



**Bourke Shire Council
Minutes
Monday, 28th May 2018**

General Manager:

Ross Earl

Present

C12.1

Councillors	31/01	26/02	06/03	26/03	23/04	2/05	28/05	25/06	23/07	27/08	24/09	22/10	26/11
Cr Barry Hollman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Cec Dorrington	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Lachlan Ford	✓	✓	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Robert Stutsel	✓ 4.10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Sally Davis	✓ 4.25	✓ 9.19am	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓						
Cr Sarah Barton	✓	✓ 9.17am	✓ 5.01pm	✓ 9.07am	✓	✓	AP						
Cr Victor Bartley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Sam Rice	AP	✓	✓ 5.02pm	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Cr Ian Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓						
Cr John Thompson	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Staff

Ross Earl	General Manager
Leonie Brown	Manager of Corporate Services
Mark Gordon	Manager Roads
Dwayne Willoughby	Manager Environmental Services
Peter Brown	Manager Works
Kai Howard-Oakman	Executive Assistant/Minutes

Opening Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Remembrance

Council stood in silence in the memory of Lenny Homer.

Apologies

The General Manager advised the Mayor that an apology and request for a leave of absence had been received from Councillor Barton.

Resolution

193/2018 That the apology received from Councillor Barton be received and the request for leave of absence granted.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Cr Bartley	Carried

Declaration of Interest

Nil Declarations of Interest were received

Mayoral Minute

File No	C12.6
Report: 0005/2018	Mayoral Minute
Responsible Officer	Councillor Barry Hollman, Mayor

Date	Meeting	Location
25/04/18	ANZAC Day Service & Dawn Service - Cenotaph	Central Park
26/04/18	Meeting with DPC – Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy – Gerry Collins & Ashley Aubrey	Conference Room
01/05/18	Meeting with the Murray Darling Basin Commissioner Mr Bret Walker SC, Richard Beasley SC, Joanne Masters – Solicitor, Sean O’Flaherty- Junior Counsel	Conference Room
01/05/18	Dinner with Royal Far West	Bourke Bridge Inn
01/05/18	Flood Plain Study Meeting	Louth
02/05/18	Extraordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
08/05/18	Teleconference – Public Works – Bourke WTP	Conference Room
11/05/18	Steve Adams Radiographer - RFWH	Far West Health
12/05/18	Cobar Miners Races	Cobar
15/05/18	Meeting with Kevin Humphries, MP	Parliament House
15/05/18	Meeting with Emil McCabe - Pelican Airlines	Sydney
15/05/18	Meeting with Public Works – Bill Ho & Roshan Lyadurai - WTP	Sydney
16/05/18	Meeting with John Barilaro, MP – Deputy Premier	Parliament House
21/05/18	Joint Organisation (JO) W/S Extraordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
28/05/18	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber

Resolution

194/2018 That the information in the Mayoral Minute as presented to Council on Monday, 28 th May 2018 be noted.		
Moved Cr Hollman		Carried

Calendar of Events

Month/ Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2018				
May	8 th	9.30am	LRC Meeting	RFS North Bourke
	8 th	10.30am	LEMC	RFS North Bourke
	22 nd	2.00pm	Traffic Committee Meeting	Conference Room
	25 th		GMAC	Mudgee
	28 th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
	29 th	9.00am	Cross Borders Initiative Meeting	BOBEC
		6.30pm	Meeting/Dinner CEWH	BOBEC
June	25 th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	23 rd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	27 th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Louth
September	24 th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	22 nd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	26 th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

Councillor Information List

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Email
17/04/18	Memo - Environmental Development & Allied Professionals	MES	✓
19/04/18	Memo – Monday's Council Meeting – Darling River Goat Exporters & CAPRA attendance	GM	✓
20/04/18	LGNSW Regional Summits 2018	LGNSW	✓
20/04/18	Member Update: Local Government 2017 Financial Audit	LGNSW	✓
02/05/18	SCCF Round 2 Applications	MT&ED	✓
02/05/18	Invitation to the 2018 Future of Local Government National Summit:	MAV	✓
04/05/18	Tourism and Economic Development Functions over the next two (2) n months	GM	✓
07/05/18	Community Support Skills - Dealing with Mental Health	Camilla Kenny Rural Mental Health Coordinator Cobar	✓
09/05/18	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	✓
09/05/18	Invitation to attend function with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder	Mayor	✓
10/05/18	Funding plea for a 'last resort' bus at trouble-plagued school	ABC News	✓
10/05/18	Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting 02/05/18		✓
11/05/18	Media Release - Bourke Showcases Its Tourism Product to All Tourist Operators within the Shire	GM	✓
15/05/18	Local Government Regional Joint Organisations Proclaimed	Cr Linda Scott President – LGNSW	✓
15/05/18	Western Local Land Services Newsletter - May 2018	Local Land Services	✓
16/05/18	Barwon Media Release - Conservation Grants for Landholders in Barwon	Kevin Humphries, MP Member for Barwon	✓
16/05/18	Cross Border Initiatives – Meeting Invitation	Mayor	✓
17/05/18	Barwon Media Release - Work Starts on Improvements Along Barrier Highway West of Cobar	Kevin Humphries, MP Member for Barwon	✓
17/05/18	Barwon Media Release - Three Month NSW Gun Amnesty Starts 1 July	Kevin Humphries, MP Member for Barwon	✓
17/05/18	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	✓
21/05/18	Reminder of JO Workshop – 21/05/18	EA	✓
22/05/18	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	✓
22/05/18	Employer Support	Megan Dixon RDA Orana	✓
22/05/18	Reminder Cross Border Tourism Initiatives Meeting & Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder	EA	✓

Business Arising From 23rd April 2018

KEY:



Action still pending



Action

GM	General Manager	MRS	Manager Road Services
MCS	Manager Corporate Services	MES	Manager Environmental Services
MTD	Manager Tourism & Development	MW	Manager Works

206/2013	Review of Organisational Structure
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	S6.41
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the recommendations in relation to the realignment of any positions be considered prior to the advertising of any vacancies.	In progress
The positions descriptions of positions identified within the report from Local Government Management Solutions as requiring review be undertaken in consultation with both the employee and any union involved.	On hold
That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.	In progress

386/2015 & 315/2016	Return of Air Services to Bourke
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council provide the successful tenderer with the use of the "Booking Office" at the terminal	On hold
A report be brought back to Council regarding the possible introduction of a small landing fee to off- set the additional costs involved in the maintenance of the terminal building	On hold
That the GM continues to investigate options of potential Airlines who may be interested in providing an air service to the district that includes Bourke.	Ongoing

67/ 118/ 177/ 203/2015	Full Birthing Unit for Bourke Hospital
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	H1.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That further information in regards to midwife led birthing models be obtained.	Ongoing

493/2016	Request for the Extension of the Louth Airstrip
Responsible Officer	Manager of Works
File Number	V1.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
MW bring a report back to Council on the request for an extension to the Louth Airstrip.	See MW May 2018 Report

516/2016	Birthing Facilities at Bourke and Visit by Professor Sally Tracy	
Responsible Officer	General Manager	
File Number	H1.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
That Council decide what further representations may be required following the receipt of any responses from its letters and considering any issues raised by Professor Tracy		Still to be finalised

64/2017	Unfenced and Unsealed Airstrips	
Responsible Officer	General Manager	
File Number	LD11.1 –A6.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
1. Council seek public comment regarding the need to maintain the airstrips at Enngonia, Fords Bridge and Byrock. 2. That Council engage Tom Griffiths of Airport Plus to prepare a report detailing the issues to be considered in deciding whether to maintain the three (3) strips.		In progress

156/2017	State Emergency Services – Vehicle Storage Service	
Responsible Officer	Peter Brown – Manager of Town Services	
File Number	E4.4	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
That Council work with State Emergency Service to find a suitable site for the vehicle storage shed That a report be bought back to Council detailing cost and funding options.		Approach lodged under Stronger Country Communities Fund

202/2017-250/2017	Western Local Health District (WLHD)	
Responsible Officer	Mayor	
File Number	H1.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Council write to Western Local Health District (WLHD) requesting information and statistics for births to Bourke women for the period 01/07/2015 to date, including:- 1. Numbers of births 2. Places where born 3. Mother and baby mortality rate 4. Number of induced births 5. Number of forceps – assisted delivery 6. Number of Caesarean sections performed 7. Effects on mothers of giving birth away from Country 8. Results of any patient satisfactory survey 9. Location of Plant & Equipment previously used in Birthing Unit at Bourke District Hospital 10. Details of the model of care in place at present		Further letter sent Request again lodged January 2018 No reply received as yet to second request

292/2017	Visit by Bulloo Shire Council
Responsible Officer	General Manager/Manager Tourism & Economic Development
File Number	T4.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council attempt to further enhance the cross border relationship with Bulloo Shire and seek to extend the relationship to include Brewarrina and Walgett Shire of the south of the border and Paroo and Balonne Shires on the Northern side of the border	Meeting arranged with Tourism Minister in Bourke 29/05/18
326/2017	Land Purchase
Responsible Officer	Mayor/General Manager/Manager of Corporate Services
File Number	B3.4
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council proceed with the purchase of the Lot 1 Section 2 in DP 758144 The Council engage a registered surveyor to prepare the plan of subdivision or boundary realignment That Council approve the fixing of the seal to all relevant documentation in relation to the sale. That the funding be provided from the Infrastructure renewal reserve	In progress
347/2017	Wanaaring Medical Centre/RFDS
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	V1.7
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the NSW Department of Health address the emergency medical after hours' response at Wanaaring as a matter of priority.	Current information sent to Councillors
386/2017	Bourke School of District Education
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	E1.8
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
General Manager organise a meeting with Sean Andrews of the Department of Education with a view to ascertain plans for the long-term future and administration of the Bourke School of Distance Education	Changes to boundaries have necessitated a delay
411/2017	Council Owned Land – Potential Disposal
Responsible Officer	GM
File Number	A11.1 – A11.1.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Report to be brought back to Council regarding the potential disposal of the Council owned land in the Northern Section of Mitchell Street	Land identified & details provided

429/2017	Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre Review	
Responsible Officer	Manager of Tourism & Economic Development	
File Number	T4.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Manager Tourism and Economic Development undertake a review of the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre including the Visitor Information Centre operations and present recommendations pertinent to its ongoing operation		MT&ED position vacant

450/2017	Finalisation of Lease to Bourke and District Children's Services	
Responsible Officer	General Manager/MCS	
File Number	A11.1.4	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Council prepare a Plan of Management in respect of the Golf Course Precinct Council agree to the lease of the both the Old Golf Club Building and the New Pre-School building for a period of five (5) years from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2021 with the option for two (2) additional periods of five (5) years, subject to them meeting the terms and conditions of the lease agreement. That the intent to lease the premises to BDCS be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act. That the terms and conditions of the lease be as determined		To be completed

451/2017	Strategic Land Purchase	
Responsible Officer	General Manager	
File Number	B3.4	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Council ascertain information regarding the availability of land that may be suitable to meet the long term strategic needs of Council.		Continuing

15/2018	Pilot Project with the Department of Planning to Undertake Modelling with Local Communities to Better Understand the Implications and Factors Contributing to Population Change	
Responsible Officer	General Manager	
File Number	E5.2	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
That Council ensure that it has adequately trained staff and/or consultants to ensure the smooth transition to the new requirements.		Meeting held 10 th April 2018

48/2018	Holding of Council Meetings in the Villages within the Shire.	
Responsible Officer	General Manager	
File Number	C12.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
The Ordinary Meeting to be held on Monday 27 th August 2018 be held in the village of Louth		To be actioned August 2018

51/2018	Grant For Fixing Country Roads – Approval to affix Seal of Council on the Funding Deed
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	G4.7-R7.4.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Affix the Seal of Council to the Funding Deed in relation to the Funding being made available under the Fixing Country Roads Program for the work on Main Road 405 Bourke to Milparinka via Wanaaring	To be finalised

67/2018	Housing Needs Assessment
Responsible Officer	Manager of Tourism & Economic Development
File Number	D2.10-D2.1-D2.7
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Undertake in-depth workshops with local industry stakeholders including real estate agents, conveyancers, specialist homelessness service providers, training and employment agencies, property developers and landowners. Housing Plus has conducted preliminary interviews with local stakeholders for this housing needs analysis; however, further workshops will enable Council to build greater depth of knowledge and understanding	DCP Working Party will address

78/2018	Late Notice of Motion – Australia Day Awards
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	B3.4
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Report be brought back to Council detailing options for the procedure in relation to the selection process for the Australia Day Awards	In progress

93/2018	Closed Session of Council- Confidential – Additional Staff Resources Required for the Undertaking of the Work on Main Road 405 Bourke to Milparinka via Wanaaring
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	R7.4.3-S6.18.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council amend its organisational structure to provide for the appointment of an Engineer to assume the responsibility for the Road Network for a period of two (2) years in additional to other duties that may be required	Position description finalised – advertising to be done in conjunction with other senior vacancies

94/2018	Closed Session of Council- Confidential – Water Supply Required for the Undertaking of the Work on Main Road 405 Bourke to Milparinka via Wanaaring
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	R7.4.3-P4.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. That Council undertake an evaluation of the current bores along the Wanaaring Road to ascertain the suitability and ability to supply the water required for the proposed project, should the bores prove to be unsuitable or do not have the ability to provide the amount of water required then Council undertake the following:-</p> <p>a) That Council call tenders for the construction of two (2) bores strategically placed to ensure that there is an adequate and accessible water supply to the three (3) areas on the Wanaaring Road proposed to be sealed under the fixing Country Roads Funding Program</p> <p>b) That the General Manager be delegated authority to accept the tender deemed to be most advantageous</p>	<p>1. Existing bores proved unsuitable</p> <p>2. Quotation called & contract let for a bore at Gumbalie</p>

95/2018	Closed Session of Council- Confidential – Additional Plant Required for the Undertaking of the Work on Main Road 405 Bourke to Milparinka via Wanaaring
Responsible Officer	Manager of Road Services
File Number	R7.4.3-P4.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. That Council purchase three (3) new rollers to be utilised on the Wanaaring Road Project.</p> <p>2. That Council purchase a new Prime Mover, side tippers and dolly for the Wanaaring Road Project.</p> <p>3. That Council fund the purchase of the equipment via loan funding and existing reserve fund.</p> <p>4. That Council delegate to the General Manager authority to determine the most effective procurement method considering both the options of utilising Local Government Procurement or going to Open Tender.</p> <p>5. That The General Manager be delegated Authority to accept the tenders deemed to be most advantageous to Council from an evaluation by the Engineering staff.</p>	<p>Rollers ordered</p> <p>Side tippers & dolly ordered</p> <p>See report in Closed Session of Council May 2018 Meeting</p>

109/2018	2019 Western Division Conference
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	L8.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. A tentative date be determined after consultation with both Local Government New South Wales and the NSW Parliamentary sitting day schedule to allow for the early issue of invitations to proposed speakers.</p> <p>2. That the General Manager takes appropriate action to secure sponsorship for the Conference.</p>	<p>Deputy Premier the Hon. John Barilaro, MP to open 23-25 February 2019</p>

128/2018	North Bourke Cricket Oval – Two Water Holes Cricket Oval
Responsible Officer	Manager of Works
File Number	C12.5 – S4.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council upgrade the cricket pitch at the North Bourke Cricket Oval	To be completed

140/2018	Confidential – New Administration Building/Hub
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File Number	A3.10
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council contribute up to \$20,000 from the Infrastructure Renewal Reserve to develop a concept plan to build a new administration hub including library and commercial facilities for public/professional use	To be finalised

152/2018	Changes to Native Vegetation Management
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	D2.1-L1.12
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the matter be referred to Local Government New South Wales to ascertain the impact on rural Councils in NSW	To be completed

154/2018	Candidates for the 2019 State Election
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	E2.4
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council identify the priorities for funding for our community and convey those to those persons who have already indicated their intention to nominate and those who will nominate prior to the close of nominations	To be compiled

107/2018	Senior Staff Recruitment Manager of Tourism & Manager of Economic Development
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	S6.32
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council expedite the recruitment of a Tourism Manager and an Economic Development Manager with the position descriptions be developed for both roles and that the Council structure and budget be amended accordingly	Position description being finalised

180/2018	CONFIDENTIAL - Management of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
File Number	S10.2.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council call tenders for the Contract for the Management of the Bourke War Memorial Pool for three (3) years commencing 1st July 2018 with an option for two (2) one (1) year extensions.	In progress
2. That the current lessees LOWMAC Pty Ltd be advised accordingly	Completed

181/2018	CONFIDENTIAL - Development of Airport Subdivision	
Responsible Officer	Manager of Tourism & Economic Development	
File Number	D3.5	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Council sell 6 Peter Bryant Way, North Bourke, Lot 100 DP 1049207 to BREOSLA PTY LTD (or as instructed by BREOSLA PTY LTD) the sale, subject to the Development Approval.		Letter of offer sent

182/2018	CONFIDENTIAL - Disposal of Assets to Whiddon Group	
Responsible Officer	Manager of Tourism & Economic Development	
File Number	A11.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
Council transfer the land made up of Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 2 DP 227656 to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for \$1.00 with the following conditions:- Registration of a restriction on use/positive covenant which imposes a requirement that the land is used only for the provision of aged care facilities/services; Execution of a deed between Council and The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group that imposes an obligation on The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to re-transfer the land to Council in the event that The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group proposes to sell the land to a third party (except with prior approval of Council); and Registration of a caveat over the land to protect Council's interests referred to in the Deed referred to in 2. Above.		In progress

Resolution

198/2018 That the information in the Business Arising as presented to Council on Monday, 28 th May 2018 be received and noted.		
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Rice	Carried

Engineering Services Departments

File No:	V1.5
Report: 103/2018	Louth Airstrip – Requested Extension
Responsible Officer:	Manager Works Peter Brown

Background

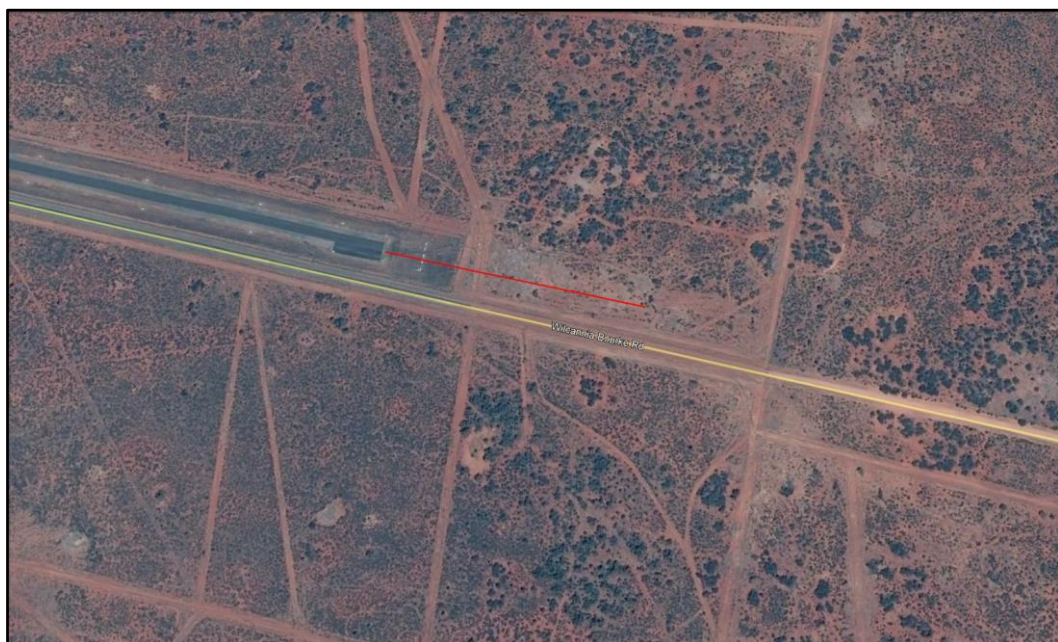
At the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 24th October 2016 Council were addressed by Don Le Lievre about the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) struggling to land at the Louth Airstrip when conditions were less than favourable and would like the Airstrip lengthened from 1100m x 15m to a possible 1300m x 18m Minimum. Council asked that a report be bought back to Council on the cost of upgrading the length and width of the Louth Airstrip.

Report

The RFDS were contacted by Council about any issues they had with the Louth Airstrip, their response was that they did have minor issues with take-off in current model B200 plane (no longer made) when the temperature was above 38 degrees, due to weight, and that when these Aircraft are due for an upgrade to a B350 Kingair. This could cause further issues due to the new planes having more weight.

The Louth Airstrip runs East/West on the outskirts of the entry to Louth from Bourke. Council are custodians of the land to the western end of the strip and the Eastern end is privately owned with an irrigation pipe running through the paddock that would need to be relocated if permission was granted from the owner to extend the airstrip.

Unfortunately the western end of the Airstrip may be unsuitable for the extension due to close proximity of the local waste depot and houses in the vicinity and the large cost to backfill the area with clean fill.



Possible extension in red 400m Eastern end of the Airstrip Louth

Financial:

Options

	Description	Cost
Upgrade Eastern End	Importing of Gravel and compaction Fencing & Lighting	\$530,283.05
Eastern End	Acquire Land and relocate pipe	\$20,000.00
		Total Cost \$550,283.05

2. To complete the western end \$296,228.00 of backfill material will need to be added to the total cost of option number one, less the land acquisition.

Resolution

199/2018

1. That Council note the report on the costs for extending the Louth Airstrip.
2. That Council explore options for funding for the extension of the Louth Airstrip.
3. That Council start negotiations with the current land owner to purchase a parcel of land that would allow for the proposed extension of the Louth Airstrip.
4. That Council continue to monitor the Louth Airstrip and maintain the status quo.

Moved Cr Ford

Seconded Cr Cole

Carried

General Manager

File No	L8.24
Report: 337/2018 ★	The Proposal to Establish a Joint Organisation of Councils Involving Bourke Brewarrina, Walgett and Cobar Shire
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Local Government Reform Process has been with us for some time now and Council has considered a myriad of reports and submissions.

In the reports issued by the Independent Local Government Review Panel the eight (8) Councils in the Far West of the State were identified as requiring special consideration and through much of the reform process has seen this special consideration has been evident.

Council has previously had the opportunity to form or join a Joint Organisation of Councils (JO) however elected not to do so. Council initially determined it would join a JO but the decision was subject to a recession motion.

The decision of Council was as follows:-

Resolution

101/2018 That Council advise the Minister that our membership of OROC is very successful, voluntary, cost effective in achieving the Government's objectives and that at the meeting of 26th March 2018 that Council advise that we no longer wish to become a member of a JO.

Moved Cr Stutsel

Seconded Cr Davis

Carried

Current Situation:

Mayor Barry Hollman and I, along with the Mayors, of Walgett, Brewarrina, Balranald, Wentworth, Cobar Shires and Broken Hill City Council, the Administrator of Central Darling Shire and the General Managers of each Council attended a meeting at Parliament House on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 hosted by the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP.

The meeting focussed on plans for the Far West of the State following the decision not to proceed with the Far West Initiative. The two (2) Local Members whose electorates cover the footprint of those Councils, Kevin Humphries, MP the Member for Barwon and Austin Evans, MP the Member for Murray and the Parliamentary Secretary for Western New South Wales the Hon. Rick Colless, MLC were also be in attendance.

The President of Local Government New South Wales, Linda Scott and Chief Executive, Donna Rygate also attended.

The Deputy Premier invited Steve Orr from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to provide details of the plan which effectively involves the proposed formation of two (2) JOs.

The proposed includes the eight (8) Councils who were previously identified for participation in the Far West Initiative.

Balranald, Broken Hill Central Darling and Wentworth had previously indicated that they would be prepared to form a JO and the proposal is that the remaining four (4) Councils would also form a JO basically creating North and South JO's in the Far West.

One of the concerns for all Councils in relation to the formation of JOs has been the ongoing administration costs.

The proposal put forward was supported by a financial package aimed at assisting Councils establish a JO and also address some the issues facing Councils. The Package tabled was as follows:-

- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation to update existing western road plans in their region;
- \$500,000 to each Joint Organisation to employ an Executive Officer and any support staff required;
- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation towards planning support with NSW Public Works;
- \$5 million to each Joint Organisation to invest in tourism and culture infrastructure projects to grow the visitor economy; and
- Funding to re-establish Far West Air Services to Cobar, Bourke and Lightning Ridge or Walgett with the opportunity to upgrade airport facilities in both the north and south.

The package of assistance offered to the other JOs was limited to a one off \$300,000.00 grant.

In respect of the package the total figure announced was \$20 million dollars and if you add the components detailed above it adds to \$12 million dollars with the balance being in the first instance allocated to the establishment of an air service to Cobar, Walgett and Bourke. Any funds not required to assist with the provision of an airline would then be allocated amongst the eight (8) Councils to assist with the provision of airport facilities.

The actual quantum of funds available for the assistance with the provision of an air service is at this stage commercial in confidence for obvious reasons but the arithmetic above is my interpretation.

Bourke Shire Council held a workshop to consider the proposal to be part of the "North Far West" JO along with Cobar, Walgett and Brewarrina on Monday, 21st May 2018.

The Workshop was convened so that any queries in relation to the proposal can be raised and answers obtained prior to the meeting of Council. To that end, Laura Clark the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Deputy Premier and Chris Presland from the Office of Local Government made themselves available to participate in the workshop via teleconference and their input was appreciated.

Some of the issues clarified were as follows:-

- The funding made available for tourism and culture was not subject to any Benefit Cost Ratio noting the issues faced by the Councils in the Far West.
- Should any of the four (4) Councils not join the JO then they would be still eligible for the funding but would not be at the table in the decision making process
- The decision of Council to participate or not, should be made by the end of the month
- There was no identified time period that the administration contribution had to last
- The way in which the funding in relation to both the engagement of the RMS and Department of Public Works was a matter for the JO
- The Councils in the JO could at a later date elect to transfer to another JO subject to that JO accepting them
- There is nothing stopping a Council being an associate member of another JO
- Other Councils could join the Northern JO but would not be entitled to receive the funding
- The current policy of the Minister is that there needs to be at least three (3) Councils in a JO but the legislation only states two (2) would be considered.

There are a number of questions that need to be clarified including:-

- If the four (4) Councils elected to join the Orana JO would the money be available for both the tourism and cultural funding and the funding for the air service still be available.
- Would that money be available if we elected not to go into a JO
- Is there any intent by the Government to change the structure of the elected Councils
- Will all Councils still retain their own General Manager

These questions will be answered prior to the meeting.

Given the resolution that was previously passed by Council it is likely that a rescission motion may be required. I will attempt to determine this prior to the meeting.

It is important to note that the Deputy Premier has sought a response from the Western Division Councils prior to the 31st May 2018.

A copy of the presentation given at the meeting plus a copy of the Deputy Premier's press release has been previously sent to Councillors.

Financial Implications

The proposed funding package includes:-

- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation to update existing western road plans in their region;
- \$500,000 to each Joint Organisation to employ an Executive Officer and any support staff required;
- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation towards planning support with NSW Public Works;
- \$5 million to each Joint Organisation to invest in tourism and culture infrastructure projects to grow the visitor economy; and
- Funding to re-establish Far West Air Services to Cobar, Bourke and Lightning Ridge or Walgett with the opportunity to upgrade airport facilities in both the north and south.

Whilst there is funding for the initial period of operation there is no guarantee of any ongoing funding although it would be hard for the State Government to place the viability of the Joint Organisations at risk if they are functioning successfully

Recommendation:

1. That Bourke Shire Council indicated agreement to join a Joint Organisation involving Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Cobar Shires.
2. That Bourke Shire Council indicated and expression of interest to become an Associate Member of the Joint Organisation based in the Orana Region.
3. That Bourke Shire Council seeks an assurance from the Deputy Premier that the participation on the Joint Organisation will not impact on the structure of the current elected body nor their ability to maintain their own General Manager.
4. That Bourke Shire joins with Councils in the other Joint Organisations in asking the State Government to consider the provision of ongoing funding of the Joint Organisation.
5. That Council retain its membership of both the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils and Western Division for a minimum period of 12 months whilst the roles and responsibilities of the various Joint Organisation proposed to be formed.

9.50am Cr Bartley left the room

9.53am Cr Bartley returned to the room

Resolution

200/2018 That In accordance with Part 7 of Chapter 12 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act), the Bourke Shire Council (Council)

1. Inform the Minister for Local Government (Minister) of the Council's endorsement of the Minister recommending to the Governor the establishment of a Joint Organisation (JO) in accordance with this resolution.
2. To approve the inclusion of the Council's area in the Joint Organisation's area.
3. That the Joint Organisation be established to cover the Council's area and any one or more of the following Council areas:-
 - a) Brewarrina Shire Council
 - b) Cobar Shire Council
 - c) Walgett Shire Council
4. That the General Manager provide the Minister with a copy of this resolution including the date on which Council made this resolution.
 1. That Bourke Shire Council indicated and expression of interest to become an Associate Member of the Joint Organisation based in the Orana Region.
 1. That Bourke Shire Council seeks an assurance from the Deputy Premier that the participation on the Joint Organisation will not impact on the structure of the current elected body nor their ability to maintain their own General Manager.
 2. That Bourke Shire joins with Councils in the other Joint Organisations in asking the State Government to consider the provision of ongoing funding of the Joint Organisation.
 3. That Council retain its membership of both the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils and Western Division for a minimum period of 12 months whilst the roles and responsibilities of the various Joint Organisation proposed to be formed.

Moved Cr Cole

Seconded Cr Davis

Carried

Cr Stutsel and Cr Thompson requested to have their vote recorded against the motion

Cr Cole left the meeting at 9.56am

File No	E5.2
Report: 338/2018	Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

An extensive recruitment process has taken place for the position of a Senior Project Officer to facilitate a number of objectives under the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy.

Current Situation:

An offer of employment has been made and following the acceptance of the position by the successful applicant it is anticipated that the person will be able to start in early June 2018

Financial Implications

Funding was provided for by Training New South Wales for a two (2) year amounting to a total of \$320,000.00

Resolution

201/2018 That Council note report in relation to the appointment of a Senior Project Officer to facilitate the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried

Resolution at 10.04am

202/2018 That Council Suspend Standing Orders for an update from Pat Canty from Far West Health and Commander Greg Moore and Inspector Andrew Hurst of Central North Police District (CNPD).		
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried

10.14am Cr Cole returned to the meeting

11.00am Cr Cole left the meeting

Resolution at 11.21am

203/2018 That Council resume Standing Orders		
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried

Motion

That Council convey to RaRMS its concern about the impending cessation of forensic clinical examination for sexual assault cases which will occur with the departure of Dr Hayder and request urgent advice as to what steps are being taken to redress this situation.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Ford	

Amendment

That Council convey to RaRMS and the Minister for Health its concern about the impending cessation of forensic clinical examination for sexual assault cases which will occur with the departure of Dr Hayder and request urgent advice as to what steps are being taken to redress this situation.

Moved Cr Stutsel

Seconded Cr Thompson

Lost

The motion became the resolution

Resolution

204/2018 That Council convey to RaRMS its concern about the impending cessation of forensic clinical examination for sexual assault cases which will occur with the departure of Dr Hayder and request urgent advice as to what steps are being taken to redress this situation.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Ford

Carried

File No	D4.7
Report: 339/2018 ★	Meeting of The Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The next meeting of OROC will be held in Coonabarabran on the 8th June and both the Mayor and I will be in attendance.

Current Situation:

With the proposal to establish an Orana based Joint Organisation of Councils the need for the continuation of OROC has been raised.

OROC currently has 12 members Bourke, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Warrumbungle, Bogan, Warren, Narromine, Gilgandra, Cobar, Mid-Western, Walgett Shires and Dubbo Regional Council.

At the moment Gilgandra, Narromine, Mid-Western, Cobar and Warrumbungle have been proclaimed as part of the Orana JO, however, this may change depending on the decision of Cobar on relation to the opportunity to be part of a Far West JO involving Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and themselves.

Warren has indicated that they will be joining the Orana JO.

Coonamble, Brewarrina, Walgett, Bogan, Bourke and Dubbo have at this stage not indicated their preparedness to join a JO.

In the main all of these Councils would retain membership of OROC.

There are a number of areas in which OROC have been involved and it is important for all current members to ensure that there is a continuation of these functions whilst any transition to the new JOs takes place and the roles and responsibilities of the JOs are finalised.

Financial Implications

Councils membership of OROC is covered within the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Operational Plans.

Resolution

205/2018

1. That Council Note the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the meeting of OROC.
2. That Council indicate is support for the continuation of OROC for a minimum period of 12 months whilst the roles and responsibilities for the various JOs are determined.

Moved Cr Ford

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

Corporate Services Department Report

File No:	F1.1
Report: 415/2018	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30th April 2018

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$668,275.84
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$2,012.15
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$8,366.98
Balance as per Cash Book	\$661,921.01

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30th April 2018

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$11,754,284.02	\$200,000.00
Water	\$3,616,860.66	
Sewer	\$1,519,161.46	
Trust	\$80,346.90	
Total Funds	\$16,970,653.04	

Investments as at 30th April 2018

National Australia Bank	\$1,073,751.94	2.50 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,325,882.33	2.45 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,012,602.74	2.50 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$425,538.84	2.45 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,749,261.26	2.52 %	274 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,057,007.36	2.50 %	183 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,675,295.49	2.51 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$663,920.81	2.49 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,141,185.66	2.51 %	273 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,039,116.76	2.52 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$759,670.83	2.49 %	185 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$638,019.63	2.56 %	183 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$390,685.38	2.59 %	215 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,627,345.71	2.60 %	309 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,020,606.08	2.62 %	334 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$708,841.21	Flex		
Total Investments	\$16,308,732.03			

In accordance with Clause 212 of the Local Government Act (General) Regulation 2005 is certified that the above investments have been made under Sec 625 of the Local Government Act and Council's Investment Policy.

Reconciliation at 30th April 2018

Balance as per cash book	\$661,921.01
Investments	\$16,308,732.03
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	\$16,970,653.04

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th April 2018

	Balance 31 st March 2018	Transaction	Balance 30 th April 2018
General Fund	\$11,243,883.66	\$510,400.36	\$11,754,284.02
Water Fund	\$4,118,542.86	-\$501,682.20	\$3,616,860.66
Sewer Fund	\$1,544,271.04	-\$25,109.58	\$1,519,161.46
Trust Fund	\$80,715.31	-\$368.41	\$80,346.90
Investments	-\$16,764,843.22	\$456,111.19	-\$16,308,732.03
Totals	\$222,569.65	\$439351.36	\$661,921.01

Balance of all Funds as at 31st March 2018

\$222,569.65

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	\$70,537.10
(b) Other Cash	\$3,734,104.79
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	\$3,821,401.72
(b) New Investment	-\$456,111.19
Balance as 30 th April 2018	\$661,921.01

Resolution

206/2018 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th April 2018 be noted.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

Leonie Brown

Manager of Corporate Services

File No:	F1.1
Report: 416/2018	Investment Report as at 30 th April 2018
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

Under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report on Council's Investment portfolio on a monthly basis.

Background

The report is submitted monthly to Council

Issues

- Investments are in accordance with Division of Local Government Guidelines and Council's Investment Policy
- Statutory obligations are being met
- Councillors roles as resource allocators and policy directors are satisfied

Assessment

1. Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The management of Council's investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

2. Financial Implications/Consideration

The 2017/18 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as \$295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 30th April 2018 is \$16,308,732.03.

Investment income earned as at 30th April 2018 is \$334,164.46..

3. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 22nd August 2016.

Ministerial Investment Order – 12th January 2011

4. Strategic Implications – Implications For Long Term Plans/Targets

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements

Investment Portfolio

Council's current Investment Portfolio is as follows:-

Investments as at 30th April 2018

National Australia Bank	\$1,073,751.94	2.50 %	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,325,882.33	2.45 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,012,602.74	2.50 %	365 Days	A1+
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Total Investments	\$16,308,732.03			

Term Deposits

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%

Average Investment Yield 2.45%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio decreased by \$456,111.19 during the period.

The investment portfolio is invested in term deposits with the National Australia Bank. The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed in order to maximise investment performance and minimise risk.

The Government Guarantee on Investments up to \$1 million dollars has now expired and the new cap of \$250,000 has replaced the scheme.

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

Resolution

207/2018

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30th April 2018 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

File No:	C11.2
Report: 417/2018	Councillors Remuneration
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction:

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its determination for 2018/19 and has determined that fees for Councillors and Mayors should be increased by 2.54% with this increase effective from 1st July 2018.

Bourke is a Rural Council in the scale of fees and the revised fees for a Rural Council are:-

	Min	Max
Councillor	\$8,970 pa (*\$8,750)	\$11,860 pa (*\$11,570)
Mayor (additional to above)	\$9,540 pa (*\$9,310)	\$25,880 pa (*\$25,250)

(* Previous fees applicable to Rural Councils are the bracketed figures)

Background

Council has previously adopted a policy of paying the maximum fees for Councillors and the Mayor. This recognises the heavy workload placed on the Mayor and Councillors of the Bourke Shire in undertaking their duties.

The Local Government Act 1993 states that:-

248 Fixing and payment of annual fees for Councillors

- (1) A Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee.
- (2) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each Councillor.
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

248A Annual fees or other remuneration not to be paid during period of suspension

A Council must not at any time pay any fee or other remuneration, or any expenses, to which a Councillor would otherwise be entitled as the holder of a civic office, in respect of any period during which:-

- (a) the Councillor is suspended from civic office under this Act, or
- (b) the Councillor's right to be paid any such fee or other remuneration, or expense, is suspended under this Act, unless another provision of this Act specifically authorises payment to be made, or specifically permits a person to authorise payment to be made, when the suspension is terminated.

249 Fixing and payment of annual fees for the mayor

- (1) A Council must pay the mayor an annual fee.
- (2) The annual fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the mayor as a Councillor.
- (3) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (5) A Council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the Council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

Determination No. 2- Determination Pursuant to Section 241 of Fees for Councillors and Mayors
Pursuant to s.241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2018 are determined as follows:-

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils – Metropolitan	Principal CBD	26,970	39,540	164,980	217,080
	Major CBD	17,980	33,310	38,200	107,620
	Metropolitan Large	17,980	29,670	38,200	86,440
	Metropolitan Medium	13,480	25,160	28,640	66,860
	Metropolitan Small	8,970	19,790	19,100	43,150
General Purpose Councils – Non-metropolitan	Regional City	17,980	31,260	38,200	97,370
	Regional Strategic Area	17,980	29,670	38,200	86,440
	Regional Rural	8,970	19,790	19,100	43,170
	Rural	8,970	11,860	9,540	25,880
County Councils	Water	1,780	9,890	3,820	16,250
	Other	1,780	5,910	3,820	10,790

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

Financial Implication

At the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved that in the compilation of the 2018/2019 Operational Plan that the fee paid to Councillor be the maximum amount.

The maximum fee for both the Mayor and Councillors is included in the draft operational plan.

Resolution

208/2018 That Council pay the maximum fee prescribed for a Rural Council and the maximum fee applicable to the Mayor, within the Rural Group as specified by the Local Government Act, with those fees being \$11,860 and \$25,880 respectively to the Mayor and Councillors.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Ford

Carried

File No:	P4.2.10
Report: 418/2018 ★	Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operation Plan 2018/2019
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background:

Section 404 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides as follows:-

(1) A Council must have a program (its "Delivery Program") detailing the principal activities to be undertaken by the Council to implement the strategies established by the community strategic plan within the resources available under the resourcing strategy.

(2) The delivery program must include a method of assessment to determine the effectiveness of each principal activity detailed in the delivery program in implementing the strategies and achieving the strategic objectives at which the principal activity is directed.

(3) The Council must establish a new delivery program after each ordinary election of Councillors to cover the principal activities of the Council for the four (4) year period commencing on 1 July following the election.

(4) A draft delivery program must be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and submissions received by the Council must be considered by the Council before the delivery program is adopted by the Council.

(5) The General Manager must ensure that regular progress reports are provided to the Council reporting as to its progress with respect to the principal activities detailed in its delivery program. Progress reports must be provided at least every six (6) months.

Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides as follows:-

(1) A Council must have a plan (its "Operational Plan") that is adopted before the beginning of each year and details the activities to be engaged in by the Council during the year as part of the delivery program covering that year.

(2) An operational plan must include a statement of the Council's revenue policy for the year covered by the operational plan. The statement of revenue policy must include the statements and particulars required by the regulations.

(3) A Council must prepare a draft operational plan and give public notice of the draft indicating that submissions may be made to the Council at any time during the period (not less than 28 days) that the draft is to be on public exhibition. The Council must publicly exhibit the draft operational plan in accordance with the notice.

(4) During the period of public exhibition, the Council must have for inspection at its office (and at such other places as it may determine) a map that shows those parts of its area to which each category and sub-category of the ordinary rate and each special rate included in the draft operational plan applies.

(5) In deciding on the final operational plan to be adopted, a Council must consider any submissions that have been made concerning the draft plan.

(6) The Council must post a copy of its operational plan on the Council's website within 28 days after the plan is adopted.

Please Note: The Draft Delivery Programme 2017-2021 and the Draft Operational Plan 2018/2019 are presented as a single document

Current Situation:

As required the Delivery Program for 2017-2021 and the Operational Plan for 2018-2019 was prepared and presented to Council on the 26th March 2018 where it was resolved to place the documents on public exhibition in accordance with 404 (4) and 405 (3) as detailed above.

The availability of the documents was advertised in the Western Herald and The New Bourke Times with the documents placed on Council's website with hard copies available from the Council Chambers and Bourke Public Library. Copies of the documents were also provided on request.

As resolved the exhibition period went until Friday, 4th May 2018.

Two (2) letters were received from the public in regards to the installation of kerb and gutter in Tarcoon Street. This correspondence was presented to the April Ordinary Meeting of Councils for consideration. At this time Council determined:

Resolution

163/2018 That Council note the request and management monitor the budget for opportunities to undertake the requested works within the adopted budget during 2018/2019.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Rice

Carried

Delivery Program

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 23rd April 2018 to split the position of Tourism and Economic Development. An amendment to the staff structure will be required to the Delivery Program to capture the Manager of Economic Development and Manager of Tourism positions.

Amendments to Operational Plan 2018/2019 are detailed below

1. Salaries and Wages

Council resolved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 23rd April 2018 to split the position of Tourism and Economic Development. A review of the Salaries and Wages for the Economic Affairs department has been undertaken to include the additional costs. The draft estimate totalled \$603,307 for Salaries and Wages.

- The draft estimates included a second Captain for the Jandra during the busy tourist period however, a review of the operational hours of the Jandra now allows for a saving within this area as the second Captain is no longer required for the whole period. These hours have been reduced
- The additional costs to employ a Manager of Tourism has now been included the net difference is anticipated to be \$14,700.

2. Emergency Services Contributions

Council is now in receipt of correspondence received from NSW Government Revenue in regards to the contributions payable for the Emergency Services contribution.

Organisation	Estimate	Confirmation	Reduction
Fire and Rescue NSW	\$35,300	\$32,900	\$2,400
NSW State Emergency Service	\$5,450	\$3,800	1,650
NSW Rural Fire Service	\$119,600	\$109,000	\$10,600
			\$14,650

3. Fees and Charges

Council a number of years ago implemented a minimum fee for user pay water charges, this minimum fee is charged to all Water accounts that are less than \$30.00. The new financial system is unable to readily accommodate this fee.

Currently staff are having to manually complete the requirements of charging the fee for accounts under \$30.00. This is time consuming and not productive due the complexity of undertaking the process. A review of the cost to make the adjustment has been undertaken, this review highlighted that the time taken to make the adjustments exceeded the income received.

It also highlighted that the manual adjustment may be confusing for the water user.

It is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the current estimates.

4. Rates and Charges

The schedule of Rates and Charges advertised for Ordinary rates – Mines was \$1.607 cent in the dollar for the Land Values. This amount is incorrect and should be \$1.609 cent in the dollar. An adjustment to this amount is now required. There is no impact financially as Council has no properties currently categorised as mining.

Raw Water access charges for 20mm connections was incorrectly advertised at \$491.00 not \$505.00. This will be adjusted in the final document. There is no impact financially as Council does not currently have 20mm raw water access connections.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications involved in the preparation of the Delivery Program 2017-2021, however; the contents of the plan will have a significant impact and benefit on Council in planning for the future. Identified expenditure will be incorporated in future Operational Plans or when funding from other sources becomes available.

11.44am Cr Cole returned to the meeting

Resolution

209/2018

1. That Council adopt the Delivery Programme 2017-2021 as exhibited, subject to the inclusion of the reviewed structure for the Economic Affairs Department to include a Manager of Tourism and a Manager of Economic Affairs.
2. That Council adopt the Operational Plan 2018-2019 as exhibited, subject to the inclusion of the revised Salary and Wages for the Economic Affairs Department and contributions payable to the Emergency Services Contributions.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

210/2018 That Council adopts the Plant Replacement Schedule as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

211/2018 That Council adopts the Budget Estimates as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

212/2018 That Council adopts the Fees and Charges as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019 with the removal of the \$30.00 minimum fee for User Pay minimum water charges.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

213/2018 That Council adopt the Loan schedule as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2018/2019 including the total proposed borrowings of \$1,593,500.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

214/2018 That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2018/2019 Loan Schedule.

Borrowing Statement:-

Engineering Plant \$1,593,500

Total \$1,593,500

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Stutsel

Carried

Resolution

215/2018 That Council adopt the levy of rates and charges as advertised with an amendment to the Mines Ordinary Rate from \$1.607 cent in the dollar to \$1.609 cent in the dollar and increasing the 20mm raw water connection from \$491.00 to \$505.00:-

(a) Ordinary Rates 2018/2019

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald and New Bourke Times AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections have been received. A submission was received in the making of the Rate for mines and an adjustment made.

In making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019:-

Type of Rate	Cents in \$ Ad Valorum	Base amount
Ordinary Rate –Residential - Bourke	1.584	127.00
Ordinary Rates – Residential – North Bourke and High Street	1.317	103.00
Ordinary Rates – Residential – Village	3.092	36.00
Mines Ordinary Rate	1.609	510.00
Business Ordinary Rate	1.609	175.00
Ordinary Rates – Farmland – General	0.520	510.00

(b) User Charges/Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2018/2019

WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald and New Bourke Times AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections have been received. A submissions was received in making the User Charges for 20mm raw water connections and an adjustment made.

In making the User Charges in accordance with S501 and S502 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected or serviced in accordance with S552 as follows:-

Water:

Town/Village	Minimum	Usage Charge (c/kl)
Bourke and North Bourke	\$0.00	\$2.16
Water Access Charges		Charge
Filtered Water Access 20mm		\$196.00
Filtered Water Access 25mm		\$240.00
Filtered Water Access 32mm		\$490.00
Filtered Water Access 40mm		\$670.00
Filtered Water Access 50mm		\$919.00
Filtered Water Access 100mm		\$1,840.00
Raw Water Access 20mm		\$505.00
Raw Water Access 25mm		\$505.00

Raw Water Access 32mm		\$1,031.00
Raw Water Access 40mm		\$1,595.00
Raw Water Access 50mm		\$3,003.00
Raw Water Access 100mm		\$5,001.00
Village – Occupied		\$728.00
Village – Unoccupied		\$84.00
Sewer:		
Council has adopted a user charge applicable to residential and commercial use.		
Sewerage Charges		Charge
Sewage Access Single		\$714.00
Sewerage Access Multi		\$714.00
Urban Drainage:		
Council has adopted a user charge for urban drainage to carry out maintenance.		
Urban Drainage Charge		Charge
Drainage Charge		\$163.00
(c) Domestic Waste Management Service (Garbage) 2018/2019 WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald and New Bourke Times AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with s496 and s501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1/07/18 to 30/06/19 as follows:-		
Garbage Charges		Charge
Domestic Waste Charges		\$285.00
Trade Waste Charges		\$285.00
Village Tip Maintenance		\$99.00
(d) Fees and Charges 2018/2019:- WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald and New Bourke Times AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the fees and charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the fees and charges for period 1/07/18 to 30/06/19 AND FURTHER that Council, in setting these charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539 (What criteria are relevant to determining the amount charged).		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Bartley	Carried

File No:	P4.1
Report: 419/2018	Operational Plan Review to 31 st March 2018
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

Clause 203 (1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulations) requires a council's responsible accounting officer to prepare and submit a Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) to the governing body of council within two (2) months of the end of the quarter. Submitted hereunder is that report.

Background

The Division of Local Government released guidelines on the preparation of QBRS to Council in December 2010 with mandatory reporting in line with the guidelines commencing in July 2011.

The QBRS must show, by reference to the estimated income and expenditure that is set out in the operational plan adopted by Council for the relevant year, a revised estimate of income and expenditure for that year.

The guidelines also require the budget review statement to include a report by the responsible accounting officer as to whether or not they consider the statement indicates Council to be in a satisfactory financial position (with regard to its original budget) and if not, to include recommendations for remedial action.

Issues

- The QBRS must be prepared by the Responsible Accounting Officer and presented to Council within two months of the end of the quarter.
- The minimum format of the QBRS is governed by the Division of Local Government's Guidelines in December 2010.

Assessment

(a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulations) clause 203 requires a Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council within two months of the end of the quarter

Division of Local Government – Quarterly Budget Review Guidelines issued December 2010

(b) Financial Implications/Considerations

Council's original budget was adopted as part of the 2017/2018 Operational Plan on 20th June 2017 and reflected an overall cash based surplus of \$524,636.

(c) Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Practice

Nil

(d) Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

Community Strategic Plan

Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Discussion

The QBRs has been prepared for the March 2018 review period and is presented to Council for consideration.

This review has been undertaken in consultation with the General Manager, Managers and other officers where applicable.

Overall Financial Position

The revised consolidated budget result following the March QBRs is estimated to be a Surplus of \$958,842.

A break-up of the funds are detailed in the table below once depreciation has been added back:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues	Depreciation	Operating result
General	(\$42,024,562)	\$38,832,456	\$3,608,770	\$416,664
Water	(\$4,167,771)	\$4,178,095	\$345,500	\$355,824
Sewer	(\$1,418,857)	\$1,428,011	\$177,200	\$186,354
Total	(\$47,611,190)	\$44,438,562	\$4,131,470	\$958,842

The adjustments which have been identified during the Review are summarised below:

Operating and Capital Works Budgets:

Adjustment Description	Budget Impact
Operational Income – additional	406,143
Operational Expenses – additional	(235,383)
Capital Income and Contributions - increase	36,615
Capital Expenditure - additional	(62,615)
Transfer to/from Reserves	
Net adjustment - Budget	\$144,760
Summary	Budget Impact
Original Budget surplus	524,636
Adjustments from QBRs September 2017	268,977
Adjustments from QBRs December 2017	20,469
Adjustments from QBRs March 2018	144,760
Revised Budget	958,842

Conclusion

The financial position of Bourke Shire Council as at 31st March 2018 is considered to be satisfactory and is confirmed by the Report from the Responsible Accounting Officer provided under separate cover to Council.

Resolution

216/2018

1. That the document entitled "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2018" be received and noted
2. That the variations of income and expenditure as identified in the "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2018" be Adopted.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Cole

Carried

File No:	P4.1
Report: 420/2018	Delivery Program 3 rd Quarter Review 2017-2018
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background:

Enclosed is the third quarter review of the Delivery Plan for 2017-2018. The report highlights progress on the items that are listed in the Program.

Overall progress has been as expected most items now listed as 75% completed.

We continue to work where possible on the infrastructure issues such as improved mobile phone coverage and a regular passenger service for the airport.

A number of the village tours and community meetings held in regards to the Community Strategic Plan were held over the past three (3) months and these were well attended and very worthwhile.

Resolution

217/2018 That Council note the third quarter Delivery Program report as presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 28th May 2018.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Cole

Carried

File No:	R2.5
Report: 421/2017	Review of Capital Works Program 2017/18
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

A review of the 2017/18 Capital Works program has been undertaken by the Management team. Detailed below are recommendations of projects to be postponed or cancelled.

Issues

Staff resources are unable to complete all scheduled projects and grant funding was not available for some projects.

Assessment

- a) **Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines**
Council needs to resolve to cancel and/or postpone the projects.
- b) **Financial Implications/Considerations**
The funds from the postponed and cancelled projects will be returned to existing reserves
- c) **Policy Provisions - Council Policy and Practice**
There are no policy implications.

Project	Amount	Proposed Action
Cemetery Survey – GPS Mapping	\$25,000	Project moved to 2018/19. Grant funding to be applied for.
Cemetery Upgrade Water Lines	\$60,000	Project moved to 2018/19. Grant funding to be applied for.
Main Street Improvement – Bin Replacement	\$16,000	Cancel
Pump Pit S6 Mercy Park	\$15,000	Cancel
Enngonia Pump Stn Primary Bore	\$43,000	Project moved to 2018/19
Enngonia Elevd & Grnd Tank Storage	\$141,000	Cancel
Sludge Lagoon	\$50,000	Cancel
Charles Street Reservoir	\$750,000	Project moved to 2018/19
Re Aligning Sewer and Camera	\$350,000	Project moved to 2018/19
Ancillary Upgrade -Telemetry	\$6,750	Cancel
Additional Housing Stock	\$300,000	Project moved to 2018/19.

Recommendation

218/2018 That Council amend the Capital Works projects planned for 2017/18 as detailed in the report.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Bartley

Carried

Précis of Correspondence

File No:	A3.14-C12.5-H1.1
Report: 918/2018 ★	Letter of Support - Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region
Author:	Peter Vlatko, General Manager – Cobar Shire Council

That Council seek a letter of support from our neighbouring Councils representatives of OROC, RDA, the President of the LGA to support our representation to the Government on seeking an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health for a commitment from the NSW Government. This meeting is to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction of Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW.

Resolution

219/2018 That Council support the proposal by Cobar Shire Council and provide a letter of support regarding Government Incentive Programs for Attracting Health Care Professionals to the Region		
Moved Cr Stutsel	Seconded Cr Rice	Carried

File No:	C12.5-D5.1-D2.5
Report: 919/2018 ★	Community Contribution – 2018 Outback Rugby League Challenge
Author:	Margaret Gordon-Poole, Deputy Principal – Bourke Public School

Requesting that Council waive the hire of the Davidson Oval, supply in-kind assistance for the marking of the Oval, bins to be placed around the ovals and those bins to be emptied after the event and also requesting that the key cost be donated.

Recommendation:

That Council support the 2018 Outback Challenge in previous years.

Resolution

220/2018 That Council support the 2018 Outback Challenge as in previous years.		
Moved Cr Stutsel	Seconded Cr Bartley	Carried

File No:	C12.5-D5.1-D5.2-S4.5
Report: 920/2018 ★	Community Contribution – Bourke Warriors - 2018 Dubbo Rugby League Knockout
Author:	Les Barker, Bourke Warriors & Percy Edwards - Chairperson

Requesting a donation in the amount of \$1,860.00 for the cost of uniforms for the Bourke Warriors to participate in the 2018 Dubbo Rugby League Knockout Carnival to be held in

Dubbo on the 22nd September 2018. Also advising that Council's logo would be displayed on the jersey and that Council would be given a jersey for the donation.

Resolution

221/2018 That Council advise the Bourke Warriors that it is unable to accede to the request regarding 2018 Dubbo Rugby League Knockout.		
Moved Cr Bartley	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried

File No:	C12.5-G2.2-L8.3-M2.2-S1.1
Report: 921/2018	Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018
Author:	Cr Linda Scott, President – Local Government NSW

Formal invitation to the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018 to be held from Sunday, 21st October to Tuesday, 23rd October 2018 at the Entertainment Centre, Albury.

Resolution

222/2018 That the Mayor and General Manager attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018 to be held from Sunday, 21 st October to Tuesday, 23 rd October 2018 at the Entertainment Centre, Albury.		
Moved Cr Stutsel	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried

File No:	C12.5-
Report: 922/2018 ★	Mandatory Independent Hearing & Assessment Panels
Author:	Mayor, Councillor Greg Cummings, Cumberland Council

Requesting Council's support in seeking an exemption to the requirement for a mandatory Local Planning Panel. Cumberland Council has previously raised the following issues:-

- The mandatory nature of the panels
- Removal of the role of local Councils in determining Development Applications
- The extent of applications to be referred to the panels
- The financial and administrative cost of running such panels mandated by the State yet incurred by ratepayers of local Council.

Recommendation:

For Council's consideration

Resolution

223/2018 That Council note the correspondence from Cumberland Council in seeking and exemption to the requirement for Mandatory Independent Hearing & Assessment Panels		
Moved Cr Stutsel	Seconded Cr Bartley	Carried

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COBAR NSW 2835

Telephone: (02) 6836 5888
Facsimile: (02) 6836 3964

Email: mail@cobar.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.cobar.nsw.gov.au

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36 Linsley Street
COBAR NSW 2835

ABN: 71 579 717 155

"Regional Centre in Western NSW"

Monday, 16 April 2018

Bourke Shire Council
Mayor, Clr Barry Hollman
PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Mayor Hollman,

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RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT

Cobar Shire Council on behalf of our community is concerned with the apparent lack of incentives and or support provided to encourage and attract health services to our Shire and in particular to the Western Area of NSW.

The pressure on Councils to compete and provide incentives, that we can afford, to ensure that Doctors, Specialists and other health services are willing to come to Cobar and the region is becoming more difficult to sustain. This should be an issue for the State Government and the Minister to understand and provide appropriate actions that ensures our communities enjoy the services that others take for granted.

The Council at its March Ordinary Council Meeting resolved as follows:

"That Council seek an urgent meeting with the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Health to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to establish and provide incentives and programs for the attraction and delivering Doctors, Specialists and other staff to rural communities such as Cobar and in particular the Western Area of NSW."

That Council seek a Letter of Support from our neighbouring Councils representatives of OROC, RDA, the President of the LGNSW to support our representation to the Government on the matter".

I will be arranging the above fore mentioned meeting soon and respectfully seek a Letter of Support from Council/s, Regional Development Australia (RDA) and the Local Government Association.

It is important that we continue to remind the Government that the future trends, especially in the delivery of Health Services in our regions, does not treat our communities with equal consideration.

Cobar – On the crossroads of the Kidman Way and the Barrier Highway

Councils such as Cobar should not be expected to subsidise the delivery of health services when there are so many other competing needs on our limited rates base. Current government incentives appear to be very effective at attracting doctors and health specialists to the cities and large centres, leaving our area struggling to attract such services. This then forces our community to travel long distances for treatment which is not only placing additional pressure on their health and financial situations, but invariably leads to a leakage of cash from our local economies to large centres.

Our elderly often cannot drive the long distances, resulting in pressure on family and friends to take time off work to accompany them.

Well-resourced local governments are not forced to put time, effort and rates income into securing health professionals for their communities and neither should we. With over 170 vacancies for doctors in rural areas the pressure for large assistance packages falls on Councils in a bid to make our vacancies stand out and attractive.

I encourage your Council to join with us in our endeavours to have the state government understand the need for incentives to improve the access to doctors and health specialists in our region and to highlight the need for the state to take a leadership role in this. This will allow us to focus on providing quality infrastructure and services to our communities – which is our area of expertise

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Vlatko', written in a cursive style.

Peter Vlatko

GENERAL MANAGER



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Education

Bourke Public School

PO Box 405
BOURKE NSW 2840
Phone (02) 68722051
Fax (02) 68722278



To Whom It May Concern,

RE: THE 2017 OUTBACK CHALLENGE

The Outback Challenge will be held on Thursday 14th June 2018.

Bourke Public School would like to ask the Bourke Shire Council to support this event in the following ways:

- In previous years Terry Rankmore has marked the ovals for this event. We would appreciate if this continues
- We require bins and the emptying of those bins at the end of this event.
- The shire donated the key cost last year as their donation towards this event.

The Bourke Shire has been a sponsor of this event since it started in 2003. We appreciate your support and I hope it continues.

If you have any enquires or would like more information please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret Gordon
Deputy Principal
19th February 2018,

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**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
(DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIP, "IN KIND" SUPPORT)
2011/12**

Name of applicant organisation:	Margaret Gordon-Poole Bourke Public School
Postal Address:	Green Street Bourke Nsw 2840
Contact person:	Margaret Gordon-Poole
Position:	Deputy Principal
Phone number:	0268722051
Mobile number:	0427701550
Fax number:	
Email address:	Margaret.gordonpoole@det.nsw.edu.au

Enquiries are to be made to Council's Manager Corporate Services on 0268308000.

Completed applications are to be returned to Council no later than 4pm Friday,

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

An electronic version of the form can be made available upon request, or applications can be posted or hand delivered to:-

Bourke Shire Council
Financial Assistance Program
P O Box 21 / 29 Mitchell Street
BOURKE NSW 2840
Phone: 02 68308000 Fax: 02 68723030
Email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au

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INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Outback Rugby League Challenge is an event coordinated by Bourke Public School. This event enables primary school students the opportunity to participate in rugby league. It is a day that enables community organisations to interact with students, families and community members. The Outback Challenge also enables students to participate with NRL Ambassadors and it attracts media coverage not only for the event Bourke Public School but also for the Bourke Community.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- Yes/No
If no, where is it located?
What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 200

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

Bourke Public School would like to ask the Bourke Shire Council to support this event in the following ways:

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- The shire donated the key cost last year as their donation towards this event.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Davidson Oval.• In previous years Terry Rankmore has marked the ovals for this event. We would appreciate if this continues• We require bins and the emptying of those bins at the end of this event.• The shire donated the key cost last year as their donation towards this event.
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant
Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-
Property for which rates donation is sought:
Council's Rates Assessment Number:
Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:



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LES BARKER BOURKE WARRIORS

Percy Edwards | 0478823069 | lbbw2018@outlook.com

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Dear Recipient

Thank you for taking the time to consider sponsoring Les Barkers Bourke Warriors Rugby League team. It is through the generous support of local sponsors that we are able to serve our community. Since our non for profit organisation relies heavily on the generosity of individuals and businesses like yours, we are writing to ask for your consideration in giving either a monetary donation or a sponsorship.

Funds received from our sponsors help us to purchase uniforms, equipment and cover travel and accommodation costs for the 2018 Dubbo Rugby League knock out tournament. These donations will give local Indigenous players the opportunity to thrive within a competitive sport and represent their community.

Some of the ways we feel we could benefit your business through a sponsorship are by providing an inexpensive marketing tool. Your company logo will be featured on the team uniforms and on all of our social media sites including Facebook and Instagram, increasing brand awareness.

We are also open to any suggestions you may have in regards to making sponsorship work for both of us. Your support is greatly appreciated by the many volunteers who make this organisation succeed in providing a healthy and constructive activity for the Bourke Indigenous community. By making a donation to Les Barkers Bourke Warriors you become an important part of our community and help make our team a success.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Sincerely Percy Edwards

Abn 45 376 692 595

Percy Edwards Business Transaction Account

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Name of applicant organisation:	LES BARKER BOURKE WARRIORS
Postal Address:	4/55 LIVINGSTONE ROAD PETERSHAM 2049
Contact person:	PERCY EDWARDS
Position:	CHAIRPERSON
Phone number:	0478 823 069
Mobile number:	0478 823 069
Fax number:	—
Email address:	1b6w2018@outlook.com

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INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please provide a brief overview of your group / organisation:-

AN INDIGENOUS RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM REPRESENTING BOURKE. WE ARE ENTERING THE DUBBO RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT CARNIVAL (22nd SEPTEMBER 2018) AND DEDICATING THE TEAM TO LES BARKER. THE MAJORITY OF THE TEAM IS MADE UP OF INDIGENOUS PLAYERS RESIDING IN BOURKE

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- Yes/No

If no, where is it located? BOURKE IS MY HOMETOWN BUT I NOW RESIDE IN SYDNEY.

4/55 LIVINGSTONE RD PETERSHAM 2049

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 2

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

TO PURCHASE TEAM UNIFORMS FROM SINALLI SPORTSWEAR.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-

FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE BOURKE SHIRE WILL HELP US PROVIDE UNIFORMS. THE BOURKE SHIRE LOGO WILL FEATURE ON UNIFORMS. THE BOURKE SHIRE WILL RECEIVE A JERSEY FOR THEIR DONATION.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:
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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ 1860	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, please quote your ABN	45 376 692595	
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

To be completed for "in kind" support:-

(Please arrange appointment with appropriate Council staff to obtain a quote where necessary)

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		\$1860
Total (A)	\$1860	
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total (C)		
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)	\$1860	



Our ref: R15/0018 Out-27475

27 April 2018

Cr Barry Hollman
Mayor
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Cr Hollman

Official Notice: Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2018

I write to formally invite you to this year's Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference which will be held from **Sunday 21 October to Tuesday 23 October 2018 at the Entertainment Centre, Albury.**

As you are aware, the Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector where issues are debated and motions put forward for consideration by delegates.

This letter contains important information to help you participate fully in this year's Conference.

Registration – to attend the Conference

Conference attendees should be invited to register online from mid-July on the LGNSW website. Members will be able to take advantage of special 'early bird' rates.

Note: Voting delegates must be registered to attend the Conference and be registered as a voting delegate.

Registration – as a voting delegate

Separate from Conference registration, members must register the names of their delegates for voting on motions during formal business sessions.

To be eligible to vote at the Conference, members must be financial on both the calculation date (1 March 2018) and the date that the roll of voters closes (12 midnight, 26 August 2018 AEST). The formula for calculating members' voting entitlements is prescribed at Rule 23 of the LGNSW rules.

The number of voting delegates that each member is entitled to send to this year's Conference is set out in the table at **Annexure A**.

The deadline to provide LGNSW with the name(s) of nominated voting delegates is 5pm (AEST) on Tuesday 2 October 2018. Nominations of voting delegates received after the closing date/time cannot be accepted.

Voting delegates must be either an elected member of a council, county council, the Lord Howe Island Board, Norfolk Island Regional Council or Related Local Government Body or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

A form for advising LGNSW of the name(s) of members' nominated voting delegates is available on the Annual Conference page of the LGNSW website.

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L8, 28 MARGARET ST SYDNEY NSW 2000
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Substitution of nominated voting delegates

Subject to the LGNSW rules, a member may notify LGNSW of a change to the name of an already nominated voting delegate (a substitute delegate) by giving notice in writing signed by either the Mayor or the General Manager of the member to Michele O'Neill, Senior Industrial Officer, at Michele.Oneill@lgnsw.org.au, using the "*Substitute Delegate – Motions*" form available on the Annual Conference page of the LGNSW website.

For further information about substituting nominated voting delegates please contact Michele O'Neill on 02 9242 4144.

Motions

All members can put forward motions to be considered at the Conference. Members will be invited to submit motions online from mid-year using the "*LGNSW Conference Business Sessions Submissions Form*" on the Annual Conference page of the LGNSW website.

Proposed motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. Members are encouraged to review the Action Reports from previous conferences before submitting motions for the 2018 Conference. Action Reports from previous conferences are available on the Annual Conference page of the LGNSW website.

Deadline for submitting motions

To allow printing and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference, members are asked to submit their motions by 12 midnight, 26 August 2018 AEST. In line with the LGNSW rules, the latest date motions will be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is 12 midnight, Sunday 23 September 2018 AEST.

For further information on submitting motions please contact Elizabeth Robertson, Policy Officer, on 02 9242 4028 or Elizabeth.Robertson@lgnsw.org.au.

Business Papers

The full Conference Business Paper is expected to be available on the LGNSW website and forwarded to members approximately one week prior to the Conference.

LGNSW's financial reports will be available to members on our website at least 21 days before the Conference.

Accommodation

The 2018 Conference will be based at the Entertainment Centre (Swift Street, Albury).

In line with our sustainability principles, and due to the fact that Albury has a great deal of accommodation within walking distance of the main venue, daily transfers will not be provided. LGNSW encourages delegates to take advantage of the CBD venue choices. To book accommodation, please visit www.visitalburywodonga.com/business-major-events/upcoming-events/local-government-nsw-conference.

Free all-day parking is available at the Wilson Street car park across from the Conference venue.



Councillor Greg Cummings MAYOR



30 April 2018

Mr Ross Earl
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
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BOURKE NSW 2840

Our Reference MM02/18-2
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Telephone 8757 9933

Dear Mr Earl

MANDATORY INDEPENDENT HEARING AND ASSESSMENT PANELS

Cumberland Council wishes to highlight its concerns associated with the introduction of mandatory Independent Hearing and Assessment Panels (now known as Local Planning Panels) in metropolitan Sydney and Wollongong.

Council considered this matter in February 2018 and significant concerns were raised, including:

- The mandatory nature of the panels
- Removal of the role of local councils in determining Development Applications
- The extent of applications to be referred to the panels
- The financial and administrative cost of running such panels mandated by the State yet incurred by ratepayers of local councils

Cumberland Council is therefore seeking an exemption to the requirement for a mandatory Local Planning Panel. Council also resolved to write to all State Members of Parliament, Mayors of all NSW Councils and LGNSW expressing the concerns raised, and seeking an exemption. I urge you to support this position, and voice any concerns you may have.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

Clr Greg Cummings
MAYOR

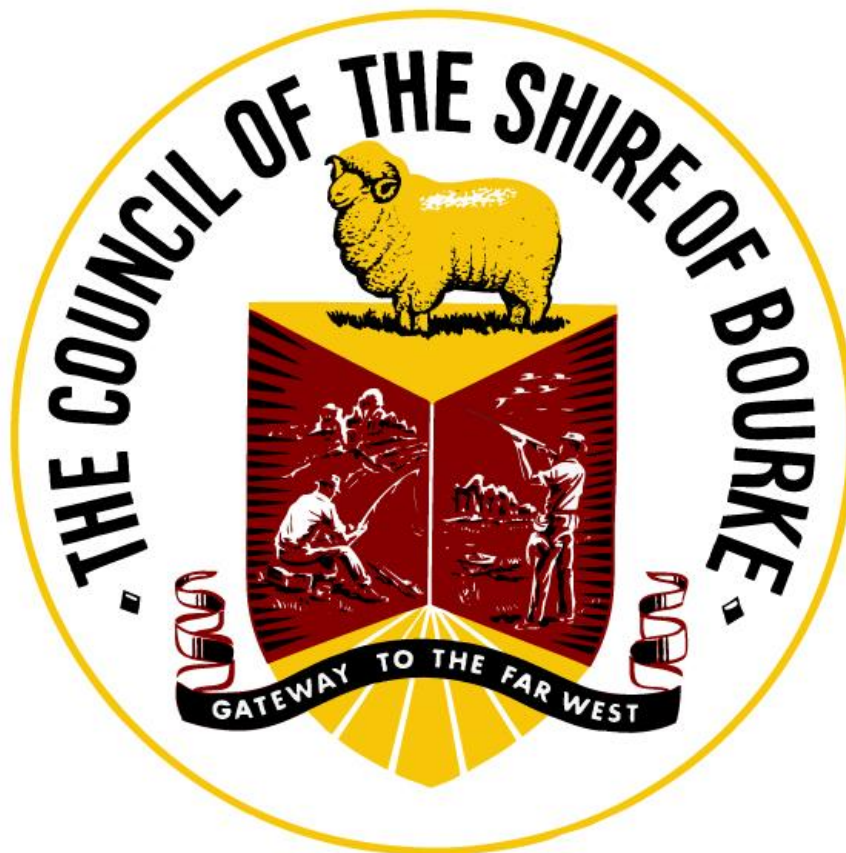
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Bourke Shire Council

Activity Reports



Council Meeting - Monday, 28th May 2018

Engineering Services Activity Report

File No:	E7.1
Report: 104/2018	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Christopher Morrall - Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from the 16th April – 8th May 2018 inclusive.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 13 Landsdown Road	Grading Completed
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Grading commenced
MR 421 Cobar Road	Widening Commenced

2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 10 Tooralé Road Gravel Patching	Commenced
MR 68 South Louth Road Clover Creek	Sealing Works Commenced
MR 421 Cobar Road	Widening Commenced

3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Jack Wielinga, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 68 South Clover Creek	Sealing Works Commenced
MR 421 Cobar Road	Widening Commenced

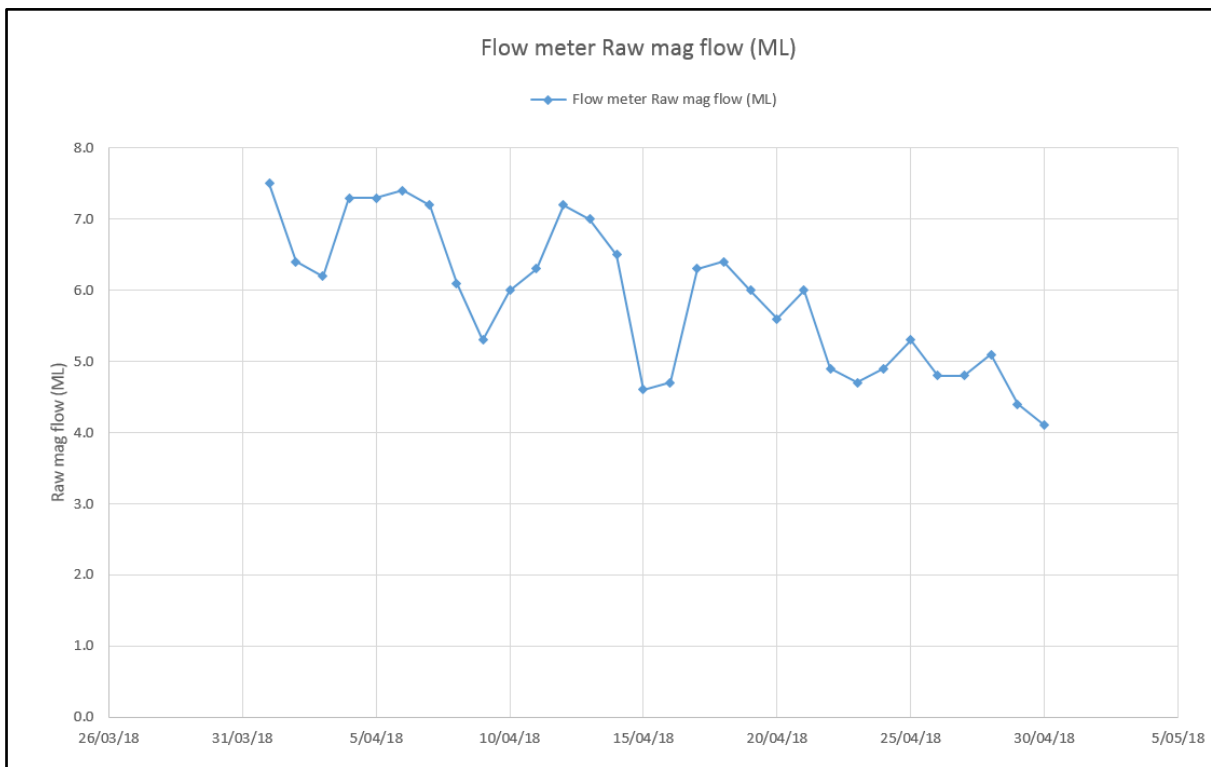
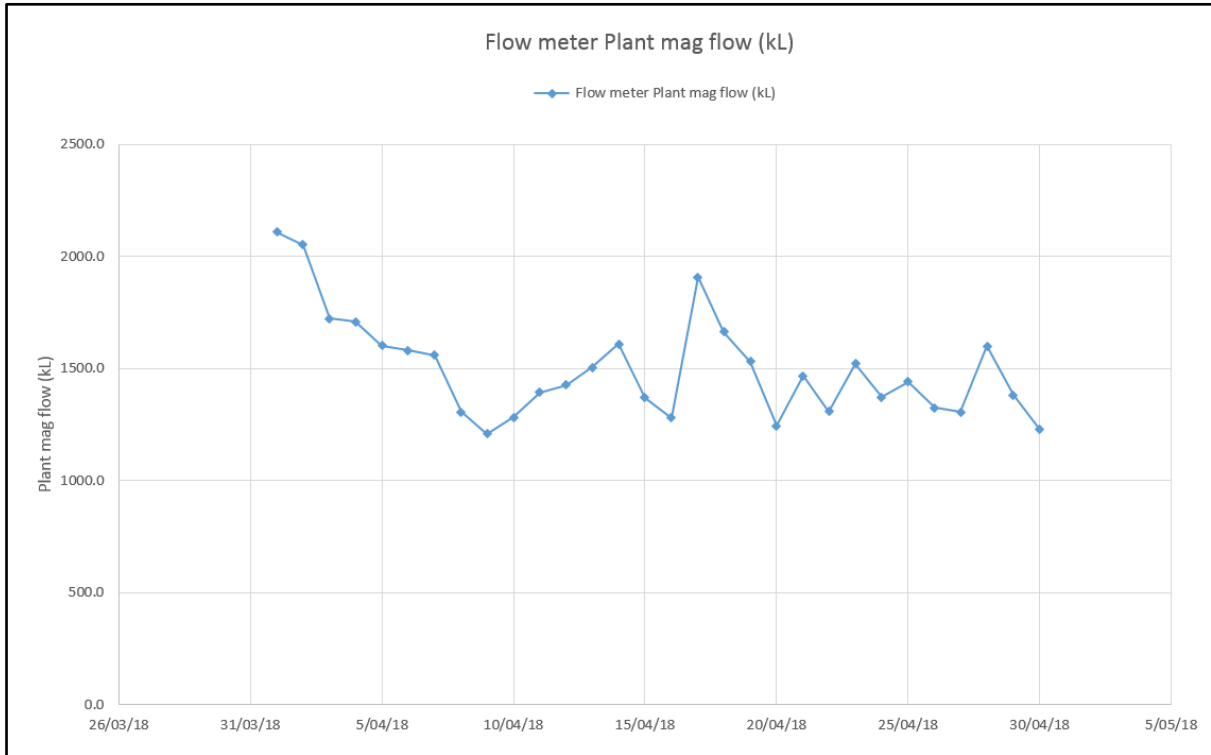
4 BITUMEN SECTOR - John Bartley, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional roads	Patching undertaken

1. 5.PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks & sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing & maintenance carried out Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained Public toilets cleaned & maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities
Small Plant	Maintenance & service carried out on all ground plant
Works Requests	Actioned & ongoing
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out
Wharf	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for Market day long weekend Grounds prepared for bootcamp-8 week challenge
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out
Davidson Oval	General maintenance Prepare grounds for Junior and Senior Rugby Union Training Prepare grounds for Junior & Senior Rugby League
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal Grounds prepared for boot camp - 8 week challenge
Villages	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained
Airport	Mowed airstrip
Training	Nil

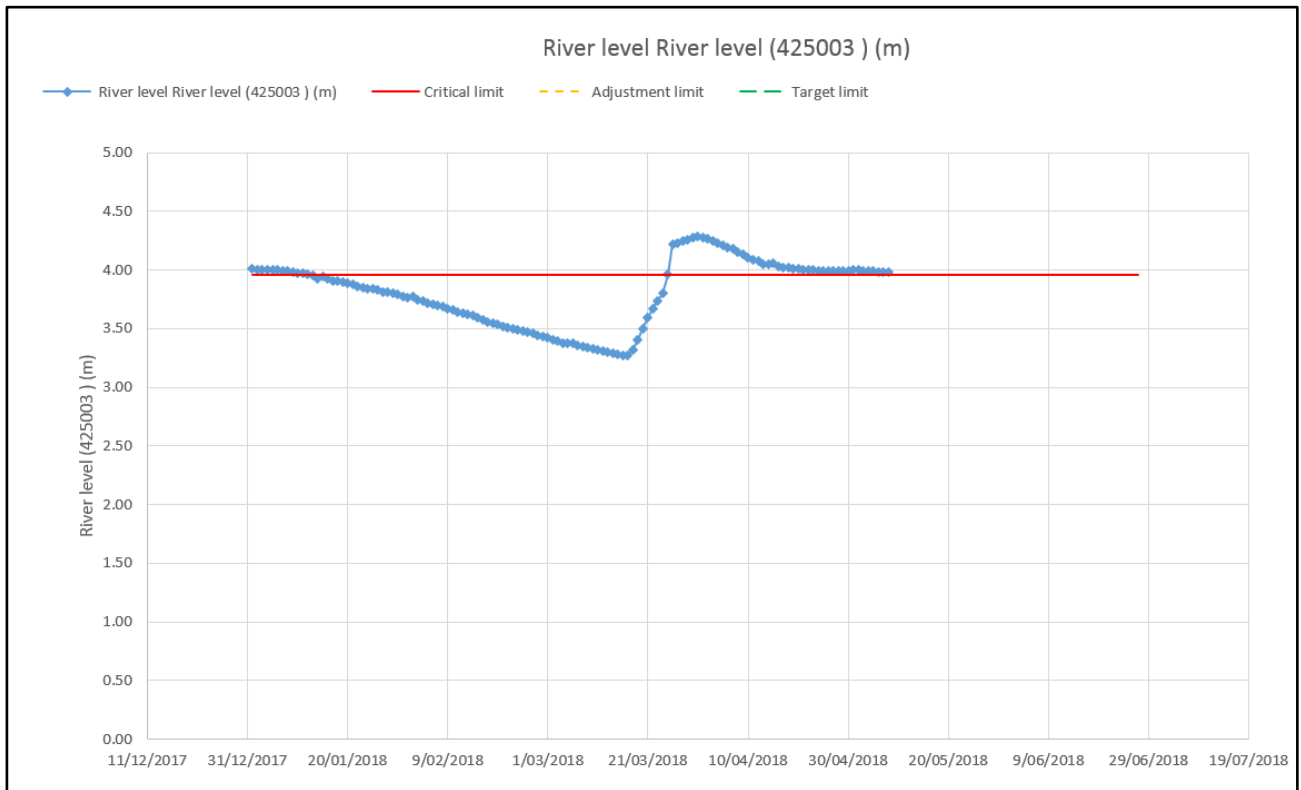
2. 6.TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned & ongoing Weekly sand footpaths Weekly Town Mowing
Monthly Requests	Cleaning of all shire camera's on a monthly bases
Cemetery	Graves prepared:- 9/4/18
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal & cleaning along road side Mow & poison Sydney Road rest areas
Staff Training	Nil
General	Cleaning of gutters and culvert ongoing Pick up roller from Trilby and bring back in Airport inspections daily Remove abandon car from weir Pick up hospital sign and posts after truck ran over it Brewarrina Road Pick up abandon car Sydney Road Seniors week set up Pick up caravan from Renshaw bring back to depot Erect show flags with Anzac flags main Street Call sweeper water break Anson Street Working with plumbers Bores Wanaaring road Relieving garbage truck Erect rock at Percy Hobson park Repair broken pit lid storm water Coomah street from roller breaking it Fix parking sign in front of Bourke Bowling Club Seniors week set up Deliver new bin to General Managers house Start clean gutters from reseals Clean vacant bloke Mertin Street kids throwing rocks Get tractor ready for slashing Slashing airport Pull out blisters in Green Street for replacement one's to go in Cover Davidson Oval pitch Take chairs back to Exhibition Centre from Renshaw seniors week Erect new expo flags Fix trip hazard footpath River Side Motel Remove dead tree's from the General Managers premises Take wooden frames back to library from Renshaw Remove car from drive way Moculta street Poison around Airport lights
Sundry Debtors	Plant and materials 4950-2650-1356 materials 4950-2650-1358

7. WORKSHOP – Aaron Coyne, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
100	CM10EW	2017 Holden Colorado	15,000km services, changed oil and filter, fuel filter, checked diff and gearbox
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	500 hr service, redrilled and fixed up broken steps on grader, fit radio, replaced blade side bushes
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar 12M	Replaced steering arm and tie rod ends, replace air cleaner cover and pipe
178	CO73PY	2017 Isuzu NPS	10,000km service, replace engine oil and oil filter, re-fit mount and brace, re-fit hydraulic pump, replace broken windscreen, put new battery in
6	YGM48H	Mazda BT 50	Change oil and oil filter, checked gearbox, diff, replaced air cleaner and fuel filter
70	CM03EW	Holden Colorado	Weld light mount back on
72	BC83YB	2009 John Deere	Hydraulic leak, replaced valve
92	CA52JC	2014 Western Star	250,000km service, replaced globes
237	N-77487	1988 Holmwood Highgate	Trailer plug repaired, tyre change and repaired, repaired air leak, put new mud guards on, make new hangers, put new light on
59	Z-37484	2014 Quad axle	Repair doors, put new hinges on, repair side on cabinets, adjust doors
60	AV25YJ	2008 Freightliner	Fit clutch, carry out service, replace wiper blades, fit back of mirror, find air leak, put new clamps on, make new hydraulic hose
97	YUB437	2003 Isuzu 900 F3 FTR	Repair wiring to brake, replace driving lights switch
197	YII01C	2017 Mazda BT 50	5,000km service, service pray unit, replace spray boom wing
158	R71372	Plant Trailer	Replaced broken trailer plug
66	CI37TV	Caterpillar Backhoe	Replace gutter broom
106	63722-D	Toro Mower	Replaced bent blades
110	43961-D	Toro Quad Steer	Replaced wheel studs and put new nuts on
138	10370-D	Toro Mower	Put new bearings in and replaced blades
218	BR67WH	2012 Hino	110,000km service, Clear engine light, clean DPF filter for burn offs, replace radio speakers, put new olives on grease lines and tightened nuts up, straighten mud guard
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Top up with transmission oil
27	BD40GF	2009 Isuzu 450	Service hydraulic engine and fit post hole digger, fit Navman tracking system
46	BX92HR	2013 Hino	120,000km service, replace engine oil and oil, fuel filters, repair air conditioner fan, remove ABS fault, faulty brakes light switch, tighten air fitting, degrease and hose out evaporator
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Fix 2way radio, clean out evaporator, replace front spray bar brackets, replace cracked air fitting on air tank
310	BY01TB	2014 Caterpillar	Replace door hinge, bushed and pins
13	YII01F	2017 Mazda BT 50	Fit Navman tracking system
180	TD35QS	Car Trailer	Jump start winch battery
37	AJ01DM	Isuzu 500Long	Service, weld bracket to hold hydraulic pump to tray
2	BR69LX	2013 Toyota Kluger	Service
25	YII01D	2017 Mazda BT 50	Found that there was no fuel in vehicle, filled up with fuel
33	YII01E	2017 Mazda BT 50	Service, replace engine oil and filter

8. Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance-November	
77 Oxley Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
79 Anson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
9 Denman Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
83 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
7 Denman Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
91 Anson Street	Repair 25mm raw water service
38 Short Street	Dug 50mm filtered main, repaired 20mm service
North Bourke	Dug 50mm filtered water main
Central Park	Dug 100mm raw water main, repaired with clamp Replaced drinking bubbler
Shire Depot	Replaced hot water system
Alice Edwards Village	Dug 100mm filtered main, repaired 20mm service
32 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm raw water main, repaired 25mm service
42 Tudor Street	Replaced sewer boundary
103 Anson Street	Low raw water pressure, blow out and clear
24 Anson Street	Low raw water pressure, blow out and clear
66 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
17 Anson Street	Sewer Choke
30 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
5 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
2 Bloxham Street	Sewer Choke
81 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
Jandra	Sewer Choke
Cemetery	Replaced leaking raw tap
Renshaw Cottage	Sewer Choke-repair leaking toilet
6 Glen Street	Replace shower taps and toilet cistern
68 Hope Street	Fix leaking tap
3 Glen Street	Dug sewer main, cleared Choke
59 Hope Street	Dug sewer main, cleared Choke
70 Mertin Street	Dug 100mm raw water main, repaired with clamp
72 Mertin Street	Dug 100mm raw water main, repaired with clamp
3 Meek Street	Locate service and install 50mm valve and water meter
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP-Management Plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance and monitoring as per ACP-Management Plan
Town	Replacing water meters still ongoing



Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	0.20	11.00			121
River level	River level (425003)	3.27	3.81	4.29	3.9		128
Raw Water	pH	7.10	8.27	8.60			120
Raw Water	turbidity	8.00	134.90	2,118.00			120
Raw Water	Conductivity	170.00	841.88	1,640.00			120
Filtered water	pH	7.20	7.65	8.10	6.5	8.5	120
Filtered water	Conductivity	254.00	870.83	1,719.00			120
Clarifier	Turbidity	0.30	0.42	0.90	0.0	4.0	120
Tower	Free Cl2	0.97	2.08	4.10	0.2	5.0	120
Clarifier	Free Cl2	1.50	3.34	5.00	0.2	5.0	120
Filtered water	Free Cl2	2.00	3.34	5.10	0.5	5.0	120
Filtered water	Turbidity	0.04	0.17	0.51	0.0	1.2	120
Bourke High School	Free chlorine	1.00	1.40	2.10	0.2	4.0	3
Bourke High School	pH	7.10	7.20	7.30	6.5	8.5	3
Bourke High School	Turbidity	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.0	0.5	3
WTP	Free chlorine	1.80	2.16	2.40	0.2	4.0	5
WTP	pH	7.30	7.34	7.40	6.5	8.5	5
WTP	Turbidity	0.10	0.16	0.20	0.0	0.5	5
Bourke Primary School	Free chlorine	1.00	1.71	2.20	0.2	4.0	7
Bourke Primary School	pH	7.10	7.27	7.40	6.5	8.5	7
Bourke Primary School	Turbidity	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.0	0.5	7
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.30	1.65	1.90	0.2	4.0	4
Meadows Rd	pH	7.20	7.28	7.30	6.5	8.5	4
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.15	0.17	0.18	0.0	0.5	4
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.20	1.46	1.80	0.2	4.0	5
Mitchell St	pH	7.20	7.32	7.50	6.5	8.5	5
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.0	0.5	5
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	0.80	1.13	1.90	0.2	4.0	4
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.38	7.40	6.5	8.5	4
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.17	0.23	0.25	0.0	0.5	4
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.90	1.15	1.50	0.2	4.0	4
Kidman Camp	pH	7.20	7.35	7.50	6.5	8.5	4
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.20	0.25	0.32	0.0	0.5	4



Critical Control Points (at 17/4/2018)							
No	CCP	Monitoring Parameter	Location	Frequency	Target	Adjustment Level	Critical limit
CCP 1	Clarification	Turbidity	After clarifier	Daily grab sample	<1 NTU	4 NTU	>4 NTU
CCP 2 *	Filtration	Turbidity	After Filters	Daily grab sample	0.4 NTU	1 NTU	>1.2 NTU
CCP 3	Disinfection	Chlorine residual	Filtered Water	Daily grab sample	1.5-2 mg/L	<1.5 mg/L for more than 3 days	<0.5 mg/L or > 5 mg/L
CCP 4	Fluoridation	Fluoride concentration	After filters	Daily grab sample	1.0 mg/L	<0.95 mg/L or >1.0 mg/L	<0.9 mg/L for > 72 hours Or >1.5 mg/L
CCP 5	Reservoirs	Reservoir Integrity	Reservoirs	Weekly	Integrity maintained	Signs of integrity breach	Unable to rectify breaches

Month	Raw water ML	Filter magflow pump 1 ML	Filter magflow pump 2 ML	Plant magflow kL	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL	Raw-filtered ML	Filtered-Plant ML
January 2017	224	6	46	52,280	35,215	4,165	172	0
February 2017	232	-	47	48,989	42,486	3,072	185	2
March 2017	162	42	-	48,926	25,110	2,472	119	7
April 2017	137	37	-	41,041	21,619	2,895	100	4
May 2017	124	34	-	41,423	13,518	2,366	90	7
June 2017	80	30	-	33,348	13,919	2,543	50	4
August 2017	113	34	-	36,093	17,877	1,988	79	2
September 2017	152	36	-	35,358	24,701	2,226	116	0
October 2017	94	35	-	33,671	17,019	1,827	59	1
November 2017	187	38	-	34,895	27,339	1,967	149	3
December 2017	197	47	-	48,647	30,651	2,292	150	2
January 2018	222	38	8	50,217	42,614	2,760	176	5
February 2018	150	43	-	41,126	26,917	2,220	107	2
March 2018	159	47	-	42,735	15,379	2,885	113	4
April 2018	176	44	-	44,985	-	-	132	1

Sewerage Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	OCT 2017 Test	NOV 2017 Test	DEC 2017 Test	JAN 2018 Test	FEB 2018 Test	MAR 2018 Test
Oil & Grease	<i>mg/L</i>	10	<2	<2	4	3	2	4
pH		6.5-8.5	9.58	9.63	9.07	9.2	9.07	9.17
Nitrogen (total)	<i>mg/L</i>	15	10.9	14.8	16.3	15.4	17.1	25
Phosphorus (total)	<i>mg/L</i>	10	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.8	2.5	2.4
Total suspended solids	<i>mg/L</i>	20	82	102	140	134	178	172
Biochemical oxygen demand	<i>mg/L</i>	15	12	16	22	18	28	32

Council notes the provisions of clause L2.5 (a) and (b) of its licence conditions of a chlorophyll exemption due algal growth, which also exempts the above exceedances.

Record of Water Usage

For the period, 01/06/17 to 31/12/2017 Council's meters indicated the following water usage:-

- Rainfall in Bourke for April 2018 was mm
- Hottest day for April 2018 was degrees
- Coldest day for April 2018 was degrees

Resolution

224/2018 That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28th May 2018.

Moved Cr Stutsel

Seconded Cr Rice

Carried

Environmental Services Activity Report

File No:		D3.2	
Report: 205/2018		Developments Approved Report	
Author:		Carolyn Crain, Development Assessment Officer	
Responsible Officer:		Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services	
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Nil			
Total value of Approved works for April 2018			= \$0
No. of Development Application Approvals for April 2018			= 0
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for April 2018			= 0

File No:		A11.1.1	
Report: 205/2018		Building Services Report	
Author:		Paul Faulkner, Environmental Co-ordinator	
Responsible Officer:		Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services	
Location		Work Carried Out	
Work Requests		Actioned and ongoing	
Risk Assessments		Completed with every job	
Training		Nil	
Office		Monthly check and test Emergency Generator	
Cemetery		General maintenance – watering ,mowing and fill in holes trim and remove trees and poisoning	
Weir		Repairs to guard rails	
Grants		Various quotes	
Buildings		Replace decking – CWA Enngonia Repair roller door and lights – Library Repair locks and lights – Office Repair A/C units – PCYC Replace doors and internal repairs – 70 Mertin St Clean gutters – Staff and Dr’s houses	

File No:	A8.1	
Report: 205/2018	Animal Control/Environmental Issues Report	
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services	
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	1	0
Seized	4	4
Surrendered	1	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	6	4
Euthanased	0	4
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	4	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	2	0
Total	6	4
Micro-chip Implantations	4	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	138	
Shopping Trolley Impounded	0	

- Attended complaints in regards to dogs causing trouble to the general public
- Ongoing patrols of the township enforcing the Companion Animal Act
- Water sampling for the township, villages and Darling River
- Patrols of Councils Reserve's

Resolution

225/2018 That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th May 2018 be received and noted.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Cole

Carried

Unstarred

General Manager's Activity Report

File No:	G2.1
Report: 3/2017	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

26th April 2018

Local Government NSW welcomed the announcement that the NSW State Government has introduced a Low Cost Loans Initiative.

The scheme allows councils to borrow money from TCorp, at a subsidised cost, for infrastructure that supports new housing supply.

Under the initiative the NSW Government will refund 50% of the cost of council's interest payments on loans that enable housing developments to proceed - such as roads, sports fields, community centres, drainage, playgrounds, or land acquisition.

The subsidised loans are only open to councils that meet the State Government's 'Fit for the Future' requirements, and have Local Environmental Plans that contain adequate residential zoning that aligns with strategic planning targets such as Regional or District Plans.

Councils deemed "unfit" under the Government's 'Fit for the Future' amalgamation process are not eligible for subsidised loans. At this stage it is unclear if all Councils earmarked for membership of the now defunct Far West Initiative will also be ineligible as they did not undergo the "Fit for the Future" assessment process, however, I have sought clarification of this eligibility status from the Office of Local Government.

Late in 2016 Morrison Low a Consultancy firm engaged by the Office of Local Government undertook a review of Councils Asset Management system which included an inspection of a sample of Council assets. This was undertaken to determine the accuracy of Councils internal assessment of the condition of the assets.

The review was primarily focussed on asset management practices, systems and processes. Bourke Shire has \$234 million worth of assets and it is essential, these are effectively maintained and provision made for their replacement once they reach the end of their life cycle

Based on their recent experience across the asset management practices, systems and processes of councils in NSW, Morrison Low has determined that Bourke Shire has an "average" ranking when compared to other NSW councils. Bourke Shire Council continues to allocate resources to ensure that Council's asset management practices reflect best practice.

The release of water for the Environmental Flow that was announced early last week commenced on the 17th April 2018 with the flow expected in the upper reaches of the Barwon by early to mid- May and then reach Bourke in the last week of May 2018. The current embargo applicable to the Barwon Darling finishes on the 28th April 2018, however, it is anticipated that embargo will be extended for the period of the flow.

The level at the Bourke Weir last Friday was 4.00m with the likelihood that the flow will further decrease over the next few days, however, it is hoped that a small flow will remain. Should the water stop flowing over the weir, restrictions may need to be introduced until the environmental flow reaches Bourke.

The announcement in relation to the environmental flow was warmly welcomed by all sectors of the community along the river system. The flow will make a significant improvement to the environmental health of the river and in particular to those areas that have been without a flow for an extended period. There will be also positive social and economic impacts that will result from the flow being made available.

Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman has written to each of the persons who have indicated that they will be nominating as candidates for the seat of Barwon in the New South Wales State Election which is scheduled to be held on the 23rd March 2019, inviting them to visit Bourke.

Councillor Hollman has indicated Bourke Shire Council looks forward to the opportunity of meeting with each of the candidates as they make their way around the electorate and having the opportunity to discuss with them issues impacting on our community.

To this end, Council will be compiling a list of matters which it sees as priorities for both Bourke and the seat of Barwon, once completed it will be forwarded to each of the candidates for their information and consideration

Already the National Party have pre-selected Andrew Schier from Gilgandra as their Candidate, the Shooters and Fishers Party have endorsed Roy Butler from Mendooran, Country Labor have endorsed Darriea Turley from Broken Hill who is currently the Mayor of Broken Hill City Council with Phil Naden also from Gilgandra standing as an independent. Phil recently held the role of CEO of the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service.

Bourke Shire Council has enjoyed a good working relationship with the current member Kevin Humphries MP and looks forward to establishing a similar relationship with his successor following the election.

Bourke Shire Council's Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2018/2019 is currently on display with submissions in relation to the plan able to be lodged any time during the display period which concludes on the 6th May 2018. Council will again consider the Plan at its Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on the 28th May 2018.

It's Showtime with the Annual Bourke Show to be held this Saturday. From all reports, there is already a great deal of interest and a good range of displays already booked in as well as a strong Side Show Alley.

Please show your support for this great community event which will provide something for people of all ages and interests.

A welcome addition to the attractions at the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre in 2018 will be nationally acclaimed horseman Paul Clarkson who will be providing a show on a daily basis. The format of the show has yet to be finalised. My understanding is that Paul has an innate ability to work with animals of all types and I am sure that this ability will be clearly displayed in his show.

Once the starting date for the show is finalised it will be advertised throughout the community. The show will provide another source of entertainment for the visitors to our town.

Bourke Shire Council has erected a plaque mounted on a sandstone rock in Percy Hobson Park.

The erection of the plaque is to acknowledge the achievements of Percy Hobson and provides a little more information in relation to his achievements and in particular the fact that he was the first Indigenous Australian to win a Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games.

There is a considerable amount of work undertaken by volunteers within our community and Council is very appreciative of the contribution this level of volunteerism makes to our shire in a number of ways.

The work done by Ian and Nan Langdon-Smith in planting and caring for the trees along Tancred Way and Fred Hollows Way has been recognised and the trees continue to prosper. The maintenance and watering of the trees has involved a small but dedicated bunch of volunteers including Chris Ware, Glen Curtis and Michael McNeill whose efforts in ensuring that the trees continue to get watered, have no doubt assisted in the high level of survival of the trees.

The tree planting program has been extended to include the North Bourke Oval and also Renshaw Oval with a considerable amount of effort being put into these projects.

Bob Stutsel and Glen Curtis have together been largely responsible for the planting and maintenance of the gardens at the corner of Mitchell and Richard Street which provide a great addition to the streetscape. Bob also maintains the lawns around the Men's Shed area as well as the flower displays within the Little Birdy area.

Shirley Booth for a number of years assisted with the watering of Jones Park.

There are numerous other examples of volunteerism throughout the shire and each and every one of those helps to make Bourke Shire a much better place to live.

The recent festivities over Easter were an excellent example where people put in countless hours to make sure that everything was adequately prepared and this included the preparation required at the racetrack which needed to be accord with the high standards set by Racing NSW to amongst other things ensure the safety of the horses and jockeys. The presentation of both the track and ancillary facilities was subject to many positive comments from all those within the racing fraternity who were in attendance over Easter with a number indicating that they were comparable to other tracks who race much more regularly than Bourke and hold TAB meetings.

Rachel Connell has been appointed to the role of Executive Director, Water in our Lands & Water division.

She was previously with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), where she was the Deputy Director General, DPI Strategy & Policy Division and DPI Forestry Division.

With the strong focus on water issues across the State I am sure that we will have the opportunity to meet with Racheal over the coming months.

There were a series of meetings held earlier this week in relation to the new Abattoir; these were convened by Darling River Goat Exporters, involved organisations both within Bourke and from outside Bourke.

The meetings were primarily to:-

- Provide an updated on the construction process for the new abattoir
- Introduce their recently appointed Plant Manager - James Turner
- Introduce their recently engaged Workforce Recruitment partner
- Introduce their recently engaged Training partner
- Advise of the proposed recruitment process, contact details, timing etc.
- To seek input on any initiatives to enhance the potential to secure local input and interest from our communities.

As we move closer to the operational date of the Abattoir there will be a considerable amount of work needed to be undertaken and a large degree of coordination required.

It is only three years since the proposal to establish the abattoir in Bourke was first raised and much has been achieved in a relatively short period.

As previously advised the Manager of Tourism and Economic Development Charles Liggett has resigned. Charles has now advised that he will finish up with Council on the 4th May 2018 and

arrangements are currently being put in place for the transitional period until a new person is appointed.

Council recently advertised for people to undertake casual roles at the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre including the Tourist Information Centre and have secured the services of a number of people who will supplement the services provided by current team in providing accurate and friendly advice to our visitors and encouraging them to stay a little longer in our town. As they say "first impressions count" and the provision of a warm welcome to our town is a very important ingredient to developing and maintaining a successful tourism industry, which provides so much to our local economy.

Council is continuing to focus on making Bourke a "Tourist Destination" and looking at opportunities in this regard. Council is receptive to ideas which people may have to further develop the tourism industry.

Quote of the week!

You can't have a million-dollar dream with a minimum-wage work ethic."
Stephen C. Hogan

3rd May 2018

The issue of parking in Oxley Street between Richards and Sturt Street was again discussed at the April Council Meeting. A notice of motion in relation to the issue was received and discussed at the meeting and following consideration of, and debate on the motion Council resolved as follows;

"That in view of the recent decision to not adopt 2 hour parking in Oxley Street between Richard and Sturt Street, that Council investigate strategies to optimise parking availability, including strategies to avoid long-term parking in the main street as part of the main street re-development"

There is some concern that the re-development of the main street will reduce the availability of parking and measures need to be put in place to ensure that people do not park in the main street for extended periods denying the opportunity for both locals and tourists alike to readily access shops in the area.

The Council are keen to explore options available and as such have called for staff to prepare a report which will no doubt involve further consultation with the traffic committee members. Additionally, contact will be made with other Councils who experience similar issues regarding extended period of parking in their main streets to determine, what, if any, strategies have been put in place to alleviate the problem and the success of those strategies.

The Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder Jody Swirepik plans to visit Bourke on the 29th and 30th May 2018.

During her visit Jody will meet with representatives of Bourke, Walgett, Brewarrina and Central Darling Shires as well as taking the opportunity to visit Tooralé National Park.

The four (4) Councils worked closely with the Commonwealth Environment Water Holders Office and the various NSW agencies and Minister for Regional Water Hon Niall Blair to bring the current environmental flow to fruition and have acknowledged the level of cooperation from a number of parties that led to the flow becoming available.

The water provided through the environmental flow should reach Bourke in late May and hopefully will be flowing through Bourke by the scheduled time of Jody Swirepik's visit. Monitoring of the river has continued, particularly downstream of Bourke looking at fish, habitat and water quality, and this monitoring will continue in coming weeks.

The current flow in the river at Bourke continues to hover around the 4.00 metre mark with a flow of approximately 50 megalitres per day and will hopefully keep at this level until the environmental flow reaches Bourke late May. However, with limited flow in the upper reaches it is likely that water restrictions will need to be again considered.

The flow which came down the Culgoa recently and allowed the lifting of restrictions at Bourke was initially anticipated to reach Wilcannia; however, at this stage it would appear that this will not be the case with the flow easing dramatically after Tilpa with the large dry water holes and river bed consuming much of the flow. The hot weather during late March and throughout April also saw high levels of evaporation also impacting on the river flow.

However, with the current environmental flow to traverse a much wetter river bed it is anticipated that it will reach Wilcannia which has not seen a flow since mid-January. The flow will not reach Wilcannia until late June.

Once again the hard working committee of the Annual Bourke Show were rewarded with another very successful show with good entries in the pavilion exhibits and other events across the day.

The weather was fantastic and the day went off as planned with something to keep the large crowd entertained for the while day culminating with the very popular fireworks and live entertainment that followed.

The tractor pull once again created a lot of interest and will no doubt grow.

There was very strong sense of family at the show with the side show alley and various rides being very popular with the younger members of the community.

It was good to see the attendance at the show once again by the business sector and other organisations not only from Bourke but across the region with car dealerships from both Narromine and Dubbo bringing their current models out west and they were joined by a motorcycle dealership who had a comprehensive display of agricultural motor bikes and vehicles.

The Show is a truly a community event with everyone having the opportunity to be involved. With a lot of show committees across the state seemingly struggling to maintain sufficient numbers of people on their committee and in particularly young people it is refreshing to see that Bourke Show Committee has both reasonable numbers plus a good mix of ages amongst its members.

Like all committees I am sure that they would appreciate the participation of anyone would like to join the committee and assist in the coordination of future shows

The grounds were looking great after the races and the work done by both Council staff and the volunteers from the race and show committees. There will be an increased demand to utilise the facilities are able to be utilised at Renshaw Oval and it is hoped to be able to undertake further improvements to the facility as funds become available.

Bourke Shire has received a grant of \$54,760.00 for the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification (RFI) at the Bourke Public Library. The system will provide for the installation of a new system for keeping track of inventory. Customers will be able to check out their own books at a self-check kiosk, which means that they don't have to wait if staff are busy with other duties or customers. There will be security gates on the entry to ensure no books leave the library without being scanned. It will also be a great help for stocktaking, as we will not have to physically remove every item from the shelves, just run the scanner past them.

The Grants are part of the Public Library Infrastructure Program aimed at significantly improving facilities at public library Buildings

In my last column I mentioned the value of volunteerism to the various communities within the Shire. During my visit to Enngonia on ANZAC Day I saw another great example with Local police officer Glen Wilson given unselfishly of his time off duty to utilise his skills to undertake some improvement works to the foyer of the Enngonia Hall. Glen also enlisted the assistance of his son-in-law. Work undertaken has made a huge difference to the appearance of the hall and has been very much appreciated by both Council and his fellow residents at Enngonia.

2018 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice at 11.00am on the 11th November 1918 which saw an end to World War I. To mark this significant occasion Bag Pipe players across the world are being asked to play the same tune at the same time at a prominent location or landmark within their community. Pipe bands and solo pipers can take part by playing the Pipe Major William Robb composition, *When the Battle's O'er*, at 6.00am local time

a location of your choice, whether that be a cenotaph or war memorial or other location in their village, town or city. The most important part is everyone playing the tune together at 6.00am local time. This is the time when the Armistice was actually signed on November 11, 1918. It came into effect at 11.00am.

Annette has indicated that she will be taking part in this event which marks a very significant day in world history.

The series of meetings conducted by CAPRA Developments Pty Ltd and Darling River Goat Exporters were well attended with people within the community keen to learn a little more about the progress in relation to the construction and also the opportunities for employment. With both the Labour Hire Company and Training Organisation now in place it is anticipated that there will be an increased level of activity in this area and there will be opportunities available in a number of areas at the abattoir.

ANZAC Day Services within the Shire were once again very well attended with large crowds gathering for both the Dawn Service and the March and Commemorative Services in Bourke.

The twilight Services in both Louth and Enngonia each recorded an attendance of in excess of 50 people including many visitors who took the opportunity to join with the locals to pay their respects to those who served our country in the various conflicts in which Australia has been involved.

On behalf of Bourke Shire Council and the broader Bourke Shire Community, I would like to thank all those who assisted in the organisation of the ANZAC Day commemorative services.

Our 2018 Australia Day Ambassador Katryna Robinson founded the Charity "*Every Little Bit Helps*" who provide care packs for those people in need including those who are homeless victims of domestic violence or perhaps refugees to detail some of those who benefit. The care kits are comprised of unwanted hotel toiletries, inflight amenity kits, and cosmetic and make-up samples. Bourke Shire Library is a collection point for these items and from there the care packs are made up by the local CWA. It is a great initiative, so if you travel and stay in motels and don't use the toiletries supplied why not collect them so they can be utilised by those in need.

The South Australian Murray Darling Basin Royal Commission scheduled a meeting in Bourke for Tuesday, 1st May and invited all people who have an interest in the Basin Plan to share their views in accordance with the Commission's Terms of Reference between 11.00am and 12.30pm on that day. Mayor Barry Hollman accepted the invitation from the Commission to have a discussion with the Commission earlier in the day.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 23rd April 2018, Council considered a report from the Manager of Environmental Services in relation to the changes in both the Environmental Planning Assessment Act and also legislation revolving around Native Vegetation Management. Council expressed concern at the potential cost involved in the administration of the additional responsibilities both, in terms of administering the new responsibilities and the training of staff.

Council resolved to write to Local Government New South Wales detailing its concerns and to ascertain as to whether the concerns are shared by other smaller councils and what could be done to alleviate the impact on Councils.

Council operates a booking system for the use of its ovals to avoid clashes of dates for both training and games. It is expected that the bookings will reflect a fair and equitable sharing of the use of the grounds and the cooperation of all sporting groups and individual is sought in adhering to the approved booking times.

If you have not booked the grounds you should vacate them to allow those who have booked them to be able to have use without the fear of interruption.

Additionally, it would be appreciated by all users and Council if rubbish can be deposited in the bins provided and the grounds left in a neat and tidy condition.

Quote of the Week!

"Work hard for what you want, because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive". - Leah LaBelle

10th May 2018

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is coordinating a small group representing various Government Agencies and Council to ensure that there is an increased awareness by all these agencies of the progress of the abattoir. As we move towards the operational date and more importantly, ensure that there is an adequate level of preparedness by all agencies.

It is anticipated that a number of people will be moving to Bourke in various capacities as a result of the employment opportunities at the abattoir, this will potentially lead to increased enrolments at schools and increased demand for things such as health services.

The meetings are to be held at Bourke Shire with the opportunity for representatives to "dial-In" to the meetings if located elsewhere. I will be representing Bourke Shire on the group and already there has been some positive initiatives put in place as a result of the initial meeting.

Residents are asked to ensure that their garbage bins are in good condition complete with lids so that they are not subject to attack by animals and birds which often results in rubbish left strewn over the footpath and someone with the not so pleasant task of cleaning it up. Equally important is to ensure that the lid on the bin is able to be closed so as to stop a similar occurrence.

Local Government New South Wales will be conducting a number of Regional Summits over the course of the year. Prior to the amalgamation of the Local Government and Shires Association to form Local Government New South Wales, these meetings were called Divisional Meetings and saw each division elect a representative to the Board of the Shires Association.

These summits will provide members with the opportunity to raise issues important to them and their local communities with the President, Board Members and Staff of LGNSW.

The summits will also provide the opportunity for Councils to discuss and share initiatives and experiences with neighbouring Councils within their region.

The nearest venue to Bourke will be Cobar on the 3rd July 2018 whilst there will be another held at Narromine on the 18th October 2018.

Work has commenced on the coordination of the Annual Conference of the Western Division Conference to be held in Bourke in February 2019. Following discussions with the President of Western Division, Dave Gallagher of Broken Hill the date has tentatively been set for 24th, 25th and 26th February 2019 which is approximately one month prior to the State Election. Some sponsorship has already been secured and there has been a great deal of interest shown in the conference which we hope to make very relevant to contemporary Local Government issues and concerns with appropriate speakers to be secured.

With Charles Liggett, Manager of Tourism and Economic Development finishing up last week there will be the need to have a degree of continuity in this role.

I will be assuming temporary responsibility of the Tourism function, including the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre, Tourist Information Office and Jandra whilst the Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown will be assuming the Economic Development functions. The Community/Social aspects of the role will be shared for the time being amongst staff.

Council has endorsed a proposal that the role will be separated going forward and the Organisational Structure be amended accordingly. Council will have a Manager of Tourism and a Manager of Economic Development. Position descriptions are currently being finalised with the position titles possibly to be amended to reflect the revised roles. It is anticipated that the recruitment for the roles will commence next week.

Council Auditors will be in Bourke to undertake the Mid-Year Audit and are expected to be in town for four (4) days, however, this will see them also visit our neighbours at Brewarrina with the audits as far as possible being coordinated to provide costs savings for each Council in relation to travel.

The Audit Office of New South Wales is now responsible for all Local Government Audits and the ultimate signatory for all reports. Our Auditors Hills Rogers from Sydney work effectively as a sub contactor to the Auditor General. The Audit Office have made some amendments to the way in which the audit is undertaken and has broadened the scope of the Audit to bring it into line to the way in which it audits each of the State Government Agencies.

The first audit under the auspice of the Auditor General was in 2016/2017 and there were a few teething issues across all Councils, however, as the new requirements are bedded down the process is expected to be a little smoother in 2017/2018.

Council staff and Consultant, Belinda Colless worked together to prepare Council's submission for funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund. A lot of work goes into the preparation of the submissions and hopefully it will result in funding for improved facilities across the Shire.

The applications lodged reflected in the main the priorities determined via the Community Strategic Plan process together with the priorities set in the Workshop facilitated by Mark Horton from the Office of Sport - Western Region which identified the strengths weaknesses opportunities and threats for the success of sporting organisations in Bourke. Part of the outcomes from the process was the identification of sporting infrastructure priority requirements with the upgrade of the pool. Improvements to both Coolican and Davidson Ovals and the facilities within Central Park and all of these featured strongly in the grant applications.

The Hon. Adam Marshall, MP Minister for Tourism and Major Events, and Assistant Minister for Skills will accompany our Local Member Kevin Humphries on a visit to Bourke on the 28th and 29th May 2018 and will be visiting in his capacity as both the Minister for Tourism and Assistant Minister for Skills.

His role as Minister for Tourism will see him discuss the opportunities for cross border tourism promotion opportunities with Bourke, Walgett, Brewarrina and Cobar Shires looking the opportunity to work with Balonne Shire based in St. George, Paroo Shire based in Cunnamulla and Bulloo Shire based in Thargomindah on the Queensland side of the border. Many tourists want to experience the great outback and are not constrained by state borders and if promotional opportunities can be undertaken to cover the region as a whole, all of these outback towns will benefit enormously.

As the Assistant Minister for Skills he will also be looking at the current TAFE Site with plans to construct a Connected Learning Centre currently being developed.

Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman and I will be travelling to Sydney next week and we have a series of meetings scheduled on both Tuesday afternoon and on Wednesday before flying back to Dubbo that evening.

We have meetings with the Deputy Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP as well as a meeting with our Local Member, Kevin Humphries.

We will also be meeting with representatives of the NSW Public Works in relation to the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant for Bourke and will take the opportunity to catch up with staff at Local Government New South Wales.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has published their latest Population Estimates in their report number 3218 which show the population of Bourke Shire in 2017 being 2720 which is a drop of 2.4% or 67 people from the estimated population in 2016 of 2787.

The drop in population seems to reflect the overall trend in rural New South Wales with most of our close neighbours experiencing similar and even greater losses.

The ongoing drop in population is worrying as it is often used to assist in the need for services and as a component for the calculation of funding formulas. Council receives a number of grants which are based on a per capita basis and the loss in population can be reflected in these grants.

While the current figures show a decrease, I anticipate that this trend will be reversed in 2018 and show a significant increase in 2019 when the Abattoir is in full operation.

On a general basis it is alarming to see the ongoing loss of population in many rural areas and the drift to the eastern seaboard. The increase in population along the eastern seaboard places additional strain and demand on the available resources in those areas with the established infrastructure in rural New South Wales underutilised. There is a strong growth in a number of regional centres which of course reflects the trend to regionalisation of services.

The current State Government has invested heavily in Rural New South Wales and this funding is welcomed. In years gone by successive State Governments had a Department of Decentralisation to encourage economic development in rural New South Wales. I think an increased emphasis on regional development is essential if we are to see the services and facilities retained in the bush.

The new age of communication effectively means you can in most instances do business no matter where you are located.

The current flow in the river at Bourke continues to hover around the 3.98 metre mark; however the flow has reduced over the past week or so and is now to less than 40 megalitres per day. There is a small flow still from Brewarrina and it is hoped that this may be enough to negate the need for any consideration of water restrictions.

In good news, the good flow from the Culgoa which passed through Bourke just prior to Easter did reach Wilcannia and resulted in their weir pool being filled. The environmental flow will now have the benefit of a wet river as far as Wilcannia and this augers well for the opportunity for the water to traverse a much greater length of the river.

The environmental flow should reach Bourke in late May and Wilcannia about a month later.

In her weekly newsletter to all member Councils the President of Local New South Wales, Linda Scott reports that at the last meeting of the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG), the members of the Group unanimously endorsed a recommendation from Local Government New South Wales that TCorp loans should be available to all Councils based on standard credit criteria rather than Fit for the Future status. This recommendation will now formally go forward to the NSW Government for consideration. The access to TCorp borrowing facilities would be welcomed by all Councils in the West of the State who did not participate in the Fit for the Future Process and at this stage seem to be ineligible to access the attractive rates offered by TCorp.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment is seeking to appoint a Western Region Commissioner and has called application for the role.

The position which requires someone who is based in Western NSW and who and can be a representative or kind of "ambassador" for the Western part of the State and will assist in the implementation the Department's published plans specific to Western NSW. The role will also advise the Minister on important rural planning matters.

Rate Instalment Notices and Water Charge Notices went out this last week and the next instalment is due on the 31st May 2018.

In recent comparative data released in relation to all Councils following the Auditors General's Report to Parliament in relation to benchmarks reached by individual Councils it showed that Bourke Shire had one of the highest levels of outstanding rates in New South Wales. Council is attempting to bring the level of outstanding rates below the benchmark of a maximum of 10% and will be looking at both increasing legal action to recover outstanding amounts and the conduct of a sale of land for unpaid rates in accordance with section 713 of the Local Government Act.

If you are having trouble meeting your obligations in respect to the payment of rates and charges please contact Councils Revenue Officer to see if a mutually acceptable payment plan can be put in place prior to legal action having to be institute and further costs incurred.

Quote of the week!

"The way get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
Walt Disney

17th May 2018

I attended a meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) held on Tuesday, 8th May 2018 that brought together representatives from all the emergency services within Bourke. The role of chair sits with Council and I currently undertake that role. The LEMC's role is in part to develop a high degree of cooperation and support amongst the various agencies and its success in this role is evident both during exercises and real life situations.

There is an excellent level of rapport between agencies and a good understanding of the capabilities and resources each agency possesses.

A guest speaker at the last meeting was Susie Gibbs an ex-Bourkite who is now working with Fire and Rescue New South Wales.

Susie detailed her plans to hold an Emergency Services Expo in Bourke in August with a view to both consolidating the relationship between the services and the community and at the same time providing information on career opportunities.

This is a good initiative and has been supported by the Office of Emergency Management.

Members of the MANEX Team took the opportunity to participate in a teleconference in relation to the benefits of installing solar panels on some of Council's facilities with a view to putting in place strategies to assist in reducing the seemingly ever increasing cost of electricity. A number of Council's sites were identified as suitable for the installation of panels with budgetary provision already being made for the installation of solar panels at the Anson Street Depot.

Bourke Shire Council invited all businesses involved in the Tourism Industry within the Shire to join them for a familiarisation exercise relating to the tourist facilities offered by Council and others within Bourke Shire. The familiarisation exercise was held on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 starting at 9.30am with a cruise on the Jandra. Following the cruise there is the opportunity for all Tourism Operators to attend the brand new "Outback Show" at 11.00am at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre and in the afternoon go through the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.

"Poetry on a Plate" has also made complimentary tickets available for anyone who would like to attend one of their shows, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights at Kidman's Camp.

The opportunity will exist for all operators attending to be able to have a few minutes whilst on the Jandra to highlight what their business has to offer tourism in Bourke Shire.

Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman indicated that the event was designed to bring all those involved in the tourist industry together and more importantly ensure that they are all familiar with all the tourist attractions within Bourke Shire. This will ensure that they can all combine to promote the various attractions and encourage our tourist to stay a little longer and visit those attractions.

Tourism has significant economic benefits for our shire and the whole west of the state and it is important that we grow the tourism industry

Council Auditors were in Bourke last week to conduct the mid –year audit. One of the areas that the audit focussed on was the transfer of records from Councils old accounting system to Councils new system Practical Plus. The migration of records seemed to have gone very smoothly with no significant fails were identified with the transfer to the new system. The fact that the transfer went so well was due to both the hard work put in by Councils internal implementation team and Consultant Laurie Knight and the team from practical plus who worked very cohesively to make the transition relatively seamless.

Council has placed advertisements in the local press calling for expressions of interest from someone keen to take over the running of the Back O' Bourke Café. The café in my view presents a great opportunity for someone keen to try their hand operating their own business with limited outlay required in what is a modern, well equipped and fully furnished facility. Enquiries can be directed to the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.

I have previously indicated that work has commenced on the coordination of the 2019 Western Division in Bourke on the 23rd 24th and 25th February 2018 and I am pleased to advise that the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP has agreed to open the Conference.

The Western Division Conference has over the years been an important forum for Local Government in the west to have a collective voice on issues of concern. It is important that ability is maintained by this collective voice if the issues impacting on the communities in the far west are to be heard.

Council will shortly be calling tenders for the Management of the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool for the next three (3) years. The tender documents are currently being finalised.

The Environmental Water Flow which has been the result of a great deal of work by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders Office, The NSW Department of Environment and Heritage and NSW Office of Water is gradually making its way down the river system with releases having been made from both Copeton and Glenlyon Dams. The flow has been termed the Northern Connectivity Event. The flow reached Walgett and is expected to reach Brewarrina this week (week beginning 14th May) and then reach Bourke during the week beginning 21st

May 2018. It will then take about another week to reach Louth and a further week to reach Tilpa. The flow should be in Wilcannia towards the end of June.

As Part of the recognition of the flow, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders Office is holding a series of events along the river system to mark the significance of the event. The venues will provide the opportunity to learn a little more about the event which is making its way down 2000kms of some the great rivers of the northern Murray Darling Basin. River scientists will be available to talk with people about the ongoing health of the Darling.

Events are planned for Walgett on the 15th May, Collarenebri on the 16th Mungindi on the 17th and Brewarrina on the 24th May with dates for Wilcannia, Goondiwindi and Moree to occur in coming weeks.

The Bourke event will be held on the 31st May 2018 at the Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct.

Despite the good flows in the Darling River there are still alerts along the river system in relation to the presence of blue green algae. In a number of instances the level of algal numbers has reduced, however, further low readings are required before the warnings can be reduced to a lower level.

Within Bourke Shire there are amber alerts in place at the Bourke Wharf, Bourke Weir and Louth whilst a green alert is in place at the Bourke Boat Ramp.

For more detail of the alerts in place and for an explanation of what the respective alerts mean is on the Water NSW Website www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae

The next OROC Board Meeting is to be held on Thursday, 7th June 2018 in Coonabarabran on the evening prior to the meeting there will be a joint dinner involving the OROC Board Members and the members of the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance Technical Committee to mark the 10 year milestone of the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance. The Alliance has been hugely successful over the years and has been acknowledged as an excellent example of Local Government collaboration and cooperation. Initially starting with six (6) members now involves all members of OROC plus Central Darling Shire.

The OROC Board meeting will no doubt be considering the future operation of OROC with the proposed establishment of the Orana Joint Organisation of Councils. Five (5) members of OROC have previously resolved to join the JO and will be included in the establishment proclamation. The Councils that have already resolved to join are Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Warrumbungle, Narromine and Cobar. Warren have also recently resolved to join and will be subject to a proclamation at a later date.

The charter of the Orana JO once determined will in some way influence the role that OROC will play in the future as there does not need to be a duplication of functions.

OROC has been very successful as a regional advocacy group in the past and can in all probability continue in that role in the future. However, the changing landscape for Local Government brought about by the establishment of JOs may well determine the future direction and operation of OROC.

Along with the Mayors and General Managers of Walgett, Brewarrina, Central Darling, Balranald, Wentworth, Cobar Shires and Broken Hill City Council the Mayor Barry Hollman and I will be attending a meeting at Parliament House on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 with the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP. The two (2) local Members whose electorates cover the footprint of those Councils, Kevin Humphries, MP the Member for Barwon and Austin Evans, the Member for Murray and the Parliamentary Secretary for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Rick Colless, MLC will also be in attendance with the meeting intended to review the plans for the Far West of the State under the current Local Government Reform Process.

Among the items to be discussed at the May meeting of Council will be the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the 2018/2019 Operational Plan prior to its adoption.

While Bourke only receive around 10 millilitres of rain last week it was very welcome and will make a significant difference to the lawns and gardens as the impact of such a fall is much greater than when a similar amount of water is applied via sprinklers or hand held hoses.

Local Government New South Wales will be conducting one of their Regional Summits in Cobar on Tuesday, 3rd July, the opportunity will be taken to hold the Mid-Term Meeting of Western Division at the same time to negate the need for further travel for Council representatives which makes a lot of sense.

These summits will provide members with the opportunity to raise issues important to them and their local communities with the President, Board Members and Staff of LGNSW.

As part of the redevelopment of the CBD a roundabout was planned to be installed at the intersection of Oxley and Sturts Streets, however, due to a number of issues this part of the project has been revised and there will be now a four (4) way intersection installed.

Our Local Member, Kevin Humphries, MP has arranged for the Minister for Tourism in New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP to visit Bourke on the morning of the 29th May 2018 for a meeting with the Councils from both Far North West New South Wales and South West

Queensland in relation to the development of a Cross Border Strategy for tourism promotion to be developed and progressed.

There has been a strong level of interest from all Councils and at this stage Walgett, Cobar and Brewarrina from the NSW side and Paroo, Bulloo and Balonne Shire from the Queensland side will be in attendance.

Minister Marshall is a strong advocate for Regional Tourism and the Councils are appreciative of the fact that he has made the time to visit Bourke.

The meeting is planned to start at 9.00am and should go for about two (2) hours.

The meeting will be held at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre Café and the opportunity available to delegates from the other Councils to visit this remarkable tourism facility.

Council has submitted its applications under the Stronger Country Communities Fund which also allowed community organisations to submit application via Council. At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on the 2nd May 2018, Council endorsed the following projects in order of priority.

In Round 2 of the Stronger Countries Communities Funding required at least 50% of the funding applications to involve sporting facilities.

Priority	Project	Grant Amount	Council Contribution	Total cost
1	Central Park Refurbishment	\$258,362		\$258,362
2	Bourke War Memorial Pool Upgrade (co contribution by Council \$900,000 loan)	\$930,500	\$900,000	\$1,830,500
3	Wharf Safety Upgrade	\$60,000		\$60,000
4	Main Street Development	\$300,000		\$300,000
5	Pool WHS Upgrade	\$50,000		\$50,000
6	Village Beautification Works	\$200,000		\$200,000
7	Levee Walk Stage 1	\$100,000		\$100,000
8	Signage Entry to town	\$50,000		\$50,000
9	SES Shed for New Rescue Vehicle	\$100,000		\$100,000
10	Fencing at Sporting Precinct i.e. Davidson and Coolican Ovals and Pool	\$352,240		\$352,240
11	Stage 2 Levee Walk	\$100,000		\$100,000
12	PCYC - Upgrade	\$502,393		\$502,393
13	2WEB- refurbishment of Studios	\$146,587		\$146,587

Quote of the week!

"The only source of knowledge is experience"- Albert Einstein

24th May 2018

As foreshadowed in last week's column the Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman and I, along with the Mayors, of Walgett, Brewarrina, Balranald, Wentworth, Cobar Shires and Broken Hill City Council, the Administrator of Central Darling Shire and the General Managers of each Council attended a meeting at Parliament House on Wednesday, 16th May 2018 hosted by the Deputy Premier, the Hon, John Barilaro, MP.

The meeting focussed on plans for the Far West of the State following the decision not to proceed with the Far West Initiative. The two (2) local Members whose electorates cover the footprint of those Councils, Kevin Humphries, MP the Member for Barwon and Austin Evans, MP the Member for Murray and the Parliamentary Secretary for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Rick Colless, MLC were also in attendance.

The President of Local Government New South Wales, Linda Scott and Chief Executive, Donna Rygate also attended.

The Deputy Premier invited Steve Orr from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to provide details of the plan which effectively involves the proposed formation of two (2) JOs involving the eight (8) Councils previously identified for participation in the Far West Initiative.

Balranald, Broken Hill, Central Darling and Wentworth had previously indicated that they would be prepared to form a JO and the proposal is that the remaining four (4) Councils would also form a JO basically creating a North and South JO in the Far West.

One of the concerns for all Councils in relation to the formation of JOs has been the ongoing administration costs. To assist Councils in the Far West in this regard the following assistance package was detailed.

The proposed funding package includes:-

- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation to update existing western road plans in their region;
- \$500,000 to each Joint Organisation to employ an Executive Officer and any support staff required;
- \$250,000 to each Joint Organisation towards planning support with NSW Public Works;
- \$5 million to each Joint Organisation to invest in Tourism and Culture Infrastructure projects to grow the visitor economy; and
- Funding to re-establish Far West Air Services to Cobar, Bourke and Lightning Ridge or Walgett with the opportunity to upgrade airport facilities in both the north and south.

Mr Barilaro said four (4) of the Far West Councils have already committed to a JO in the south and he encouraged the remaining Councils to consider the opportunity for a JO in the north.

There were a number of questions raised by Councils and these were answered either by the Parliamentary representatives in attendance or the representatives of the various Government Departments who were also in attendance.

The Councils have until the end of May to indicate their decision to be part of the JO process or otherwise. All Councils will need to meet either this week or early next week as a resolution of Council is required for formalise the way forward.

One of the components of the package being offered to Councils is the funding to re-establish an airline service to Bourke Walgett and Cobar. Bourke and Walgett have been without an air service since 2008 whilst Cobar lost their service late last year.

Bourke and Walgett Shires have been working closely with Local Member, Kevin Humphries, MP to try and re-establish an air service to their towns for the past five (5) years and there has previously been one (1) tender process take place, but this was unsuccessful in securing an operator.

The current proposal will see additional funding provided by the NSW Government to make the proposition much more attractive to potential operators particularly in the start-up phase.

The level of funding is obviously commercial in confidence; however, indications are that it is significantly higher than the amounts previously offered which should be sufficient to create renewed interest.

The lack of an air service has been identified as an issue in the Bourke Community Strategic Plan, also an impediment to the attraction, retention of staff and the ability to attract professional services on a short term basis.

Bourke Shire Council will consider the proposal to be part of the "North Far West" JO along with Cobar, Walgett and Brewarrina at its meeting to be held on Monday, 28th May 2018. Prior to that meeting a workshop was convened so that any queries in relation to the proposal can be raised and answers obtained. To that end Laura Clark the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Deputy Premier and Chris Presland from the Office of Local Government made themselves available to participate in the workshop via teleconference.

When flying back from Sydney last week we were almost preparing to land at Dubbo when the Captain indicated that there was a minor fault with the plane and that it would be returning to Sydney. Once in Sydney we disembarked and went back to the terminal and then boarded a replacement aircraft and were back in the air to complete our trip.

Whilst it meant we got back to Dubbo a couple of hours later than originally planned there was no angst shown from the passengers who all took it in their stride and accepted that it was just one of those things. I am sure it was better to err on the side of caution.

The crew on the plane were very professional at all times and were equally as accepting of the situation.

I will be attending the meeting of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC) on Thursday, 24th May 2018. The meeting will be hosted for the first time by Mid-Western Regional Council in Mudgee. One of the items to be discussed will be the future of OROC. Some Councils have already committed to being part of a JO with the four (4) Far Western Councils recently being offered the opportunity to form their own JO. They will be provided with some financial assistance should they choose to go down that path.

There are other Councils that indicated that they do not wish to be part of a JO and strongly support the retention of OROC. No doubt discussion will revolve around the practicality of the two (2) organisations operating in tandem.

I think there is a general consensus that OROC has been a very effective organisation both as an advocacy group and also assisting in delivering significant savings to its members through a number of initiatives including the joint procurement of electricity.

As the current chair of GMAC, I feel that should the JO go ahead that at a minimum, OROC should continue to function for a least another six (6) to 12 months until the roles of the JOs are fully determined and bedded down and the future role of OROC can be more accurately determined.

Toni Grant from Dubbo who along with fellow Dubbo authors Jen Cowley and Donna Falconer visited Bourke early this year to talk about her book "Serpent Song" has just released another in the series called "Serpent Sting". Toni has given the Bourke Public Library a copy of her new book which is available for borrowing and has also indicated that she would again like to visit Bourke to provide a little detail in relation to her latest book.

There has been excellent response to the invitation issued to both Far North West New South Wales and South West Queensland Councils to attend a meeting in relation to the development of a Cross Border Strategy for Tourism Promotion and how that strategy can be best progressed.

At this stage Walgett, Cobar and Brewarrina from the NSW side and Paroo, Bulloo and Balonne Shire from the Queensland side have indicated that they will all be in attendance.

The fact that the NSW Minister for Tourism, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP will be in attendance, certainly increases the importance of the meeting and he is a very strong advocate for Regional Tourism.

Minister Marshall will also be accompanied by representatives of Destination Regional and Outback New South Wales.

Our Local Member, Kevin Humphries has been instrumental in the coordination of the visit by Minister Marshall and it is hoped that this support will continue as the strategy is fully developed.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana has developed a series of five (5) short videos aimed at creating an awareness of the advantages of living and working in the Orana Region. One (1) of the videos is specifically aimed at Bourke and features a number of local residents detailing the advantages as they see them and the residents range from longer term residents to newly arrived residents.

The videos will be able to be used to assist in attracting staff and are a positive step forward in promotion of this part of the state.

The launch of the videos is to take place this Tuesday and there will be a "Mini-Launch" in Bourke over the next month. Bourke Shire appreciates the support of RDA Orana and looks forward to working with them over the next 12 months to further develop business and employment opportunities within our shire area.

The Environmental Flow which has been termed the Northern Connectivity Event reached Brewarrina late last week and should reach Bourke during the latter part of this week, beginning 21st May 2018. It will then take about another week to reach Louth and a further week to reach Tilpa.

The flow should be in Wilcannia towards the end of June.

The flow has been welcomed by all those along the river system. As the drought continues to bite many people are saying it is as bad as they can remember and those fortunate enough to be adjacent to the river now having some surety over water supply at least in the short term

The Environmental Water Flow which has been the result of a great deal of work by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holders Office, The NSW Department of Environment and Heritage and NSW Office of Water.

The provision of the flow was supported by Local Government Councils along the river system who saw the dire situation that the river was experiencing and the environmental damage that would result without a flow being made available.

The Commonwealth Environment Water Holder, Jody Swirepik will be in Bourke for three (3) days next week and will take the opportunity to familiarise herself with the area including a visit to Tooralé.

Jody will also meet with representatives of Councils and other stakeholders during her visit.

The familiarisation exercise held last Wednesday to provide the opportunity for all Tourist Operators to experience first-hand some of the attractions that Bourke has to offer met with a reasonable response, with a number of people who had not previously been able to attend or participate in the attractions taking the opportunity to do so. All residents and tourist operators can be great ambassadors for our town and it is important that they are able to speak with confidence regarding what the town has to offer.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on Monday, 28th May 2018 commencing at 9.00am in the Council Chambers at 29 Mitchell Street Bourke. A Public Forum will be held at 10.00am. Whilst not essential people wishing to speak at the Public Forum are encouraged to contact Kai Howard-Oakman by calling 02 68308000 or by email at khoward@bourke.nsw.gov.au so that if necessary, background information may be researched on the issue on which they wish to speak.

One of the most important items on the agenda for the meeting will be the consideration of any submissions received in respect of the 2018/2019 Operational Plan. Any Submissions received must be considered before Council prior to its adoption of the 2018/2019 Operational Plan.

The Operational Plan sets the budget for the year and includes the determination of the rating structure and other charges for the year.

Quote of the week!

"Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace". Christie Brinkley

Ross Earl
General Manager

Resolution

/2018 That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 th May 2018 be received and noted.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Cole	Carried	Unstarred

Corporate Services Activity Report

File No:	L4.1
Report: 405/2018	Library Report
Author:	Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

The following items for the 2017/2018 period are presented for your information.

Item	April 2017	Item	April 2018
Audio Visual	295	Audio Visual	158
Adult Fiction	249	Adult Fiction	235
Non-Fiction	74	Non-Fiction	108
Junior Fiction	165	Junior Fiction	198
Magazines	37	Magazines	66
eBook/Audio		eBooks/eAudio	45
1 Interlibrary Loans	5	Interlibrary Loans	
Total	825	Total	810

Other statistical information

	April 2017		April 2018
New Members	8	New Members	11
Internet/Word Processing	129	Internet/Word Processing	116
Wireless Tickets	11	Wireless Tickets	26
Number of Visitors	1268	Number of Visitors	1126
Scans	19	Scans	17
Information Requests	68	Information Requests	78
Technical Assistance	18	Technical Assistance	14
Faxes	13	Faxes/Laminating	11

- Children's Craft and Story Time this month had 14 children attending.
- A Jane Austen evening was held this month, with 10 people attending and enjoying an evening of regency entertainments.
- Childcare visited this month with seven (7) children and four (4) adults.
- The library was successful in obtaining a State Library Infrastructure Grant for the installation of RFID technology in the library.

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

Resolution

226/2018 That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th May 2018.

Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Cole	Carried	Unstarred
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Tourism and Development Activity Report

File No:	T4.1
Report: 505/2018	BOBEC and VIC April 2018 Activity update
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

April delivered robust growth with visitor numbers for the Visitors Centre, Jandra and Back O’ Bourke Exhibition the highest since 2015. The PV Jandra delivered pleasingly strong numbers despite only operating one cruise per day.

The number of visitors to the area is steadily increasing with April numbers 194% higher than March. We have also been fortunate to see the introduction of the “All Australian Horsemanship Outback Show” to the Exhibition Centre as well as have the Back O’ Bourke Café open once again. In 2018 the café is being operated by Back O’ Bourke Staff. Both the Café and the Outback Show are an important part of the visitor offering in Bourke.

Graph showing the number of visitors per month to the Visitor Information Centre

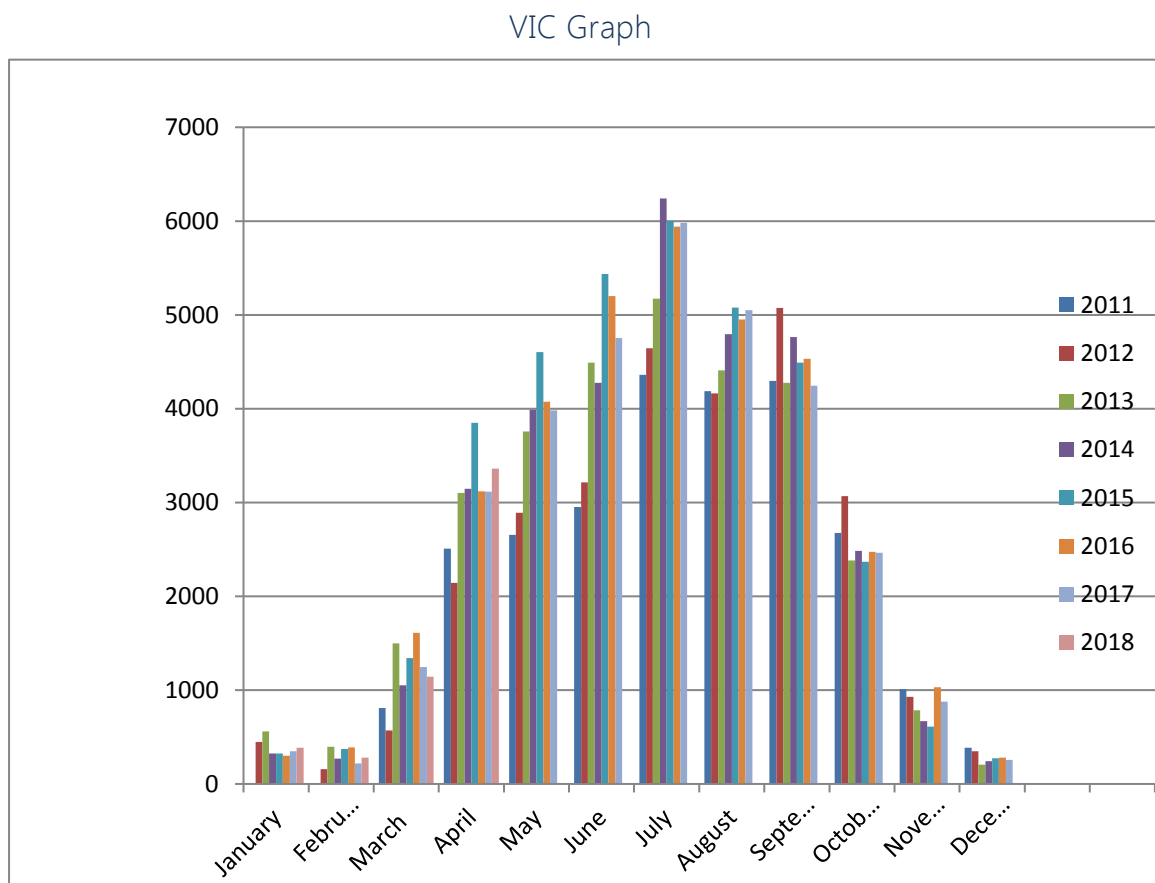


Table showing number of visitors to the Tourist Centre by month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January		448	560	325	326	302	348	386
February		157	397	271	373	391	220	282
March	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1142
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	3362
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	
November	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	
December	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	
	25841	27649	31044	32253	34750	33906	32537	

Back 'O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

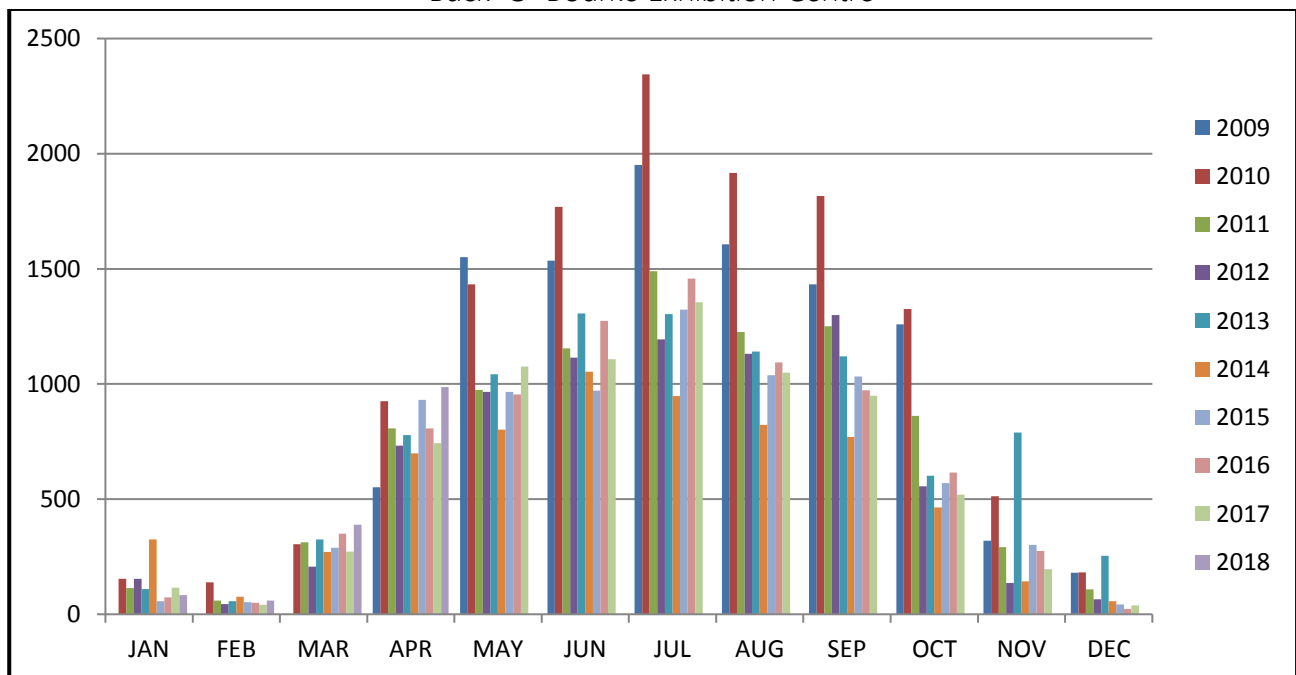


Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January		154	113	154	110	325	56	74	115	83
February		139	60	44	56	76	53	50	41	59
March		304	312	207	325	271	289	350	272	389
April	551	925	807	732	778	699	931	807	743	986
May	1551	1433	974	965	1042	801	965	954	1076	
June	1535	1769	1154	1114	1306	1053	971	1274	1108	
July	1951	2345	1489	1193	1303	947	1323	1458	1355	
August	1607	1916	1225	1131	1141	822	1038	1093	1049	
September	1433	1816	1251	1299	1120	770	1033	972	949	
October	1259	1325	861	556	601	464	569	615	519	
November	320	512	292	136	789	143	302	275	195	
December	180	182	108	65	254	57	43	24	39	
Total	10387	12820	8646	7596	8825	6428	7573	7946	7461	1517

Table showing visitation on board the PV Jandra

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
February	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
March	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	64	290	513	276	180
April	1008	519	442	980	1035	888	1015	1053
May	932	1035	894	1123	917	1036	1203	
June	1241	1003	984	890	240	1075		
July	1386	1238	1300	1059	1197	1624		
August	1186	640	1194	1041	1212	1159		
September	1411	1459	1215	900	1099	638		
October	1085	760	830	631	550	Not Cruising		
November	Not Cruising	423	403	Not Cruising	Not Cruising			
December	Not Cruising	180	20	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	45		
Total	8249	7257	7282	6688	6540	6978		

These are the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber at 29 Mitchell Street, Bourke NSW 2840 on Monday, 28th May 2018 at 9.00am

A report is due soon in regards to the engagement of the tourism industry and future growth. The report is being undertaken by Carolyn Childs who was in Bourke in mid-May to talk with those in the industry.

The Sunday Jandra cruises remain popular with visitors and locals taking advantage of the two (2) hour cruise.

Resolution

227/2018 That Council note the information in the Tourism and Development Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th May 2018.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Cole

Carried

Unstarred

Ross Earl

General Manager

**Closed Session of Council
Engineering Services Report**

File No:	P3.2, P3.4, T3.1,T3.51
Report: 1012/2018	Confidential - Prime Mover 06/18
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Resolution at 12.02pm

228/2018 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

File No	D2.7-D2.17-W2.1-W2.2
Report: 1013/2018	New Waterline to North Bourke
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Resolution

229/2018 The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

Closed Session of Council

Pursuant to section 10A (2) (a), section 10A (2) (d) (i), the public were invited to make representations to the Council Meeting before the meeting was closed, as to whether the meeting should be closed to consider the identified report, being 1012/2018 Confidential Report Prime Mover 06/18 and Confidential Report 1013/2018 New Waterline to North Bourke.

No members of the public made representation.

Resolution at 12.02pm

230/2018

1. That Council move into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to section 10A (1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above
3. That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Dorrington

Carried

Resolution at 12.24pm

231/2018 That Council move out of Closed Council and into open Council.

Moved Cr Dorrington

Seconded Cr Rice

Carried

Resolutions from the Closed Session of Council

The resolutions passed by Council while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the meeting by the Mayor and were as follows:-

Report: 1012/2018

Confidential - Prime Mover 06/18

Resolution

232/2018

1. That Council accepts the tender from Inland Truck Centre of Dubbo for the supply of two Kenworth Prime Movers in the amount of \$558,020.18
2. That Council defer the replacement of Plant No 237.

Report: 1013/2018

Confidential - New Waterline to North Bourke

Resolution

233/2018 That Council re-affirm the decision that the pipeline from the Water Treatment Plant to North Bourke and then on to the Abattoir site in its entirety including ancillary costs and other associated works be funded from the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) .

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.34pm