Introduction

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

2.2 Background

Historically the Library Manager has provided this report for the information of Councillors.

2.3 Discussion

Orange City Council received \$71,000 in grant funding from the Library Council of NSW to implement a Books on Prescription Scheme (refer to attachment 1 for more information) on behalf of the Public Libraries NSW (PLNSW) Central West Zone.

The North Western Library group, which incorporates Gilgandra, Coonamble, Warren and Bogan Shire Libraries, is part of the Central West Zone Library service. The Central West Zone covers an area of 335,435 square kilometres and comprises 14 services with 41 service points (branches). These branches deliver library and information services to a population of 330,188.



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The concept was based on the Books on Prescription model, which has been in place for the last 10 years in the United Kingdom (UK), and adapted to the Australian environment. The service is free and confidential and builds on the library's role as a safe, non-judgemental environment for sourcing information and support. Books on Prescription would complement existing collections and existing partnerships. This is a NSW and Australian pilot.

Our Libraries have been given a set of these titles for our community use. A morning tea will be held to launch these new resources.

Another busy quarter at the library with many activities involving the community:

- Children's Book Week was held in mid-August - the 71st year in which it has been held. The Library displayed all the nominated and winning books.
- Country Women's Association - Country of Study for 2016 was Mongolia. The library displayed the Years 5/6 posters from St. Joseph's School, with the children from the Nyngan Public School doing PowerPoint presentations. The posters and PowerPoint presentations were of exceptional standard and there was much interest in them while they were on display in the Library.
- The Book Link Reading Programme finished early August. Mrs Margaret McGlynn from the Nyngan CWA presented age group winners with their certificates, book prizes and vouchers.
- For the past few weeks the library has been displaying some Year 12 Major Projects made for their HSC courses in Aboriginal Studies: writing a storybook and wood work – two pieces of furniture, a chess table and a small drawer cabinet. These were accompanied by a workbook showing the student's process as they worked through to the finished article.

The North Western Library Service will be holding its AGM at Warren at a date to be set commencing at 10.30am. Attending will be North Western Library Managers, NW Chairperson (new one to be voted in), Councillor representatives and Managers from each Council that can attend.

The Library provides many other services to our clients such as, photocopying, laminating, faxing, scanning and assisting customers at computers.



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Statistics

Statistics for the past quarter dating from 1.07.16 to 30.09.16 are as follows with a comparison of the previous year figures for the same period:

July 1 st – September 30th, 2016		July 1 st – September 30th 2015	
Adult Fiction	766	Adult Fiction	551
Western Fiction	120	Western Fiction	71
Large Print	381	Large Print	384
Magazines	136	Magazines	117
Adult Non Fiction	96	Adult Non Fiction	64
Talking Books	38	Talking Books	70
Stories are Magic	57	Stories are Magic	182
Junior Fiction	420	Junior Fiction	205
Junior Non Fiction	13	Junior Non Fiction	16
Easy & Easy2 & RR	480	Easy & Easy2 & RR	477
Toys	12	Toys	9
Home Start Resources	10	Home Start Resources	7
Junior Talking Books	9	Junior Talking Books	5
Young Adult Fiction	95	Young Adult Fiction	36
Equipment	2	Equipment	5
DVD's	448	DVD's	320
TOTAL ISSUES	3074	TOTAL ISSUES	2519
TOTAL MEMBERS	2530	TOTAL MEMBERS	2460
New Members	24	New Members	20
Internet Usage	1968	Internet Usage	2817
People Counter	3703	People Counter	3716



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Other manual stats included for the past 3 months:

Inquiries: 70

Inter Library Loans: 56

No. people using computers: 796

Computer IT Help: 131

Wi-Fi: 373

Clients also used the library for study, tutoring, meetings, play time and Wi-Fi usage.

North Western Library Borrow Box loans

Ebooks: 397

eAudio: 694

1359 users with 302 active users.

2.4 Attachment

Books on Prescription information.

2.5 Recommendation

That the Library report be received and noted.



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Attachment 1

Books on Prescription was first developed in Cardiff, Wales by Professor Neil Frude, a Clinical Psychologist.

A national scheme for England, *Reading Well Books on Prescription*, was launched in England in 2013 and is delivered by the Reading Agency. Our model is significantly based on the research and experience of this initiative modified for the Australian environment and we thank the Reading Agency for their support and assistance.

The NSW *Books on Prescription* project has been developed by NSW Public Libraries Association, Central West Zone in partnership with the University of Newcastle – Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

The initiative has been funded by a grant from the Library Council of New South Wales and is being administered by Central West Libraries on behalf of the Central West Zone. It is an Australian pilot.

In partnership with the Public Library Network, GPs and other health professionals prescribe books from a list of high quality, self-help manuals selected by experienced mental health practitioners. The prescribed books will be available for loan from the 14 public library services (41 service points) across the region.

These books are also available for anyone to borrow from their local public library.

The aim of the project is to provide resources which deliver reliable information regarding mental illness, promote wellbeing and good mental health and help to build resilience.

Evaluation of the pilot will provide the opportunity to consider bibliotherapy as a state and potentially national health promotion strategy.

These books provide helpful information and step-by-step self-help techniques for managing a variety of common mental health conditions, including depression and anxiety. They are endorsed by health professionals and can all be found at your local public library. [Click here](#) for the list of Recommended Reading or explore the links below for details of individual titles.

Anxiety / Depression /Eating Disorders / Generalised Panic Disorder and Agoraphobia /
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder / Sleeping Problems /Stress.

3 DELIVERY PROGRAM

Summary:

- *This report is to provide information regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's adopted Delivery Program.*
- *The General Manager is required under the provisions of Section 404(5) of the Local Government Act to provide Council with regular reports regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's Delivery Program.*
- *Council previously resolved that these reports be provided in October and April.*
- *Managers responsible for each of the activities listed under the Strategies and Outcomes have indicated the current status of the activity.*

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's adopted Delivery Program.

3.2 Background

The General Manager is required under the provisions of Section 404(5) of the Local Government Act to provide Council with regular reports regarding progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in Council's Delivery Program.

Council previously resolved that these reports be provided in October and April.

3.3 Discussion

Attached to this report is a Delivery Program exception report showing those activities which are marked as:-

- Not started
- Not progressing
- Progressing with issues
- Completed



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All other activities are "Progressing – No Issues", or "Completed".

The report mirrors the layout of Council's Delivery Program and 2016/17 Operating Plan and Budget. Managers responsible for each of the activities listed under the Strategies and Outcomes have indicated the current status of the activity and, where appropriate, have included comments.

3.4 Attachment

Exception Delivery Program Report - 2016/17 Activities.

3.5 Recommendation

That the Delivery Program Exception Report be received and noted.

4 NYNGAN HISTORY

Summary:-

This report is to provide information to Council on matters raised in correspondence from Mr Keith White.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on matters raised in correspondence from Mr Keith White.

4.2 Background

At the request of Councillors the following background information is provided in relation to Mr White's letter which was sent to all newly-elected Councillors.

4.3 Discussion

Railway Heritage

As a focal point of the new Heritage Park development, Council installed the level crossing memorial gates in a permanent setting reminiscent of railway ballast to highlight Nyngan's railway heritage. The historical railway signal was also installed behind them in the Park. Council has been in discussions with John Holland Rail to promote the historic turntable but these have not progressed to date. Some interpretive and / or informational signage is required at Heritage Park which will include information about Nyngan's railway heritage.

Council also supports the Nyngan Museum in the former Nyngan Railway Station which includes aspects of Nyngan railway history. In 2013 Council actively supported the 130th Anniversary of Rail to Nyngan celebrations which included a visit by a rail motor.



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Rotary Park

Council spent \$6,659 on additional new bollards at Rotary Park in 2014 to address concerns about vehicles driving across the centre portion of the Park. Council consulted with Rotary regarding placing bollards around the Rotary Cog at the time but both Rotary and Council felt that this would detract from the aesthetic appeal of the Cog.

Council has spent over \$85,000 at Rotary Park (excluding grant funding) on the shared access path, pontoon, irrigation, tree planting, bollards and toilet upgrades since 2011.

Chinese Cemetery and Burner

Current staff cannot comment on the alleged desecration of the Chinese portion of the cemetery. \$11,027 was spent in 2014/15 on a roof over the Chinese Burner to help protect it from the elements. The Burner and headstones are identified as State Heritage items and no works can be undertaken on them without the approval of the NSW Heritage Office. The process of gaining approval involves the engagement of a specialist heritage consultant to develop a conservation and management plan detailing any and all works required to restore the burner. Council was unsuccessful in gaining a grant to fund this consultant, estimated at between \$6,000 and \$10,000, and the previous Council did not support undertaking this work from Shire funds.

Documenting Historical Research

Council does not currently have the resources to undertake historical research and record these findings. This task could be referred to the Museum Committee and / or funds obtained for a researcher to undertake this task.

4.4 Attachment

Correspondence to Councillors from Mr Keith White

4.5 Recommendation

That this report be received and noted.



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Keith White

73 Warren Street

Nyngan. 2825

Dear Councillor,

Congratulations on your success in the elections completed on Saturday last.

Over the last 2 terms of the previous councils I, along with many older residents, have been an advocate for several matters of public concern.

Those previous councils were unaware, either because they did not know because they were too young, or were people who moved here and failed to really talk to or listen to people in the town who knew why Nyngan came into existence and matters of history happened here.

1. The most obvious matter is the fact that Nyngan came about because the Railway went through to Bourke. Cobb and Co did not arrive in Nyngan until a few years later. Yet the previous councils have spent a lot promoting them and ignored the fact that the railway came first.
2. Rotary Park would not exist had the Nyngan Rotary Club not arranged for the design and had the Council of the day apply for the necessary grants etc. to construct it. Recent Councils have not seen fit to put a few Bollards around the Rotary display in recognition of their contribution.
3. The Chinese portion of the cemetery was desecrated some years back when the then council cleaned it up, relocated the Headstones that are now there and dumped those that were damaged. The Burner, which is one of 5 left in the state, is nearing a state of collapse because the bricks are dissolving. I put forward a plan to give the area facelift that in total would have cost about \$15,000. The reasons for a Chinese Portion alone are of historical importance to this small project.
4. Had what was done in the other parts of the Cemetery there would have been a Public Outcry. I feel the least that can be done is try to remedy the past failings.
5. Nyngan has a very interesting History.
6. PLEASE ENCOURAGE THE FULL COUNCIL TO RESEARCH THE TOWN HISTORY THOROUGHLY AND APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN IN DECISIONS THAT WILL REFLECT THE TRUTH ABOUT WHERE AND WHY NYNGAN CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Yours faithfully,

Keith White

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After I had written and printed the above I realise that I should have made a suggestion as to how the research should be achieved. You are all busy people and there are a lot of other matters you are expected to care about so I have put some ideas on the back of this.

1. Council could appoint someone on the staff to be a Cultural Officer to do research. This person could interview the older portion of the community by them selves or arrange for a person or persons from organizations in Government both State and Federal, who specialise in these matters such as the group that came to town after the flood from Canberra.

2. Approaches could be made to the Royal Historical Society, who I know has a lot of information on every town in NSW. I am not sure where to find them but there is a group that has a lot of information on the Railway and how it came to be out here.

3. And lastly a lot can be learned from our local residents who I am sure would help. Some of these are

Pat Bourke and Veronica, Glad Elderidge, Richard Colbran, Elwyn Trothe, Bob and Dot Jenner, John Bexon, Bruce Boland, Doug McDermott, Judy and Colin Richards, Noel and Neridah Wright, Dick and Hilary Wright, Mynra Stephens, Jan Martin, Beryl Philips, Susy Crozier, Susy and Ozzie Smith, Don and Eileen Smith, Fred Fitzalan, Jack Fitzalan,

These are just a few that I can think of off hand and I am sure there are many more who can reveal what Nyngan was all about in their earlier years.

Thank you for taking part of you busy schedule to read this about how passionately I, along with quite a few others feel about the true history our wonderful little town.

Kind regards

KEITH

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith".

5 NYNGAN SHOW DAY

Summary:

This report recommends a request to the Minister for Industrial Relations for a public holiday from 12 noon on Monday 22 May 2017 for the Nyngan Show.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of community response to the declaration of a local event day / public holiday for Nyngan Show Day in 2017 and to recommend a request to the Minister for Industrial Relations for a public holiday from 12 noon on Monday 22 May 2017 for the Nyngan Show.

5.2 Background

Traditionally Council has requested that the relevant State Minister declare a half-day public holiday for the Bogan Shire area on Monday afternoon of the Nyngan Show.

The NSW Government introduced legislation in 2010 which makes provision for the declaration of local event days as an alternative to local public holidays. Based on information provided by NSW Industrial Relations the potential impacts on business and the community for a public holiday as opposed to a local event day in a designated Local Government area are: -

Public Holidays

- Banks are required to close unless they hold specific approval to remain open.
- Shops are free to open without restriction.
- All employees who work in the designated area are entitled to be absent from work.
- Those employees who work may have an entitlement to penalty rates.

Local Event Day

- Banks and shops are free to open without restriction.
- Entitlements to paid time off work or penalty rates for employees will only arise where they have been agreed at a workplace level.



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In 2014, for the first time, the relevant education authorities directed local schools to have classes on the morning of Show Day (the non-gazetted holiday portion of the day) rather than to close the schools and be allowed to make up this time during the year.

Following the 2014 Show, Council received feedback from the Nyngan Show Society, the community and schools on the impact that a half day Public Holiday had on them. Firstly, it prevented students (and some parents / carers) from legitimately participating in Show activities in the morning and secondly it limited the extent to which families could participate in the Sunday night Show events, it being a "school night".

On the basis of this feedback, Council took a resolution on 26 June 2014 that Council request a full day public holiday for the Nyngan Show.

Notwithstanding this resolution, in the process of making application to the NSW Government for the declaration of a holiday, Council was expected to take into account the costs to business and the local community through appropriate public consultation.

During this process in 2014, Tritton Mines expressed opposition to a full-day public holiday citing disruption to operations and significant cost implications for them, however they were supportive of a half-day public holiday to enable attendance of those that were interested, while still maintaining efficiency of their operations.

5.3 Discussion

As part of the standard required public consultation process for 2017, the General Manager recently wrote to Aeris Tritton Operations, local banks and schools asking them to advise Council if they would prefer the declaration of a Local Event Day over a Public Holiday.

In addition to the above information provided by NSW Industrial Relations regarding Public Holidays and Local Event days, Council contacted the NSW Department of Education and was advised that a Local Event Day would mean that schools would be required to operate – business as usual, requiring students and teachers to be in attendance at school on this day.

Council has not been able to progress discussions involving the schools and the NSW Department of Education concerning the attendance of children at school in the morning of Show Day. Council's application for a public holiday is due by 4 November 2016.



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The attached correspondence was received. No other correspondence was received.

Both Nyngan High School and St Joseph's School support a full day Public Holiday, whilst Aeris Tritton Operations supports a Local Event Day.

At least one other Council in the region has moved their Show Day to a weekend and this may be an alternate worth exploring.

5.4 Attachments

1. Letter from Nyngan High School.
2. Letter from St Joseph's School.
3. Letter from Aeris Tritton Operations.

5.5 Recommendation

1. That Council apply to the Minister for Industrial Relations for the declaration, under the Public Holidays Act 2010, of a local public holiday for the Bogan Shire Council Local Government area from 12 noon on Monday 22 May 2017.
2. That Council suggest to the Nyngan Show Society that they consider applying to the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW for a change of dates for the Nyngan Show from 2018, to be held on a Saturday and Sunday, to minimise disruption to local schools and businesses, reducing additional costs to local business and allowing maximum community participation in the Nyngan Show.

Debb Wood
Manager People and Culture

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Principal: M Gibson
Deputy: M Murray

NYNGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs Debb Wood
Manager People and Culture
Bogan Shire Council

Re: Nyngan Show Day Holiday

Dear Debb,

I am writing with regard to the Bogan Shire Council's application for a Public Holiday, coordinated for the Nyngan Show.

Nyngan High School supports the Council's application to the Minister for Industrial Relations, for a Public Holiday to occur on this day.

Our school has many student, staff and parent members who annually take part in Nyngan Show events and as such would be absent from any normal school events to attend their duties at the show. Our school is also a large contributor to stalls and events such as the livestock judging and parading, artistic competitions and culinary commitments. These commitments draw our students and staff away from the normal school day to attend the Nyngan Show.

As such it would be advantageous for a Public Holiday to occur, whereby all school community members can attend the Nyngan Show in support of our local community and there would be no detrimental effect to educational delivery for our students or staff.

Yours Sincerely,

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Michael Gibson

Principal



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St Joseph's School

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12th October, 2016

Debb Wood
Manager People and Culture
Bogan Shire Council
P.O. Box 221
NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Debb,

RE: 2017 NYNGAN SHOW DAY HOLIDAY

I apologise for the late reply to your letter. I was unsure whether or not the application to the Minister for Industrial Relations would be for a full or half-day holiday for the Nyngan Show on Monday, 22nd May, 2017. I presume this would be for a full-day holiday.

St Joseph's School would prefer a full-day holiday for our students to enable them to participate in various sections of our local show over the two days which would include acting as Junior Stewards and competing in Equestrian Events. As you would be aware, many of our parents also act as stewards and general helpers. Our teaching staff is also involved in many aspects of the Nyngan Show

Some years ago, St Joseph's School Committee formulated a policy that, if gazetted, a full-day holiday would be granted to the students of St Joseph's School provided that due notification was given to the Diocesan Director of Education Wilcannia-Forbes as well as to parents and school bus companies.

In our opinion, the half-day holiday is inconvenient for our families. It is compulsory for the children to attend school until 12:00 noon which means they arrive at school at 9:00 am and are collected from school at 12:00 noon with 20 minutes recess during these hours. Over fifty per cent of our students do not attend school due to family show commitments. As far as we are concerned, the half-day holiday is a waste of time.

I would presume that a Local Event Day would be preferable for local businesses rather than a Public Holiday.

I leave this in your very capable hands.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Grimmond
Principal

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12 October 2016

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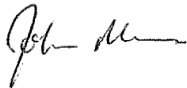
Dear Debb

2017 NYNGAN SHOW DAY

Thank you for your letter of 5 September regarding options for the 2017 Nyngan Show Day.

It is Tritton Resources Limited's clear preference that the day be declared a Local Event Day due to the effect on the operation a Gazetted Public Holiday entails.

Yours faithfully



John Miller
General Manager
Tritton Operations



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REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – CORPORATE SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

The following reports are submitted for consideration:-

1 BANK RECONCILIATION

Summary:-

The report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 30 September 2016.

1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Account as at 30 September 2016.

1.2 Background

The presentation of the reconciliation of Council's Cash Book, Bank Statements and Ledger Bank Accounts is not a requirement of any Act, however historically it has been provided for the information of Councillors.

Bank Reconciliation for September 2016

Council General Fund

Bank Statement Balance	\$	100,000.00cr
Add Deposits not yet receipted	\$	120.00cr
Less Unpresented Payments	\$	589.85dr

Balance as per Council **\$ 99,530.15cr**

Represented by the following in Council Ledgers

Account		
19001.8000.8000	\$	99,530.15cr

Difference **\$ 0.00**

1.3 Recommendation

That the Bank Reconciliation Report as at 30 September 2016 be received and noted.

2 INVESTMENTS September 2016

Summary:-

- *The report is to outline the performance of Council's Investment Portfolio for the month of September 2016.*
- *At the 30 September 2016 Council had \$11.2 million invested. There has been an increase of \$96,000 to Council's investments since the August 2016 report due to RMCC outstanding claim being received*

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the performance of Council's investment portfolio for the month of September 2016.

2.2 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.

2.3 Discussion

The Investment Report for September 2016 is shown below. At the 30 September 2016 Council had \$11.2 million invested. There has been an increase of \$96,000 to Council's investments since the August 2016 report due to RMCC outstanding claim being received.

All money has been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

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

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Investment Movements for September 2016

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 for September 2016							
REF	Source	Maturity	Days	% rate	Interest	Bal 31/08/2016	Bal 30/09/2016
3204	NAB	11-Jun-17	270	2.650%	19,603	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
1203	NAB	17-Mar-17	180	2.650%	13,068	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
4608	NAB	1-Mar-17	180	2.650%	26,137	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
7985	NAB	08-Aug-17	365	2.850%	79,800	2,800,000.00	2,800,000.00
516	NAB	29-Aug-17	365	2.760%	27,600	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
6894	NAB Professional Funds		At Call	1.900%		3,371,914.91	3,468,258.40
	Balance securities held					11,171,914.91	11,268,258.40
	Ledger Balance					11,171,914.91	11,268,258.40
	Summary by institution						
	NAB					11,171,914.91	11,268,258.40
						11,171,914.91	11,268,258.40

2.4 Recommendation

That the Investments Report for the month of September 2016 be received and noted.

3 SUMMARY OF RATE & ANNUAL CHARGES COLLECTION

Summary:-

- *The report is to provide comparison of rate collections as at 30 September, 2016, with the same period last year.*
- *Total arrears have decreased from \$306,514 at the 30th September 2015 to \$277,176 as at 30st September this year.*

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a comparison of rate collections as at 30 September, 2016, with the same period last year.

3.2 Discussion

This report is provided for the information of Councillors.

<u>Rate Collections</u>	2016-2017	2015-2016
Arrears Prior to 01/07/2016	279,406	306,514
First Instalment Outstanding as at 30/09/2016	80,157	103,651
Second Instalment Outstanding as at 30/09/2016	919,619	920,105
Third Instalment Outstanding as at 30/09/2016	958,904	945,238
Fourth Instalment Outstanding as at 30/09/2016	968,518	950,937
Total Arrears	359,563	410,165
Total Outstanding	3,206,604	3,226,445
Monthly Transactions		
Amount Levied & B/Fwd	5,004,484	4,956,986
Add: Adjustments	2,293	-1171
Less: Payments to end of August	-1,722,430	-1,651,800
Less: Rebates	-80,648	-80,574
Add: Postponed	2,905	3,006
Gross Total Balance	3,206,604	3,226,445
Arrears of total amount levied %	8%	8%

Total arrears have decreased from \$306,514 at the 30 September 2015 to \$277,176 as at 30 September this year.



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Each instalment amounts to approximately \$1,251,151
(Total Rates, Waste, Water & Sewer Access Charges)

Council has collected \$62,949 more than at the same time last year.

7% of rates were unpaid on the first instalment.

3.3 Recommendation

That the Rates and Annual Charges Collection Report as at 30 September 2016 be received and noted.

4 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BOBADAH HALL COMMITTEE

Summary:-

The report is to discuss financial assistance to the Bobadah Hall Committee to help pay for the Waste Depot Levy that is being levied on all rateable land in the Bogan Shire other than Farmland.

4.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a request for financial assistance in relation to Waste Depot service charge levied on the Bobadah Hall.

4.2 Background

Council, in 2015/2016, gave financial assistance to the Bobadah Hall to pay for the Waste Depot service charge that is levied on all rateable land in the Bogan Shire other than Farmland in line with Council's Operational Plan.

The Bobadah Hall is again requesting that the Waste Depot fee of \$287 be waived. The letter is reproduced below.



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4.3 Discussion

Under Section 356 of The Act, Council can legally provide financial assistance to Community Organisations if their activities can be linked to outcomes specified in the Operational Plan.

The Bobadah Hall would come under 1.2.5 in the Operational Plan, which is "Provide well maintained community halls and other similar facilities for community use".

Council has previously in 2015/2016 provided relief to the Bobadah Hall for the amount of the Waste Depot Levy.

There are many properties in the Bogan Shire that have been levied the Waste Depot Levy and Council needs to be aware that offering financial assistance for this creates a precedent.

4.4 Attachment

Letter from Bobadah Hall.

4.5 Recommendation

That Council provide financial relief of \$287 to the Bobadah Hall for payment of the Waste Depot charge.

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Bobadah Hall Committee

C/- Richard Harley

Secretary / Treasurer

Pretty View

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D1 September 2016

Bogan Shire Council

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NYNGAN NSW 2825

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Bobadah Hall Assessment No: 1001789

I am writing on behalf of the Bobadah Hall committee requesting an exemption from the waste depot charge of \$287.00

The Bobadah Hall is situated 115 kilometres south of Nyngan and therefore will never use nor receive any benefits from using the waste depot situated in Nyngan.

The Bobadah Hall committee is a voluntary, non-profit committee made up of a handful of local landholders. We have already been forced to make the tough decision of disconnecting the electricity to the hall due to the rising power costs but the Committee will continue to pay the shire rates and building insurance.

Due to the limited opportunity to raise funds for the upkeep of the Bobadah hall, we request the Council waive the waste depot levy.

Kind regards



Richard Harley
Secretary / Treasurer
Bobadah Hall

BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL	
FILE	R/N
15 SEP 2016	
ASSIGNEE	

Receipt # 73092

5 SENIORS LIVING – RENTAL UNITS

Summary:-

This report is to consider the feasibility of Council constructing affordable units for rental by Seniors.

5.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to consider the feasibility of Council constructing affordable units for rental by seniors.

5.2 Background

Initially Council proposed a staged development of a Retirement Village for the over 55 years age group to be built in Oatley Street Nyngan. Consisting of up to 39 x 2 bedroom passive solar design dwellings, fully insulated with attached single vehicle garage. It was proposed that a community multi-function building and a secured caravan storage building be constructed during the later stages of development. The walk-in cost was estimated to be \$225,000. Council advertised the plans to ascertain public interest and the public were able to come in to Council and discuss in more detail. Council required some firm commitments before going ahead with the plans. No firm commitments were forthcoming. Reasons for this may have included location, affordability and number of bedrooms.

Council recently applied for a grant to build units under the “Building Better Regions Fund” but has been unsuccessful to date.

Council at its meeting of 24 March 2016 resolved to do some financial modelling on the cost implications to Council and the community for a rental accommodation development. A key factor is what sector is targeted, those able to buy or those not, and how much of the local demand could be met.

5.3 Discussion

Currently Nyngan has two options for aged accommodation. The first, Mick Glennie Hostel, where residents apply and are accepted based on family and need and the resident then contributes 85% of their pension income which covers all costs except medication, outside medical care and personal requirements.



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The second is Nyngan Community Homes which operates five 2 bedroom units approximately 90m² (not including carport) across the road from Council's Chambers, backing on to the CBD. This is privately operated and residents pay 25% of their pension plus rent assistance combined. A single pension is currently \$877 per fortnight and rental assistance is \$130 per fortnight. This means a single resident would pay \$252 per fortnight in rent. If there are two residents in the building they pay a higher percentage as they are receiving two pensions.

From what can be ascertained this percentage is 35%. They do not pay any building insurance, rates or water and they have a gardener that mows the lawn. There is apparently a long waiting list for both types of accommodation.

The two key issues to gauge are; a) what is the need for the service b) what is the likely unit and absolute cost to the ratepayer to meet such demand. Modelling has been completed on two options and variations within each model.

Cost implications – Economies of scale

Option 1.

Council has considered setting aside a block of land in Pangee Street, Nyngan, for this purpose. It is 2510.4 m² in area and in close proximity to the CBD and Medical Centre under construction. The land is not on the sewer and would require a sewer extension. The cost for Council is estimated to be \$50,000 for the sewer extension and \$50,000 for the land. This will cost the same regardless of how many units are built or the size of them. This block would accommodate 8 units therefore modelling has been done for 4 and 8 units. Building attached units will be cheaper than detached.

The financial model provided shows three options - 4 x larger 100m² units, 4 x 90m² units, 8 x attached 90m² units. It also works out the weekly break even rent to cover both capital and operating costs. Interest rates have been based on Council's recent T-Corp borrowing as Council could apply to them for additional loan funding. The majority of the cost to Council would be the loan repayments.

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Pangee Street Nyngan
Lot 1 DP 785825 - 947.4m²
Lot 1082 DP 746801 - 1563.00m²
Total Land 2510.40m²

Option 2.

Council has a block of land in Dandaloo Street, Nyngan, it is 992.7 m² in area one block back from the CBD and Medical Centre. It houses the old Bush Mobile building which would need to be demolished. The cost for Council is estimated to be \$50,000 for the land. Building attached units would be the only option for this land to be able house four units.

The financial model provided shows two options - 4 x larger 100m² units and 4 x 90m² units. 8 units would not be an option due to the size of the land. This model also works out the weekly break even rent to cover both capital and operating costs. Interest rates have been based on Council's recent T-Corp borrowing as Council could apply to them for additional loan funding. Once again the majority of the cost to Council would be the loan repayments.



101 Cobar Street BBM
Lot A 790.4m²
Lot B 202.3m²
Total Area 992.70m²

What would tenants have to pay?

Tenants' rent would vary based on the model used. The highest amount payable, in order for the project to break even, would be \$245 per week, per unit, and this would be on a Pangee Street 100m² unit and the lowest would be \$215 per week on a Dandaloo Street 90m² unit. Other variations are shown within the model.

Single pensioners are entitled to \$130 per fortnight rental assistance so \$65 per week would go towards their rent. The remaining \$877 per fortnight or \$438.50 per week would mean, on the highest amount payable (\$245), an extra \$180 would be payable by the tenant and leave them with \$258.50 per week.

Taking into consideration that rates, water, building insurance, and maintenance of both the building and grounds is all covered that would be a savings to their weekly expenditure. If there are two pensioners living in one of the units then the cost, of course, is shared.

It is also recommended that a bond be obtained and a formal lease agreement drawn up and signed before any tenant moves into a property.



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Other Discussion

The community is building a Medical Centre that should help to encourage the aged to remain in the community rather than moving to be closer to health care.

Council could consider, still renting to the over 55, however not only to pensioners. A lot of older people want to downsize their accommodation to something that would be easier to maintain and these would be ideal. If this were the case Council could reconsider what they pay for on behalf of the tenant (such as Water Charges). This could also assist the decision making process of who was eligible for the accommodation.

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		A	B	C	D	E
	Bogan Shire Council		Pangee Street		Dandaloo Street	
	proposed aged rental accommodation					
	Physical key points					
1	number units	4	4	8	4	4
2	Area each units	100	90	90	100	90
3						
4						
5	Assumptions					
6	cost to build m ²	1,700	1,725	1,650	1,700	1,725
7	cost to extend sewer	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0
8	Site landscaping/demolition	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
9	Value land council gives up	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
10	Contingency	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
11	Maximum pensioners can pay a week	245	235	200	225	215
12	Annual ground mtnce cost to council	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	2,000
13						
14						
15	Capital budget to build the complex					
16						
17	cost to build	805,000	746,000	1,313,000	755,000	696,000
18						
19	Funded by - 1. Council					
20	land	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000
21	sewer extension	-50,000	-50,000	-50,000		
22	sub-total	-100,000	-100,000	-100,000	-50,000	-50,000
23	as %	12.4%	13.4%	7.6%	6.6%	7.2%
24						
25	Funded by - 3. Loan paid by rents	-705,000	-646,000	-1,213,000	-705,000	-646,000
26		87.6%	86.6%	92.4%	93.4%	92.8%
27						
28	Monthly Loan instalment 20 years	922	845	1,587	922	845
29						
30	per week per unit to pay loan	53	49	46	53	49
31						
32	Operating budget to run the complex					
33						
34	Maintenance - grounds	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	2,000
35	Maintenance - building	750 3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	3,000
36	Depreciation - 50 years	15,100	13,920	25,260	14,100	12,920
37	Administration	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
38	Insurance - Building	600 2,400	2,400	4,800	2,400	2,400
39	Loan repayment	11,070	10,143	19,046	11,070	10,143
40	Rates (Incl Waste & Recycling)	### 7,192	7,192	14,384	7,192	7,192
41	Water Consumption (input a q.)	1,870	1,870	3,740	1,870	1,870
42						
43	Total Annual Cost	50,632	48,525	83,230	46,632	44,525
44						
45	Weekly break even per unit	243	233	200	224	214
46	Rent	-245	-235	-200	-225	-215
47	Net weekly result	-2	-2	0	-1	-1
48	Annual equivalent	-328	-355	30	-168	-195
49						
50	Gearing figures					
51	Asset valued	805,000	746,000	1,313,000	755,000	696,000
52	Debt	-705,000	-646,000	-1,213,000	-705,000	-646,000
53	Debt / Equity ratio	7.1	6.5	12.1	14.1	12.9



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5.4 Recommendation

That Council resolves to:-

1. Consult with the community to gauge interest in the project before making a decision on which location and how many units to build and advise prospective tenants of what the highest rental payment will be and what they would receive for their payment.
2. Discuss with T-Corp the possibility of increasing our loan to fund the project at a low interest rate for a fixed period of 20 years.

6 FIRST QUARTER 2016/2017 BUDGET REVIEW

Summary:-

This report is to:-

- 1. To review actual performance against budget for the first three months of the 2016/17 financial year up to 30 September 2016.*
- 2. To adjust the budget in response to changes in the financial landscape and changes to Council's corporate goals*

6.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to:-

- To review actual performance against budget for the first three months of the 2016/17 financial year up to 30 September 2016.
- To adjust the budget in response to changes in the financial landscape and changes to Council's corporate goals.

6.2 Background

Clause 203 (1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that Council complete a budget review within 2 months of the end of each quarter. More importantly the review should be completed to enable good financial management of Council's resources. It is with this in mind that this report is presented within one month of the end of the first quarter.

Referring to Attachment A, the Projected Year End Result has been adjusted to allow for carry forward items and first quarter recommended changes. The items in the carry forward column are prior year's capital projects and have already been approved by Council at previous meetings. The first quarter changes are shown in a separate column and discussed below and need to be approved at this meeting. A copy of the updated Capital Budget is shown in Attachment C.

The figures in the Projected Year End Result column are the estimate of income/spending at the end of the financial year. It is the sum of the originally adopted budget for 16/17, plus items carried forward from 15/16, plus or minus recommended changes made at this first quarter review.

6.3 Discussion

Performance Against Budget

The year to date performance against budget is favourable. Net favourable adjustments total \$43,286. Council budgeted for a cash surplus of \$204,586, leaving a surplus of \$247,872.

The state of the individual funds is shown in Attachment B:

Council received \$65,000 more than budgeted from Financial Assistance Grants, sold land in Lawlor Street, conducted an Auction Sale and received a decrease in RFS contributions. Council has also identified amounts of additional spending required on Capital Projects. These are all listed separately below.

Although the net result is favourable many significant changes have been made to the budget early in the year. Councillors and staff need to be aware of spending decisions in the budget. It is important that corresponding savings are found when making decisions on additional spending.

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

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

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Favourable		Unfavourable	
<i>Operating</i>		<i>Operating</i>	
Interest Received Investment – Seniors Living	5,091	Loan Repayments – Seniors Living	6,649
Interest Received Investment – Medical Centre	16,164	Loan Repayments – Medical Centre	21,110
Interest Received Investment – Waste Management & Recycling	25,709	Loan Repayments – Waste Management & Recycling	33,576
Interest Received Investment – Depot Refurbishment	4,073	Loan Repayments – Depot Refurbishment	5,319
Financial Assistance Grant	65,163	Civic Function – Councillor Retirement	2,000
ESPL – Grant Income	7,059	Donations Community	2,500
Lease of Shed Aerodrome	1,200	Rates – ESPL Consultant	7,059
RFS Contributions	33,500	Pipeline Investigation	6,280
<i>Total</i>	157,959	<i>Total</i>	84,493
<i>Capital</i>		<i>Capital</i>	
Sale of Land Lawlor Street	40,163	New Phone System	35,312
Reduce Capital Spending on Upgrade of Aerodrome	10,000	TRIM Upgrade	16,000
Reduce Capital Spending on Chinese Burner	8,763	Erect Shed Frame at Depot	10,000
Proceeds from Auction	52,565	Rotary Park	60,000
Modification of Water truck not needed	50,000	Signs at Ovals and Parks	1,800
Pumps at Wilga Tank Completed	20,000	Removal of palm trees and bollards – Cobar St	2,500
Showground Capital Works Completed	5,660	Water tanker	8,000
Bus Shelter Girilambone	5,548	Plant hoist	20,000

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Completed			
National Tree Planting Day	5,220	25t and 10t Jacks for Workshop	7,000
		Workshop Lathe	6,000
		Generator for ELC	2,970
		Increase for Shed at Aerodrome	7,089
		Additional Costs Liberty Swing	11,208
		Additional Costs – O'Reilly Park CCTV Cameras	1,865
		Additional Costs – O'Reilly Park Toilet Facility Upgrade	3,355
		Levee Bank Flood Gate Improvements	35,000
Total	197,919	Total	228,099
	355,878		312,592

Operating

Favourable Budget Adjustments

Interest Received Investment – Seniors Living	\$ 5,091
Interest Received Investment – Medical Centre	\$16,164
Interest Received Investment – Waste Facility	\$25,709
Interest Received Investment – Depot Refurbishment	\$ 4,073

Funds from T-Corp Loan drawdown have been invested to off-set repayments on the loan. The investment and loan have been split by percentage between functions pertaining to the funding. The Early Learning Centre portion was budgeted for in the original budget therefore the adjustment to the budget was kept within the ELC budget and has not been shown as a gain or loss.

Financial Assistance Grants **\$65,163**

Financial Assistance Grants allocated to Council were more than budgeted. Council received \$156,272 more than budgeted in the Financial Component of the grant but also received \$91,109 less than budget in the Rural Local Road component of the grant leaving a net gain of \$65,163.

ESPL Grant Income **\$ 7,059**

Council received a grant to assist with costs associated with the introduction of the Emergency Services Property Levy. This will be offset against costs expected to be associated with the implementation of the levy by Council.

Aerodrome Shed Lease **\$ 1,200**

Council resolved (386/2016) to Lease a shed at the Aerodrome to Fly Orana at a cost to them of \$200 per month. Estimated income for 6 months would be \$1,200.

RFS Contributions **\$33,500**

The Rural Fire Service has changed their methodology in calculating Councils contributions. This resulted in a savings to Council of \$33,500. Council resolved (279/2016) to purchase a new phone system and the cost of the system would be covered by the reduction to Council in RFS contributions.

Unfavourable Budget Adjustments

Loan Repayments – Seniors Living **\$ 6,649**

Loan Repayments – Medical Centre **\$21,110**

Loan Repayments – Waste Facility **\$33,577**

Loan Repayments – Depot Refurbishment **\$ 5,319**

T-Corp funded loan facility was drawdown earlier than expected to ensure locking in the 2.94% interest rate. The loan repayments were not budgeted for in the original budget as it was not expected any repayments would need to be made in this budget year. Due to the earlier draw down one repayment of the loan will be required to be made in January 2017. These repayments are partially offset by interest received on the investment of the funds at 2.8%. The net loss to the budget will be \$15,618 in 2016/2017.

Civic Funtion **\$ 2,000**

Council resolved (307/2016) to hold a dinner in honour of retiring Councillor McLaughlin who has been on Council for forty years. This is the estimated cost of the function.



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Community Donations **\$ 2,500**

Council has previously resolved to make several community donations which have gone above the original budget. Additional funds are required to cover these donations.

Pipeline Investigation **\$ 6,280**

Council resolved (282/2016) to fund the amount of \$20,000 to complete the business case for the piping of the Albert Priest Channel with a contribution from Cobar Water amounting to \$13,720 leaving a net cost to Council of \$6,280.

Capital

Favourable Budget Adjustments

Sale of Land **\$40,163**

Council sold a vacant block in Lawlor Street. This was not in the original budgeted as it was unsure that the sale would proceed.

Upgrade Aerodrome building **\$10,000**

As per Council resolution (322/2016) the upgrading of the Nyngan Aerodrome Terminal is expected to cost \$15,000. The original budget was \$25,000 and has therefore been reduced.

Chinese Burner **\$ 8,763**

Council Resolved (331/2016) that no further action be taken on the Chinese Burner therefore the budget has been removed.

Auction Proceeds **\$52,565**

Council held an Auction on 10 September 2016 to clear old stock and sundry plant items that could not be used any longer. These proceeds were not in the original budget.

Modification of Water Truck **\$50,000**

Council resolved at the estimates meeting in May 2016 to spend \$50,000 in the 2016/2017 budget on modifying the Water Truck. These funds are no longer required as the work was completed prior to the 30 June 2016 for approximately \$10,000 and could be accommodated within maintenance budget for plant.



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Wilga Tank Pumps **\$20,000**

This project is completed and \$20,000 of the funds budgeted for this were not needed. This has been removed from the budget.

Showground Budgeted Works **\$ 5,660**

Various small projects carried forward for the upgrade of the showground have been completed and it is recommended that these remaining funds be used to fund overspending on the Liberty Swing. There is \$17,950 in the 2016/2017 capital budget for showground upgrades.

Bus Shelter **\$ 5,548**

This project has been completed and it is recommended that the remaining funds of \$5,548 be used to fund overspending on the Liberty Swing.

National Tree Planting Day **\$ 5,220**

The original budget was for \$9,000 in 2016/2017. The project is completed and it is recommended that the remaining funds be used to fund overspending on two O'Reilly Park projects. The CCTV cameras and updating of the toilet facilities.

Unfavourable Budget Adjustments

New Phone System **\$35,312**

Council resolved (279/2016) to purchase a new phone system as the current one is being phased out by Telstra and the cost of the system would be mostly covered by the reduction to Council in RFS contributions.

TRIM Upgrade **\$16,000**

Council resolved at its estimates meeting in May 2016 to allow for TRIM (Record Management Software) integration with our Civica Financial Software. However, TRIM as such is due for an upgrade and when looking into upgrading TRIM for the 2017/2018 budget we were informed that if we do this after the integration the upgrade could cost up to \$15,000 more. In light of this the IT department is requesting the upgrade of TRIM happens this year prior to the integration process. Council has already committed to the integration and TRIM are willing to postpone this until February/March so that the upgrade can be performed.

Erect Shed Frame at Depot **\$10,000**

Additional funding is requested to erect the shed frame from the old ambulance building at the depot. This item has been in the Capital Budget for \$5,000 and after completing the shed at the airport it is apparent that more funding will be required to complete this project and make use of the shed frame.

Rotary Park Upgrades **\$60,000**

Council requested in its resolution (333/2016) that the proposed works for 2017/2018 be completed in the current year if funds were available. The Environmental Department have estimated the cost of completion of the project at \$60,000.

Signs at Ovals and Parks **\$ 1,800**

Council resolved (374/2016) to allocate \$1,800 for installation of signs at the ovals and parks to commemorate the history of the people they are named after.

Removal of Palm Trees and Bollards – Cobar Street **\$ 2,500**

Council resolved (236/2016) to remove the palm trees and bollards out the front of the Post Office as requested by the public and then to replace them with a suitable tree. The estimated cost of removal is \$2,500.

Additional Plant **\$43,970**

Council has resolved (326/2016) to spend an additional \$8,000 on a 5000 Litre Water Tanker with pumping unit and (334/2016) \$2,970 on a changeover switch for the Early Learning Centre to accommodate a generator. In addition to this the workshop is requesting a 25t and a 10t Jack valued at \$7,000, a Lathe valued at \$6,000 and additional spending of \$20,000 on a plant hoist already approved at the estimates meeting for \$40,000.

Shed at Aerodrome **\$ 7,089**

This project has gone over budget and additional funds are required to complete it. This can be offset from savings in the upgrade of the terminal at the airport.

O'Reilly Park **\$ 5,220**

Installation of CCTV cameras and the upgrade of the toilet facilities have both gone over budget. Funds saved from the National Tree Planting Day can be used to offset this.

Levee Bank Flood Gate Improvements **\$ 35,000**

Council resolved (387/2016) to fund improvements to the Levee Bank flood gates at this Budget Review.



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Other Issues

The below issues have had a nil effect to the budget as adjustments were made to both the income and expense sides of the budget.

Roads to Recovery Funding \$618,385

Council will receive less Roads to Recovery Funding than budgeted for 2016/17 due to the Federal Government allowing a portion of this year's funding to be distributed to the 2017/18 year. The budget has been adjusted by this figure on both the income and expenditure sides accordingly. This spread helps the 2017/18 year but the 2018/19 funding will still be greatly reduced to \$624,000. Council has \$246,891 carried forward in R2R funding from 2015/16 that also needs to be expended in 16/17. Due to the wet weather holding up completion of the 2015/16 program Council was allowed to carry the funds forward to the current year.

Fixing Country Roads Program \$450,000

Council was unsuccessful in its application for this grant. The budget has been adjusted by this figure on both the income and expenditure sides accordingly. The budget has also been adjusted to spend \$150,000 on the Block Repair Grant instead of the \$50,000 Council contribution for the Fixing Country Roads program and \$100,000 budgeted for gravel re-sheeting.

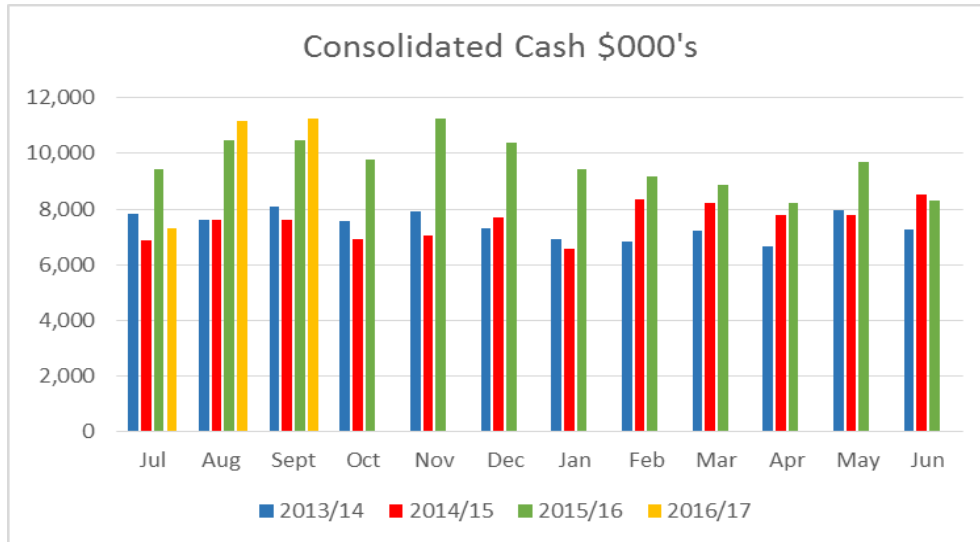
RMCC Contract State Roads \$500,000

No budget was initially included for the RMCC State Roads. It has been advised that it will be \$500,000. The budget has been adjusted by this figure on both the income and expenditure sides accordingly.

Wages moved to Labour Overheads \$168,802

This amount was moved from wages to labour overheads to balance the labour oncosts back to zero which should have occurred in the original budget. This had no impact on the budget itself.

Cash



Council is holding significant cash balances at the moment due to Financial Assistance Grants, Block Grant, First Instalment of Rates being paid and the drawn down of the T-Corp Loan. Consequently the cash balance is expected to decrease over the next nine months. At \$8.4 million the 2015/2016 year end cash balance came in below Council's Long Term Financial Plan projection of \$10.4 million. This is due to cash for loan funded projects being spent and the loan funds not being received until 2016/2017. Of this amount \$501,000 is unrestricted.

Consulting and Legal Expenses

The budgeted and actual spending on consultants and legal expenses is shown below. The consultancy expenditure has been spent on Finance, IT, Library and Environmental services.

The budget has been revised in Rates by \$7,059 to account for the costs associated with the ESPL these have been offset by a grant of the same amount. Also an adjustment of \$5,377 in the Library as the cost of the fees paid to Warren Shire Council for a Regional Librarian and Computer Expertise is higher than the budgeted figure. It has been offset from another area within the library budget.

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CONSULTING & LEGAL EXPENSES			
Expense	Budget	Expenditure YTD	Revised
	\$	\$	\$
Consultancies	265,024	67,468	277,460
Legal	38,500	0	38,500

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

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bogan Shire Council for the quarter ended 30/09/2016 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/17 will be *satisfactory* at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed:  date: 17/10/2016
Derek Francis
Responsible Accounting Officer, Bogan Shire Council

6.4 Attachments

Attachment A - 2016/2017 First Quarter Budget Review Summary
Attachment B - 2016/2017 Cash Position of Funds Projected Operating Result
Attachment C - 2016/2017 Capital Budget Updated

6.5 Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the report on Actual compared to Budget for the quarter ended 30 September 2016.
2. Adopt the adjustments to the 2016/2017 budget as shown in the Budget Review Statement as Attachment A to this report.



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Bogan Shire Council*						Attachment A	
Council Organisation							
Outcome Details							
For Period September							
2016/17 First Quarter Budget Review							
Outcome	Full Year Original Budget	2016/17 Carry Forwards	2016/17 Sep Recommended Changes	2016/17 Sep Projected Year End Result	YTD Actuals (Incl Oncosts/ Com mit)	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Grand Total	3,293,914	3,273,284	-43,286	6,523,912	-84,930	-965,274	880,344
Operating	471,314	0	-73,466	397,848	-2,536,770	-2,496,790	-39,980
Building Our Community	1,090,244	0	-20,442	1,069,802	309,071	267,451	41,620
Cultural & Social	139,706	0	0	139,706	30,112	34,927	-4,815
Community Facilities	777,168	0	-20,442	756,726	213,159	189,182	23,977
Children & Young People Support	0	0	0	0	-21,542	0	-21,542
Library	173,370	0	0	173,370	87,342	43,343	44,000
Connecting our Community	1,665,035	0	-16,345	1,648,690	215,547	412,173	-196,626
Road Networks	1,843,713	0	11,109	1,854,822	136,978	463,706	-326,728
Active Transport	105,823	0	0	105,823	37,513	26,456	11,057
Air Services	67,746	0	-8,700	59,046	16,225	14,762	1,464
Plant System	-352,247	0	-18,754	-371,001	24,830	-92,750	117,581
Managing Our Environment	1,267,945	0	-19,353	1,248,592	-82,190	-199,247	117,057
Built Environment	1,365,574	0	0	1,365,574	688,533	341,394	347,140
Waste Management	-13,787	0	-1,133	-14,920	-461,076	-515,125	54,049
Noxious Weeds	55,722	0	-6,500	49,222	25,541	12,306	13,235
Water	-46,111	0	-11,720	-57,831	-51,766	-14,458	-37,309
Sewer	-93,453	0	0	-93,453	-283,423	-23,363	-260,059
Our Health & safety	291,494	0	-34,346	257,148	111,341	64,287	47,054
Environment Health	130,904	0	-5,792	125,112	32,108	31,278	830
Disaster Management	6,000	0	0	6,000	2,765	1,500	1,265
Public Health	-6,050	0	4,946	-1,104	1,348	-276	1,624
Fire Services	160,640	0	-33,500	127,140	75,120	31,785	43,335
Developing Our Economy	115,866	0	0	115,866	52,849	28,967	23,883
Local Industries and Business	46,300	0	0	46,300	38,184	11,575	26,609
Tourism	69,566	0	0	69,566	14,665	17,392	-2,726
Responsible Local Government	-3,790,468	0	-151,772	-3,942,240	-3,090,730	-3,070,418	-20,313
Leadership, Advocacy & Governance	534,905	0	4,500	539,405	156,715	134,851	21,864
Managing Our Business	-4,325,373	0	-156,272	-4,481,645	-3,247,445	-3,205,269	-42,177
Labour Overheads	-168,802	0	168,792	-10	-52,657	-3	-52,655
Labour Overheads System	-168,802	0	168,792	-10	-52,657	-3	-52,655
Capital	2,822,600	3,273,284	30,180	6,126,064	2,451,840	1,531,516	920,324
Building Our Community	346,000	519,231	61,085	926,316	67,894	231,579	-163,685
Community Facilities	346,000	516,231	61,085	923,316	67,894	230,829	-162,935
Library	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	750	-750
Connecting our Community	1,498,800	545,071	-22,054	2,021,817	713,457	505,454	208,003
Road Networks	90,000	441,294	-5,548	525,746	67,857	131,437	-63,579
Active Transport	45,000	32,455	45,000	122,455	1,089	30,614	-29,525
Air Services	75,000	49,322	-2,911	121,411	8,807	30,353	-21,546
Plant System	1,288,800	22,000	-58,595	1,252,205	635,704	313,051	322,652
Managing Our Environment	1,968,000	1,962,403	-20,000	3,910,403	1,513,345	977,601	535,744
Built Environment	994,000	1,025,497	0	2,019,497	1,007,729	504,874	502,855
Waste Management	550,000	377,905	0	927,905	303,296	231,976	71,320
Water	317,000	454,301	-20,000	751,301	190,272	187,825	2,447
Sewer	107,000	104,700	0	211,700	12,047	52,925	-40,878
Our Health & safety	20,000	169,544	0	189,544	108,786	47,386	61,400
Environment Health	0	20,000	0	20,000	9,987	5,000	4,987
Disaster Management	20,000	149,544	0	169,544	98,200	42,386	55,814
Fire Services	0	0	0	0	600	0	600
Developing Our Economy	24,000	62,215	0	86,215	2,082	21,554	-19,472
Local Industries and Business	24,000	37,392	0	61,392	0	15,348	-15,348
Tourism	0	24,823	0	24,823	2,082	6,206	-4,124
Responsible Local Government	-1,034,200	14,820	11,149	-1,008,231	46,276	-252,058	298,334
Managing Our Business	-1,034,200	14,820	11,149	-1,008,231	46,276	-252,058	298,334

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Cash Position of Funds - 2016/17 projected operating result				Attachment B
<i>(Note: The cash position reflected takes into account cash transfers to and from Council's Reserves (Investments) to fund capital expenditure.)</i>				
1	General Fund	General Fund (Incorporating Waste and Plant)	September Recommended Changes	General Fund Total Budget after First Quarter Changes
	Operating Income	15,227,783	653,472	15,881,255
	Less: Operating Expenditure	15,787,198	573,726	16,360,924
		-	79,746	-
	Add back depreciation	2,963,500		2,963,500
	Cash from current year available to fund Capital	2,404,085		2,483,831
	Add loan proceeds to fund capital projects	1,129,000		1,129,000
	Add Trf from Staff Housing Reserve	40,000		40,000
	Add Contributions to fund Capital Projects	78,000		78,000
	Add Capital Grants to fund Capital Projects	3,194,208	- 1,028,222	2,165,986
	Add Sale of Capital Plant Items	199,000	52,565	251,565
	Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	7,038,808	925,477	6,113,331
		5,485	- 50,180	35,051
	Transfer to Asset Renewal Reserve	-		
	Cash Balance	5,485	29,566	35,051
2	Sewer Fund	Sewer Fund	September Recommended Changes	Sewer Fund
	Operating Income	713,500		713,500
	Less: Operating Expenditure	627,065		627,065
		86,435		86,435
	Add back depreciation	85,000		85,000
	Cash from current year available to fund Capital	171,435		171,435
	Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	107,000		107,000
	Cash Balance	64,435		64,435
3	Water Fund	Water Fund	September Recommended Changes	Water Fund
	Operating Income	2,341,700	13,720	2,355,420
	Less: Operating Expenditure	2,340,034	20,000	2,360,034
		1,666	- 6,280	- 4,614
	Add back depreciation	450,000		450,000
	Cash from current year available to fund Capital	451,666		445,386
	Add Capital Grants to fund Capital Projects	145,000		145,000
	Gross Capital Spending as per Draft Capital Budget	462,000	20,000	442,000
	Cash Balance	134,666	13,720	148,386



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Attachment C

7 ALBERT PRIEST CHANNEL PIPELINE – COST TO BOGAN SHIRE WATER USERS

Summary:

- *The purpose of this report is to present the potential water charge increases resulting from the proposed Albert Priest Channel piping project so that Council can determine whether this is acceptable when weighed against the advantages of increased water security.*
- *Source documents for data are the past 4 years published statements for the Bogan Shire Council water fund and September 2016 draft report by Mike Brearley & Associates on the Nyngan & Cobar Water Security Project.*
- *The report indicates an increased cost to water users of no more than 2%. Council's financial consultant is of the view that the increase could be between 7% and 15%.*

7.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the views of Council's financial consultant regarding the maximum potential increase to Bogan Shire water users if the Warren to Nyngan water pipeline project proceeds.

7.2 Background

The NSW Government has provided some funding for the preparation of a business case to justify the construction of a pipeline. The business case assumes the project has a budget of \$90 million with the construction to be entirely funded by the NSW Government, but with the asset to be owned, operated & maintained by Bogan Shire Council.

The budget break up is:-

- Stage 1 , construct 2 x 700ML water storages at Nyngan - \$15 million
- Stage 2 , construct a below ground pipeline Warren to Nyngan - \$75 million
- Stage 3, construct at a place and cost , yet to be determined, additional 3000 ML water storage, plus an emergency bore at Warren , connected to the pipeline to insure a minimum in time of drought.

Of concern is the effect of these works on Council's water operating budget, in particular the effect of depreciation, in significantly increasing water charges for consumers.

7.3 Discussion

The Draft Business Case does not contain detailed workings to justify its projected increase of 2% to Bogan Shire water users.

The table (Attachment 1) compares the current cost of operations to a likely cost if the pipeline replaces the channel showing two financial models. The most significant change to the current cost of operations is the depreciation cost, in 2016 the current channel had a depreciation cost of \$36,000, and the pipeline with a capital cost of \$90 million and a depreciation period of 100 years will have a depreciation cost of \$900,000 pa (Model 1). Model 2 uses a depreciation period of 125 years and excludes the \$15 million cost of additional storage, using only the \$75 million for the pipeline.

The other variable is the cost of power to run pump stations if gravity is not relied on as it is at the moment. This report has run it two ways, conservatively using a figure of \$200,000 suggested by Council staff and a formula at page 60 of the Draft Business Case that gave a figure of \$28,710.

These models give a figure to run the pipeline from a high of \$1.3m to a low \$820k depending on the electricity charges to run the pumps, maintenance costs and whether the depreciable life is 100 or 125 years.

Bogan is responsible for 41% of the cost , Cobar 58% and the channel users the remaining 1% , so the net cost increase to Bogan Shire is in the range \$319k to \$533k, or 7.9% to 15.6% , based on these assumptions.

The Business Case states at page 5 in the executive summary that the economic return on a ML of water used for agriculture is \$2,600. For non-coal mining activities it is over \$170,000. While it is impossible to put a figure on what that is worth to the Bogan Shire community, anything that supports expansion of mining should increase economic activity and underwrite the Shire's sustainability.

The purpose of this report is to present the potential water charge increases resulting from the proposed project so that Council can determine whether this is acceptable when weighed against the advantages of increased water security.



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Council has relied on the accuracy of the capital budget assumptions and no attempt has been made to verify these.

7.4 Attachment

Financial Modelling Summary.

7.5 Recommendation

1. That this report be received and noted.
2. That Mike Brearley and Associates be requested to provide a report to Council analysing the variance between the 2% increase in water charges mentioned in their report and the 7.9 to 15.6% increases provided by Council's financial consultant.

Stephanie Waterhouse
Finance Manager



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	2016 the Channel	2016 the Channel	Future Pipeline	2016 the Channel	2016 the Channel	Future Pipeline
		Model 1			Model 2	
Total water fund expenses - 2016	2,540,000			2,540,000		
cost Albert preist channel						
Operating expenses		158,582			158,582	
Capital expenses		172,566			172,566	
		331,148			331,148	
less paid by Cobar + irrigators - 59%		-195,377			-195,377	
Net Cost to Bogan water fund	-135,771	135,771		-135,771	135,771	
Depreciation - on capital cost of			90,000,000			75,000,000
life in years			100			125
Depreciation expense			900,000			600,000
Electricity costs			200,000			28,710
Maintenance			200,000			150,000
sub-total			1,300,000			778,710
less paid by Cobar + irrigators 59.00%			-767,000			-459,439
	533,000		533,000	319,271		319,271
Revised total water costs	2,937,229			2,723,500		
Increase due to pipeline	397,229			183,500		
as a %	15.6%			7.2%		
Note 1						
Draft Business Case , page 60 , \$8,940 + \$6.59 per ML , when 3GL p.a.						

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following report for consideration:-

1 OPERATIONAL REPORT

1.1 Civil Works

Work undertaken during the reporting period of 12 September 2016 to 14 October 2016 consisted of the following:-

- Continuing construction of the new Engineering Offices at the Works Depot in Nymagee Street.
- Completing repairs to the Town Hall roof.
- Repairs and maintenance to the toilets in the Town Hall.
- Pouring of a new section of footpath at the corner of Cobar Street and Tabratong Street near Foodworks.
- Assisting with the installation of a new irrigation system at Larkin Oval.

1.2 Community Facilities

Work undertaken by Council's Community Facilities during this reporting period consisted of the following:-

- Mowing and maintenance of ovals and reserves.
- Repairs to the irrigation system at Frank Smith Oval & No.3 Oval.
- Preparation of the showground for a weekend Pony Club event.
- Cleaning of town facilities.
- Cleaning and sweeping of the Nyngan CBD.
- Preparing for private functions.
- Cleaning and maintenance of town streets and nature strips.
- Cleaning of town streets gutters and culverts.
- Digging and backfilling of graves.

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1.3 Roads

The work undertaken during this reporting period by Works Crews consisted of the following:-

No.	Name	Comments
12	Coffill's Lane	Wet weather repairs continuing.
24	Canonba Road	Re-sheeting continuing.
14	Gilgai Road	Patch grading commenced.
7	Warrah Road	Patch grading completed.
MR228	Hermidale Nymagee Road	Wet weather repairs continuing.
10	Pangee Road	1km of construction completed.
MR7514	Cockies Road	Patch grading/repairs completed.
11	Honeybugle Road	Wet weather damage repairs continuing.
18	Elmore Road	Maintenance grading/repairs completed.
92	Colane Road	Patch grading commenced.
57	Tottenham Road	Construction of bus stop completed.
HW7	Mitchell Highway	Roadside slashing completed.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Roadside slashing completed.
MR70	Arthur Hall VC Way	Roadside slashing completed.
HW8	Barrier Highway	Tree trimming completed.

During this reporting period the Jetpatcher has carried out routine maintenance and repairs on the following roads:-

- Tottenham Road
- Hermidale Nymagee Road
- Colane Road
- Gilgai Road
- Town Streets
- Yarrandale Road
- Mitchell & Barrier Highways

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Even though the wet weather eased mid-September it wasn't until the beginning of October that Council's rural work crews could fully work on the majority network again.

During the ongoing river flood peaks Council has had staff working 24 hours a day. This allows the suitable monitoring and checking of Council's pumps that were removing excess water from inside the levee.

The work the rural crews have completed in Nyngan, villages and on the sealed roads during this reporting period includes:-

- Lane maintenance including grading and vegetation control.
- Cleaning of and around culverts in town.
- Minor flood damage repairs.
- Running of pumps to remove excess storm water.
- Town tree maintenance.
- Mowing nature strips.
- Cleaning of gutters.
- Levee bank maintenance.
- Replacing or repairing street signage.
- Pothole patching.

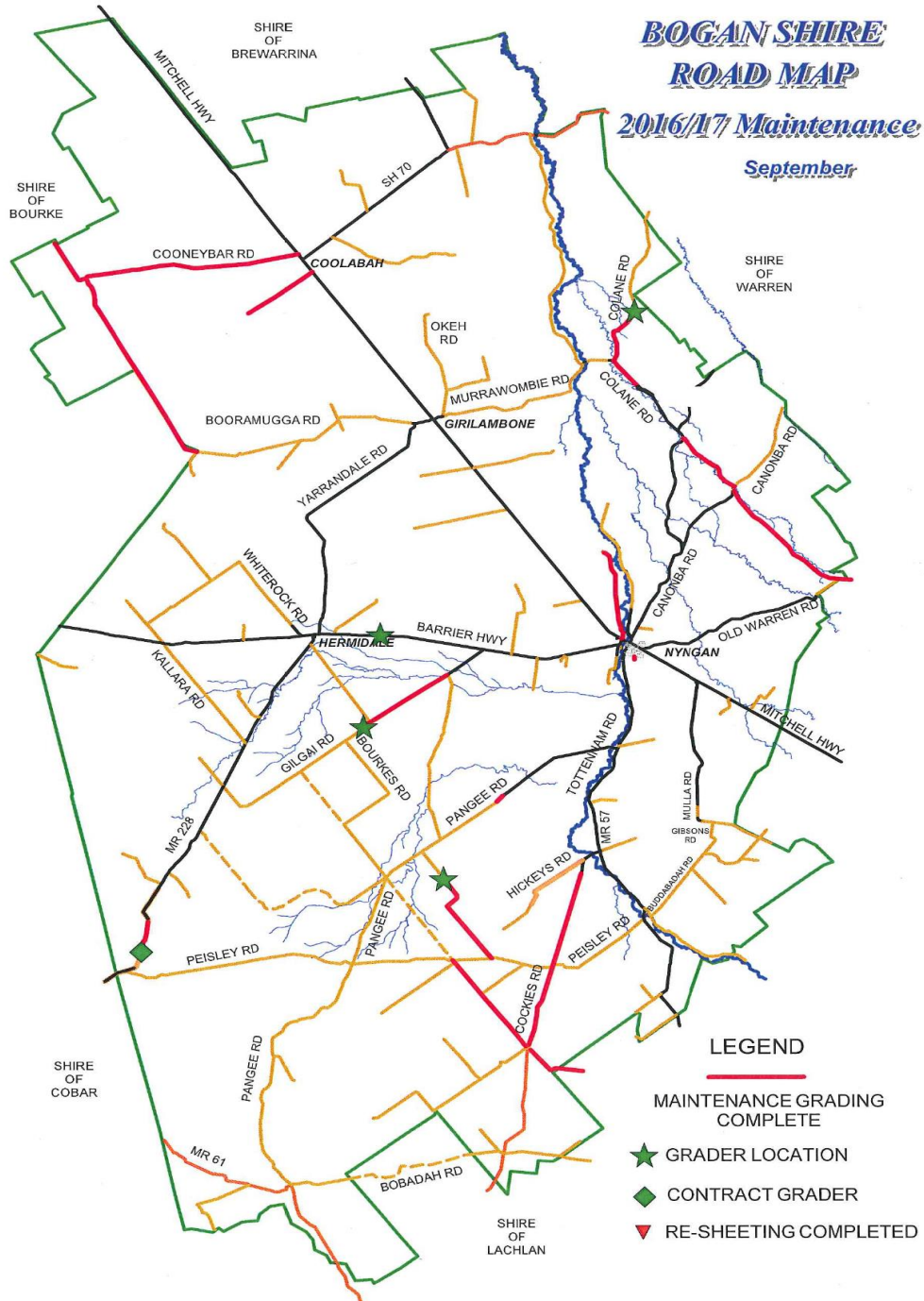
The works program for the remainder of October and the beginning of November includes but is not limited to the following works:-

- Patch grading and flood damage repairs on the following roads:- Honeybugle Road, Cobar-Condo Road, Gilgai Road, Kallara Road, Colane Road, Coffil's Lane, Hermidale Nymagee Road and Canonba Road.
- Repairs to the entire rural road network after the long period of wet weather.
- Re-sheeting of the following roads Monkey Bridge Road, Tubbavilla Road and Merryanbone Road.
- Heavy patching of damaged sections of Yarrandale Road, Hermidale Nymagee Road and Tottenham Road.
- Heavy patching of the Mitchell and Barrier Highways.
- Shoulder grading of the Mitchell Highway at Coolabah.

1.4 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the reporting period of 12 September 2016 to 14 October 2016 be received and noted.

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2 BUDGET REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to request additional funding being made available through Council's October budget review to purchase equipment for the workshop.

2.2 Background

As part of the 2016-17 budget Council included the purchase of a 25 tonne 4 post hoist for the workshop. An additional \$20,000 is required to purchase a greater capacity hoist.

The workshop lathe required replacing at a cost of \$6000 to purchase 1 mid-size metal lathe.

The workshop needs to replace its 25 and 10 tonne mobile floor jacks at total cost of \$7,000.

2.3 Discussion

The initial hoist to be purchased 2016-17 was not 25 tonnes and did not include jacking beams. A 25 tonne hoist will be used by all of Council's plant (trucks & graders) and the inclusion of jacking beams with the hoist will allow all wheels to be removed while on the hoist. This will combine to allow greater access to plant and allow repairs to be completed faster and more safely for an additional \$20,000.

The workshop had 3 lathes which were over 40 years old. These lathes were used to fabricate small parts such as bushes, bearings, shafts and complete resizing. Due to their age the lathes did not have the required safety features such as emergency stop switch for the feet or knees, micro switches for the guards and even the required guards. As a result it was decided to sell the lathes in the recent sale of surplus plant and equipment. Any work of this nature currently needed is sourced outside of Council at considerable cost. Pricing for a mid-size lathe which will complete all the work required by Council is \$6,000.

Both these floor jacks are essential pieces of workshop equipment. They are both not working to their required level and parts cannot be brought to repair them. A replacement 25 tonne floor jack is \$4,000 and the 10 tonne is \$3000.

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2.4 Recommendation.

That Council allocate the following amounts in its October budget review:-

1. \$20,000 to purchase a greater capacity 4 post hoist.
2. \$6,000 to purchase a mid-size metal lathe.
3. \$7,000 to purchase a 10 & 25 tonne floor jacks.

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3 NYNGAN LAWN CEMETERY – CREMATION RESERVATIONS

3.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report for Council to determine a policy in relation to reservation of sites in the newly constructed cremation section of the lawn cemetery.

3.2 Background

Council recently approved the construction of a new section in the lawn cemetery which allows for the placement of ashes and a plaque. Council has recently, via the local funeral director, had requests for reservation of plots in this cremation section of the lawn cemetery.

Council does not allow reservations in the burial section of the lawn cemetery except on the end of newly constructed rows to avoid disruption to existing graves when reserved ones are dug.

3.3 Discussion

Whilst these requests are understandable, Council has to consider the impact of allowing reservations which, depending on demand, could include having to construct new sections of concrete strips in advance and leaving plaques interspersed with blank spaces until such time as the reserved plots are needed.

One way of partially addressing this is to allow a maximum of, say, 50% of the spaces in any new wall to be reserved.

Council would have to determine a reservation fee for the cremation section of the Lawn Cemetery if reservations were introduced. The current reservation fee for the Cremation Wall is \$150.00

3.4 Recommendation

For Council's consideration.

Alister Quarmby

ACTING MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES

**Development and Environmental Services' Report to the Ordinary Meeting of
Bogan Shire Council held on 27 October 2016**

REPORT TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mayor and Councillors

I submit the following reports for consideration:-

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

1.1 Introduction

Four (4) Development Applications have been approved since Council's September 2016 Meeting.

DA NUMBER	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	VALUE (\$)	PROGRESS
2014/001	Dr Ryan Heggie	Canonba Road, NYNGAN	Hangar	64,000	Applicant advises that the DA will continue subject to lease negotiations
2015/004	Tritton Resources Pty Ltd	Mitchell Highway GIRILAMBONE Lot 10 DP 751315 & Lot 3 DP 751342	Underground mine – “Avoca Tank”	20,000,000	Approved 15 September 2016 by JRPP
2016/015	WR Nominees	Lot 101 Lawlor Street Nyngan	Change of Use	15,000	Further information required from applicant regarding Fire Safety Compliance
2016/016	Terry Lyons	Lot 2 DP 939430 Nyngan Street, Hermidale	Refurbishment of shed and extension	100,000	Additional information required from applicant
2016/019	LR & RA Smith	133 Cobar Street, Nyngan	Shed and Secondary Dwelling	45,000	Approved
2016/020	Mr T Wright	13 Mudal, Street Nyngan	Dual Occupancy	450,000	Approved
2016/022	AGL c/- David Bloomfield	876 Barrier Highway, Nyngan	Viewing Platform for Solar Farm	350,000	Under assessment. 1 submission received
2016/024	Mr M Jones	Lot 2 Lawlor Street, Nyngan	Industrial Storage Units	650,000	Approved

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2016/025	Ms E Carter	Barrier Highway, Nyngan	Rural Dwelling	500,000	Under assessment. Council report required - November meeting
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1.2 Recommendation

That the Development Applications Report since September's Council Meeting be received and noted.

2 OPERATIONAL REPORT

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline the key works undertaken since Council's September 2016 meeting by the Parks and Gardens Team. Please note that the Noxious Weeds Officer is presently on annual leave however weed spraying has been undertaken by staff, as required.

2.2 Discussion

Key works that have been undertaken by the Parks and Gardens Team consisted of the following:-

- Routine maintenance duties including whipper snipping, mowing, litter removal, and edging of O'Reilly Park, Moonagee Park, Lions Park, Davidson Park Heritage Park, Vanges Park, Centennial Park, Teamsters Rest and Rotary Park.
- Spraying weeds within the Pangee Street footpath.
- Spraying weeds within the cemetery (old section).
- Spraying weeds within the sale yards including wash bay.
- Spraying weeds within the staff housing site and adjacent to the Early Learning Centre.
- Identified trees within the Tree Risk Assessment Report removed with assistance from contractor.
- Trimming of fig trees identified in the Tree Risk Assessment Report with Traffic Control undertaken by staff.
- Seeding and preparation works of Heritage Park Stage 2 for tree planting to occur.

2.3 Recommendation

That the Operational Report for the Parks and Gardens Team since the September Council Meeting be received and noted.

3 NYNGAN WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY PROGRESS UPDATE

Summary:-

- *The purposes of this report is to provide an update to Council on the progress made with upgrades to the Nyngan Waste Facility and the rescheduled events that have occurred due to delays from wet weather.*
- *Council has been able to successfully extend the deadline of the grant timeline to cater for the delays in the project and the extension allows for all fencing, CCTV and signage upgrades required by the grant funding to be completed by December 2016.*

3.1 Introduction

In May 2016, Council resolved to adopt the proposed schedule of charges to the Nyngan Waste Facility including the issue of 12 free waste vouchers to ratepayers currently being levied the Waste Depot Access Fee. This report provides an update to Council on the progress made with upgrades to the Nyngan Waste Facility and the rescheduled events that have occurred due to delays from wet weather.

3.2 Discussion

The proposed schedule of charges included an original opening date of 4 August 2016. A Fact Sheet was prepared and posted to all local community groups, published on Council's Facebook Page and Website, which included opening times and information to assist in the transition to a manned Waste Facility. A media article was also published in the Nyngan Observer immediately following the resolution of Council in May 2016.

Due to ongoing rainfall in the Shire, the new boundary security fencing has been delayed. Subsequently, the project schedule was amended with a new date proposed of the 3 November and Council's contractor has recently recommenced fencing to achieve this deadline. Council has also been able to successfully extend the deadline of the grant timeline to cater for the delays in the project and the extension allows for all fencing, CCTV and signage upgrades to be completed by December 2016.

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Netwaste's Educational Advisor has provided waste and recycling workshops to local schools to assist and promote the transition. Council is also presently hosting a recycling competition, which has been further promoted by the Nyngan Observer, to encourage greater awareness of recyclables and what can be recycled into everyday items. This competition is also funded by Netwaste.

It is therefore proposed that Council continue with the schedule of changes proposed and that 12 vouchers be issued to those applicable ratepayers per financial year. Whilst vouchers and payments at the gate will not be required on November 3, the transition phase will still occur as planned to enable screening and guiding deliveries by the Waste Operator, with opening times to therefore be gradually recognised by the community. It is therefore planned to commence use of vouchers and applicable charges at the gate under the 2016/2017 Operational Plan from Thursday, 5 January 2017.

3.3 Recommendation

1. That the Nyngan Waste and Resource Recovery Facility Progress Update report be received and noted.
2. Council issue the 12 vouchers to ratepayers for 2016/17.
3. That Council's Waste Facility gate charges, as identified in the 2016/17 Operational Plan and Budget, be implemented from 5 January 2017.

Ty Robson

ACTING MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

1 MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government, The Hon Paul Toole MP congratulating Councillors on their recent election to Local Government in NSW and inviting them to attend one of the Office of Local Government's one-day Hit the Ground Running workshops, which are being conducted during October and November 2016 in collaboration with Local Government NSW. The workshops provide essential information to support Councillors in serving the community and fulfilling their responsibilities. All Councillors are strongly encouraged to attend.

1.1 Recommendation: For Council's Consideration.

2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION

Attached is a copy of correspondence received from the Local Government Grants Commission providing Council with a detailed summary of the 2016-17 grant calculations for Bogan Shire Council. Special submissions are invited from Councils in relation to the distribution of financial assistance grants for 2017-18. However, Council is not required to make a submission.

General Manager's Note: The calculation summaries are 28 pages. Copies of the Summaries are available from the Finance Manager and will be tabled at the Council Meeting.

2.1 Recommendation: For Noting.

3 WEEKLY CIRCULARS

Weekly Circulars 38/16 to 41/16 are tabled for Council's information. Copies of the Circulars Indices and Summary of Items have been dispatched to Councillors.

3.1 Recommendation: That the Local Government Weekly Circulars be noted.

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The Hon Paul Toole MP
Minister for Local Government

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12 October 2016

Dear Councillor

Congratulations on your recent election to local government in NSW.

To assist you in your role, I am pleased to invite you to attend one of the Office of Local Government's one-day Hit the Ground Running workshops, which are being conducted during October and November 2016 in collaboration with Local Government NSW.

The workshops provide essential information to support councillors in serving the community and fulfilling their responsibilities. All councillors are strongly encouraged to attend.

Attending a workshop will provide a valuable opportunity for you to find out the latest information about progress in local government reform and how it affects your council, to update your knowledge in relation to your roles and responsibilities based on recent legislative amendments, and to meet senior staff from the Office of Local Government and councillors from other councils.

I have enclosed further information about the Hit the Ground running workshops for your information. Your council's General Manager will be coordinating workshop registrations, and I would encourage you to direct any questions that you might have to them.

Congratulations once again on your election to local government. I look forward to your contributions in fulfilling this important role and achieving the best possible outcomes for your community.

Yours sincerely



Paul Toole MP
Minister

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING



Office of
Local Government

THE KEY WORKSHOP FOR
NEW AND RETURNING
COUNCILLORS 2016

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Your communities have shown faith in your commitment to the local area and this workshop will help give you the skills and knowledge to support you in this vital role.”

**The Hon Paul Toole MP,
Minister for Local Government**

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LGNSW recommends that councillors engage in professional development as soon as possible after the Local Government elections and encourages all councillors, both new and returning, to attend.”

**Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM,
President, Local Government NSW**

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Being a councillor provides an exciting opportunity to make a difference in your local community.

WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY COMES RESPONSIBILITY.

This workshop will help you understand your responsibilities as a councillor, so you can hit the ground running.

Being a councillor is an important role that carries with it significant responsibilities to the community. Councillors owe it to their community to take personal responsibility for their learning and to equip themselves with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform their role effectively.

Whether you're a new or returning councillor, the workshop will help you develop and update your skills and knowledge. New councillors will also benefit from the learnings shared by those with experience.

The workshops are free of charge. The cost of any travel or accommodation is the responsibility of attendees and their council.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

- » Learn about how the recent changes to the Local Government Act affect your responsibilities as a councillor
- » Find out the latest information about local government reform and how it affects your council
- » Understand your roles and responsibilities, and council processes
- » Learn how to manage limited resources to achieve the best for your community
- » Meet other councillors and strengthen your networks
- » Update your knowledge and share your experiences with new councillors

HOW CAN I BOOK?

The General Manager at your council will coordinate workshop registrations. You simply need to notify them which workshop you'd like to attend and whether you have any dietary requirements or special access needs.

Once your registration has been processed, you'll receive a confirmation email and further workshop details.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT ON THE DAY?

- » Presentations on must-know topics
- » Opportunities to ask questions
- » Interactive sessions where you can share experiences with, or learn from, other councillors
- » Networking opportunities with other councillors, OLG staff, LGNSW representatives and General Managers.

The workshops are free of charge.



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This workshop will examine changes to the Local Government Act and how the changes will affect your council.”

**Tim Hurst,
Acting Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government**

Workshop Schedule

LOCATION	DATE	VENUE
Nowra	24 October 2016	Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre
Moruya	26 October 2016	Moruya Golf Club
Glen Innes	26 October 2016	Glen Innes Services Club
Goulburn	27 October 2016	Best Western Goulburn
Tamworth	27 October 2016	Ibis Styles Hotel Tamworth
Euston	2 November 2016	Euston Club
Camden	2 November 2016	Camden Council Administrative Building
Broken Hill	3 November 2016	Broken Hill Civic Centre
Blacktown	3 November 2016	Blacktown City Council
Parkes	8 November 2016	Parkes Services Club
Singleton	9 November 2016	Singleton Diggers
Gilgandra	9 November 2016	Gilgandra Services Club
Sydney Airport	10 November 2016	Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport
Ballina	15 November 2016	Ballina RSL Club
Griffith	15 November 2016	Griffith Exles Club
Coffs Harbour	16 November 2016	Coffs Harbour Racing Club
Wagga Wagga	16 November 2016	Wagga Wagga RSL Club
Sydney Airport	22 November 2016	Stamford Plaza Sydney Airport
Lithgow	23 November 2016	Lithgow Workmen's Club
Moree	23 November 2016	Moree Services Club
Cobar	29 November 2016	Cobar Bowling and Golf Club

Note

It may be necessary for reasons beyond the control of the Office of Local Government to change the content, timing or venue of your chosen workshop. We will make every effort to notify you of any change as soon as possible. However, the Office of Local Government cannot be held responsible for any travel or accommodation costs incurred should the workshop need to be postponed or cancelled.

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Workshop Overview

TIME	TOPIC
9.30-10.00am	Registration, with tea and coffee on arrival
10.00-10.05am	Welcome and Introduction
10.05-10.35am	<p>Program overview - Achieving outcomes for your community</p> <p>Understand the five key things all councillors need to know to achieve positive community outcomes and find out the latest about progress in local government reform</p>
10.35-11.25am	<p>Achieving outcomes through civic leadership</p> <p>Understand your council's role in the local community, the different roles of a councillor and how to manage the challenges involved</p>
11.25am-12.15pm	<p>Achieving outcomes by making the most of meetings</p> <p>Understand the purpose, process and expectations for council meetings and know how to maximise their benefits</p>
12.15-1.00pm	Lunch
1.00-1.55pm	<p>Achieving outcomes through planning and managing resources</p> <p>Understand how to engage with your community, set the long term direction of council and ensure that money and other resources are used effectively through Integrated Planning and Reporting</p>
1.55-2.05pm	Afternoon tea
2.05-3.00pm	<p>Achieving outcomes through appropriate conduct and ethical decision making</p> <p>Be updated about the Model Code of Conduct and how to protect and enhance your own, and your council's, credibility and reputation</p>
3.00-3.20pm	<p>Achieving outcomes through continued learning and professional development</p> <p>Learn from an experienced councillor what it takes to be successful in the role</p> <p>Consider your own training and support requirements and how you can undertake further professional development during your time as a councillor</p>
3.20-3.30pm	Achieving outcomes - summary

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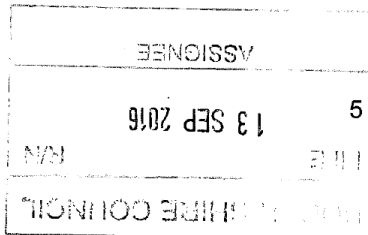
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Mr Derek Francis
General Manager
Bogan Shire Council
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5 September 2016

Dear Mr Francis

The Commission has a policy of providing information to councils about the way it calculates financial assistance grants. Accordingly, please find attached a detailed summary of the 2016-17 grant calculations for Bogan Shire Council.

DETAILS OF 2016-17 GRANT CALCULATIONS

Appendix A, titled *Disability Calculations Summary – 2016-17*, shows the measures used in the calculation of grants for your council area. This information should be examined if council is considering making a special submission.

Appendix B, titled *Explanation of Calculation Summaries*, explains how the revenue and expenditure allowances are calculated and used in the grant determination process.

Appendix C, titled *Details of Disability Factors*, provides background information relating to what each expenditure disability factor recognises, the measures used, their source, the standards (State average) and weightings.

SPECIAL SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO 2016-17 GRANTS

Special submissions are invited from council in relation to the distribution of financial assistance grants for 2017-18. However, council is not required to make a submission.

The purpose of a submission is to give council the opportunity to present information on the financial impact of inherent expenditure disabilities beyond its control that are not generally recognised in the current methodology. This allows the Commission to adequately consider all legitimate factors that affect council's capacity to deliver services.

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Appendix D, titled **Guidelines for Special Submissions**, contains guidelines for preparing submissions – please read the guidelines carefully.

Submissions should be e-mailed to the Commission at grants@olg.nsw.gov.au by **30 November 2016**.

I would ask that this letter be tabled at the next council meeting.

If you have any questions concerning these matters please contact me on (02) 4428 4132.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Wright", is written above the printed name.

Bruce Wright
Executive Officer



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GRANTS AND FUNDING

LG Weekly 38/16 – 23 September 2016

Boat Trailer Storage Grants Program

Grants totalling \$5 million are now available under the Boat Trailer Storage Grants program to support the delivery of alternative viable storage facilities and solutions for boat trailers.

LG Weekly 39/16 – 30 September 2016

Disaster Assistance for Flood Affected NSW Communities

The Australian and NSW Governments have jointly announced disaster assistance for flood affected communities in NSW.

Community War Memorials Fund Grants Open

Councils are invited to apply for funding to conserve, repair and protect existing war memorials.

