Bourke Shire Council
Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council held at the
Council Chambers at
Bourke Shire Council Offices
At 29 Mitchell Street, Bourke

Monday, 28th September 2015

General Manager: Ross Earl

PRESENT

C12.1

Councillors	19/01	16/02	23/03	27/04	6/05 Extraordinary	25/05	22/06	09/07 Extraordinary	27/07	24/08	04/09 Extraordinary	28/09	02/10 Extraordinary	26/10	23/11
Cr Andrew Lewis	✓	✓	✓ 9.38am	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Cr Robert Stutsel	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	*AP*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP			
Cr Victor Bartley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓			
Cr Sally Davis	✓	✓ 9.04am	✓ 9.05am	✓	AP	AP	AP	AP	✓ 9.05am	✓ 9.06am	✓	AP			
Cr Cec Dorrington	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Cr Lachlan Ford	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Cr Barry Hollman	AP	✓	✓ Chair	✓	✓	✓ Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Cr Jack Bennett	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	AP	AP	✓			
Cr Sarah Barton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓			
Cr Stuart Johnson	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	AP			

Staff

Ross Earl	General Manager
Leonie Brown	Manager of Corporate Services
Phil Johnston	Manager of Tourism & Development
Mark Gordon	Manager of Roads
Peter Brown	Manager of Works
Dwayne Willoughby	Manager Environmental Services
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 Ken Croskell, former General Manager of Bourke Shire Council from 2003 – 2007.

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised that apologies had been received from Cr Stutsel, Cr Davis and Cr Johnson.

Resolution

335/2015 That the apologies received from Cr Stutsel, Cr Davis and Cr Johnson be accepted and leave of absence granted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were declared at the meeting from Phil Johnston regarding Report 114/2015 Development Proposal for Bourke, Cr Barton regarding Report 932/2015, Request for the Tip Fees to be Waived.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Date	Event
24/08/2015	Council Meeting
26/08/2015	Ronny Gibbs 20th Anniversary Dinner
27/08/2015	Meeting at Council Chambers with Local Federal Member, Mark Coulton
31/08/2015	Travelled to Griffith to attend funeral of former Bourke Shire Council General Manager, Ken Croskell
01/09/2015	Function at Diggers – Hosted by Board Members of Ninti One NGO
04/09/2015	Special Meeting of Council
08/09/2015	Police Awards - Medal Ceremony of Bourke Bowling Club
09/09/2015	Attended Murray Darling Association Annual Conference in Buronga
14/09/2015	Meeting at Council Chamber with newly appointed Chair of Far West Initiative, John Williams
16/09/2015	Ceremony at BAHS to recognize Aboriginal Services Personnel
16/09/2016	Trivia night Fundraiser for Tour De OROC at Bourke Bowling Club
23/09/2015	Farewell for Dr Hutch (Hutchinson Thurairajah)
24/09/2015	Meeting with the State President of the CWA – Tanya Cameron

Resolution

336/2015 That the information in the Mayoral Minute as presented to Council on Monday, 28th September 2015 be noted.
Moved Cr Lewis Carried

The Mayor vacated the Chair at 9.05am

The Returning Officer took the Chair

MAYORAL ELECTION

File No:	C11.5
Report: 1/2015	Election of Mayor
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Nominations are invited for the Office of Mayor of Bourke Shire Council for the 2015/2016 term.

The General Manager (or person appointed by the General Manager) will act as the Returning Officer.

The election of Mayor of Bourke Shire Council must be held in accordance with Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

The Office of Mayor commences on the day the person is elected and continues until the successor is elected.

In accordance with Sections 227(a) and 282(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Mayor of Bourke Shire Council is elected by the Councillors from among their number.

Under Section 230 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Mayor holds office for a period of one year and an election is to be held annually for the position.

Section 226 Role of Mayor

The role of the Mayor (under Section 226 of the *Local Government Act 1993*) is:

- to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council
- to exercise such other functions of the Council as the Council determines
- to preside at meetings of the Council
- to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

Nomination forms for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been enclosed with this meeting agenda. The completed nomination forms may be returned to the Returning Officer at any time before the Council Meeting scheduled for 28th September 2015 or at that Meeting.

The returning officer will read the nominations received.

If only one Councillor is nominated for the position, that Councillor is declared duly elected.

If more than one Councillor is nominated Council must determine if voting is to be by preferential ballot, by Ordinary ballot (both secret votes) or by open voting (voting by a show of hands or similar means).

The elections of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the only times Council can choose to vote by way of secret ballot.

The election is to be held at the Council meeting at which the Council resolves on the method of voting.

"Open Voting" means voting by a show of hands or similar means;

"Ordinary Ballot" has its normal meaning of secret ballot;

"Preferential Ballot" means the placing of the numbers 1 and 2 and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of preference for all of the candidates.

Bourke Shire Council has traditionally utilised an Ordinary ballot to determine the Office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Financial Implications:
Councils Operational Plan provides for the payment of Fees to the Mayor and Councillors in accordance with Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993 and also provides for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities to the Mayor and Councillors in accordance with section 252 of the Local Government Act and the adopted policy of Council.

Recommendation:
1. That should an election be required for the Office of Mayor that Council determine the method of voting
2. That on the finalisation of the count all ballot papers be destroyed

The General Manager acted as Returning Officer.

After the calling of nominations for Mayor the Returning Officer indicated that only the one nomination had been received with that being for Cr Andrew Lewis.

Cr Andrew Lewis was declared elected as Mayor of Bourke Shire for 2015/2016.

Cr Lewis returned to the chair at 9.07am

APPENDIX 1

Report 1 and Part Report 2

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* outlines the following procedures for the election of a Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Schedule 7 Election of mayor by councillors

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Returning officer

The general manager (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.

2 Nomination

(1) A councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor or deputy mayor.
(2) The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
(3) The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.
(4) The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.

3 Election

(1) If only one councillor is nominated, that councillor is elected.
(2) If more than one councillor is nominated, the council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.
(3) The election is to be held at the council meeting at which the council resolves on the method of voting.
(4) In this clause:

ballot has its normal meaning of secret ballot.
open voting means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

Part 2 Ordinary ballot or open voting

4 Application of Part

This Part applies if the election proceeds by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

5 Marking of ballot-papers

(1) If the election proceeds by ordinary ballot, the returning officer is to decide the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot-papers.
(2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part must be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (6) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
(3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

6 Count—2 candidates

(1) If there are only 2 candidates, the candidate with the higher number of votes is elected.
(2) If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot.

7 Count—3 or more candidates

(1) If there are 3 or more candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes is to be excluded.
(2) If 3 or more candidates then remain, a further vote is to be taken of those candidates and the one with the lowest number of votes from that further vote is to be excluded.
(3) If, after that, 3 or more candidates still remain, the procedure set out in subclause (2) is to be repeated until only 2 candidates remain.
(4) A further vote is to be taken of the 2 remaining candidates.
(5) Clause 6 of this Schedule then applies to the determination of the election as if the 2 remaining candidates had been the only candidates.
(6) If at any stage during a count under subclause (1) or (2), 2 or more candidates are tied on the lowest number of votes, the one excluded is to be chosen by lot.

Part 3 Preferential ballot

8 Application of Part

This Part applies if the election proceeds by preferential ballot.

9 Ballot-papers and voting

(1) The ballot-papers are to contain the names of all the candidates. The councillors are to mark their votes by placing the numbers "1", "2" and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of their preference for all the candidates.
(2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part is to be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (5) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
(3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

10 Count

(1) If a candidate has an absolute majority of first preference votes, that candidate is elected.
(2) If not, the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes is excluded and the votes on the un-exhausted ballot-papers counted to him or her are transferred to the candidates with second preferences on those ballot-papers.
(3) A candidate who then has an absolute majority of votes is elected, but, if no candidate then has an absolute majority of votes, the process of excluding the candidate who has the lowest number of votes and counting each of his or her un-exhausted ballot-papers to the candidates remaining in the election next in order of the voter's preference is repeated until one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes. The latter is elected.
(4) In this clause, ***absolute majority***, in relation to votes, means a number that is more than one-half of the number of un-exhausted formal ballot-papers.

11 Tied candidates

(1) If, on any count of votes, there are 2 candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for the 2 candidates are equal—the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have received an absolute majority of votes and is therefore taken to be elected.
(2) If, on any count of votes, there are 3 or more candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for 2 or more candidates are equal and those candidates are the ones with the lowest number of votes on the count of the votes—the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have the lowest number of votes and is therefore excluded.

Part 4 General

12 Choosing by lot

To choose a candidate by lot, the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes are written on similar slips of paper by the returning officer, the slips are folded by the returning officer so as to prevent the names being seen, the slips are mixed and one is drawn at random by the returning officer and the candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is chosen.

13 Result

The result of the election (including the name of the candidate elected as mayor or deputy mayor) is:

(a) to be declared to the councillors at the council meeting at which the election is held by the returning officer, and

(b) to be delivered or sent to the Director-General and to the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales.

Note: This is the Chief Operative of the Office of Local Government and the Chief Executive of Local Government NSW.

345 Informal ballot-papers

(1) A ballot-paper of an elector at an election is informal if:

(a) the elector has failed to record a vote on it in the manner directed on it, or

(b) it has not been initialled on the front by an election official, or

(c) it contains a mark or writing that, in the returning officer's opinion, would enable the elector to be identified.

(2) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election in which only one candidate is to be elected is not informal merely because a tick or a cross has been placed in one square and the other square or squares have been left blank. In such a case the tick or the cross is to be treated as a first preference.

(3) (Repealed)

(4) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal merely because a preference (other than a first preference) has been repeated or omitted so long as the ballot-paper shows at least the minimum number of preferences required by the directions.

(5) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal merely because it has not been initialled on the front by an election official, so long as it bears the mark referred to in clause 305 (2).

(6) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper of an elector at an election is not informal by virtue of the existence of an unnecessary mark on the ballot-paper if, in the opinion of the returning officer, the elector's intention is clearly indicated on the ballot-paper.

(6A) Despite subclause (1), a ballot-paper is not informal by reason only that the elector has placed one or more numbers, a tick or one or more crosses adjacent to but outside a square or squares if, in the opinion of the returning officer, the elector's intention is clearly indicated on the ballot-paper. In such a case, each such number, tick or cross is taken to have been placed within the relevant square.

(7) Nothing in subclause (2) authorises any person to encourage a voter to place a tick or a cross in a square on a ballot-paper.

Note. Section 308C of the Act makes provision concerning the formality of ballot-papers where the voter marks, crosses or ticks a group voting square, or where the ballot papers contain the name of a candidate whom a court has declared to be incapable of being elected.

NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* we hereby nominate _____

For the office of Mayor for the period of September 2015 to September 2016

Signed: _____
(Signature)

Councillor: _____
(Print Name)

Signed: _____
(Signature)

Councillor: _____
(Print Name)

I Councillor _____ (Print Name)

Hereby consent to my nomination as the Mayor of Bourke Shire Council.

_____
Signature

_____
Date

<u>Please Note:</u> The nomination must be made by at least two Councillors (one who can be the nominee) and accepted by the nominated Councillor and dated. The completed nomination form should be delivered to the Returning Officer (General Manager) at or before the Council Meeting to be held on 28th September 2015.

File No:	C11.6
Report: 2/2014	Election of Deputy Mayor
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Nominations are invited for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2015/2016 term.

The election of a Deputy Mayor of Bourke Shire Council must be held in accordance with Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

Statutory Provisions

Under Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.
- The person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term
- The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor.
- The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this sections, or if no deputy mayor has been elected.

Nomination forms for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been enclosed with this meeting agenda. The completed nomination forms may be returned to the Returning Officer at any time before the Meeting scheduled for 28th September 2015 or at the Council Meeting.

The returning officer will read the nominations received.

If only one Councillor is nominated for the position, that Councillor is declared elected.

If more than one Councillor is nominated Council must determine if voting is to be by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot (both secret votes) or by open voting (voting by a show of hands or similar means).

The elections of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are the only times Council can choose to vote by way of secret ballot.

The election is to be held at the Council meeting at which the Council resolves on the method of voting.

"Open Voting" means voting by a show of hands or similar means;

"Ordinary Ballot" has its normal meaning of secret ballot;

"Preferential Ballot" means the placing of the numbers 1 and 2 and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of preference for all of the candidates

Recommendation:

1. That should an election for the Office of Deputy Mayor be required, the Council determine whether the vote is to be by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.
2. That all ballot papers be destroyed following the declaration of the Office of Deputy Mayor.

After the calling of nominations for Deputy Mayor the Returning Officer indicated that only the one nomination had been received with that being Cr Barry Hollman.

Cr Hollman was declared elected Deputy Mayor of Bourke Shire Council for 2015/2016.

APPENDIX 2

Report 2

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

In accordance with the provisions of Schedule 7 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* we hereby nominate _____

For the office of Deputy Mayor for the period of September 2015 to September 2016.

Signed: _____
(Signature)

Councillor: _____
(Print Name)

Signed: _____
(Signature)

Councillor: _____
(Print Name)

I Councillor _____ (Print Name)

Hereby consent to my nomination as the Deputy Mayor of Bourke Shire Council.

_____
Signature

_____
Date

Please Note: The nomination must be made by at least two Councillors (one who can be the nominee) and accepted by the nominated Councillor and dated. The completed nomination form should be delivered to the Returning Officer (General Manager) before or at the Meeting of Council scheduled for the 28th September 2015.

File No:	C12.1
Report: 3/2015	Determination of Meeting Time and Schedule
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Council is required to determine the day and time in which Ordinary Meetings of Council are to be held, ensuring compliance with the legislative provisions in relation to the scheduling and notification of meetings.

Number of Meetings

Under the provisions of Section 365 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 1993 a Council is required to hold ten (10) meetings per year each of which must be held in a different Month.

Council Requirement to Give Public Notice – Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1993

Section 9 - Notice of meetings

(1) A council must give notice to the public of the times and places of its meetings and meetings of those of its committees of which all the members are councillors.
(2) A council and each such committee must have available for the public at its offices and at each meeting copies (for inspection or taking away by any person) of the agenda and the associated business papers (such as correspondence and reports) for the meeting.
(2A) In the case of a meeting whose agenda includes the receipt of information or discussion of other matters that, in the opinion of the general manager, is likely to take place when the meeting is closed to the public:
(a) the agenda for the meeting must indicate that the relevant item of business is of such a nature (but must not give details of that item), and
(b) the requirements of subsection (2) with respect to the availability of business papers do not apply to the business papers for that item of business.
(3) The copies are to be available to the public as nearly as possible to the time they are available to councillors.
(4) The copies are to be available free of charge.
(5) A notice given under this section or a copy of an agenda or of a business paper made available under this section may in addition be given or made available in electronic form.

Method of Giving Notice Clause 232 of the Local Government (General Regulation) 2005

(1) This clause prescribes the manner in which the requirements outlined in section 9 (1) of the Act are to be complied with.
(2) A notice of a meeting of a council or of a committee must be published in a newspaper circulating in the area before the meeting takes place.
(3) The notice must specify the time and place of the meeting.
(4) Notice of more than one meeting may be given in the same notice.
(5) This clause does not apply to an extraordinary meeting of a council or committee

Current Situation

Council's Code of Meeting Practice contains details relating to day and time of Councils Ordinary Meetings.

The Ordinary Meetings of Council are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month commencing at 9.00 am.

Council should determine whether it wishes to hold its meeting on the same day of the month and at the same time.

Public Holidays for New South Wales for the balance 2015 and for 2016 fall on the following dates:

Labour Day	Monday, 5th October
Christmas Day	Friday, 25th December
Boxing Day	Monday, 28th December

Public Holidays for New South Wales in 2016 fall on the following dates:

New Year's Day	Friday, 1st January
Australia Day	Tuesday, 26th January
Good Friday	Friday, 25th March
Easter Saturday	Saturday, 26th March
Easter Sunday	Sunday, 27th March
Easter Monday	Monday, 28th March
ANZAC Day	Monday, 25th April
Queen's Birthday	Monday, 13th June
Labour Day	Monday, 3rd October
Christmas Day	Monday, 26th December (Public Holiday Sunday in lieu of 25 Dec 2016)
Boxing Day	Tuesday, 27th December (Public Holiday Monday in lieu of 25 Dec 2016)

The meeting in January has traditionally been brought forward a week as quite often the Australia Day Public Holiday has fallen on the Monday and additionally it provides the opportunity for Council to determine the winners of the Australia Day Awards and where possible make arrangements for those persons to be at the Australia Day celebrations.

It is proposed to continue with this practice, with the January meeting to be held on Monday, 18th January 2015.

Over the past few years Council has also resolved not to hold a Council meeting in December, and it is proposed that this practice continue.

Should the need arise an Extraordinary Meeting could be scheduled

Once Council has determined the meeting schedule an advertisement will be placed in the next available issue of the Western Herald detailing the Meeting Dates for the Ordinary Meetings of Council for the period October 2015 to December 2016 with their location being the Council Chambers, 29 Mitchell Street Bourke, unless otherwise determined.

Should Council maintain the scheduled Meeting Day as the Fourth Monday of each month the meeting schedule will be as follows;

Month/Year	Proposed Meeting Date	Reason
2015		
October	26th	4th Monday
November	23rd	4th Monday
2016		
January	18th	3rd Monday – To allow for Australia Day Awards
February	22nd	4th Monday
March	21st	3rd as 4th Monday is Easter Monday
April	18th	3rd as 4th Monday ANZAC Day
May	23rd	4th Monday
June	27th	4th Monday
July	25th	4th Monday
August	22nd	4th Monday
September	26th	4th Monday
October	24th	4th Monday
November	28th	4th Monday

Resolution

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1. That Council continue to conduct their meetings for the next twelve (12) months on the fourth Monday of each month at 9.00am.
2. That the meeting scheduled for January 2016 be held on the 18th January to allow Councillors the opportunity to review the nominations and determine the winners of the various categories in the Australia Day Awards.
3. That public notice be given in relation to the proposed meeting schedule.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Bartley Carried

File No:	C6.1
Report: 4/2015	Composition of Council Committees and Confirmation of Appointment of Delegates to other Organisations
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Council operates a number of committees internally and also has representation on a number of committees and organisations external to Council.

Current Situation:

Membership of all Committees and delegates to various organisations are generally reviewed on an annual basis.

Council has four standing Committees, The Roads and Plant Committee, Corporate Planning Committee, Town and Village Committee and the Tourism and Economic Development Committee.

With the exception of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee which has seven (7) members all other committees involve the whole of Council as members.

The operation of each of the Committees is outlined in the Charter for each of those Committees.

In addition to the internal Committees there are a number of other committees and organisations to which Council provides a delegate or is represented at meetings and these are included in the attached listing.

The listings have also included brief details in relation to each of the organisations to which Council provides delegates and the level of involvement.

Financial Implications:

Provision has been made in the Operational Plan (Budget) for the expenses incurred in the attendance of Councillors and staff as members, delegates or representatives of the various committees as detailed

Recommendation:

1. That Council review the listing of current internal committee membership.
2. That Council review the listing of delegates to all external organisations.
3. That any identified changes be incorporated in the listing of Committee members, representatives and delegates and the revised listing be circulated to Councillors.
4. That the Delegates to the outside organisations be notified to those organisations together with appropriate contact details.

Resolution

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1. That Council note the listing of current internal committee membership.
2. That Council note the listing of delegates to all external organisations.
3. That the listing be circulated to Councillors.
4. That the Delegates to the outside organisations be notified to those organisations together with appropriate contact details.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)	ALTERNATE	PURPOSE	MEETING PLACE	MEETING FREQUENCY	COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT
OUTBACK SHIRES ALLIANCE	Mayor Cr Barton	Cr Hollman	To review opportunities for Resource Sharing and Improved Service Delivery for the Councils	Generally Brewarrina	As required	Member
ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION COUNCILS (OROC)	Mayor	Deputy Mayor	To look at regional based initiatives with positive outcomes for all Councils	Rotation amongst member Councils	Quarterly	Member
NETWASTE	Manager of Environmental Services – Dwayne Willoughby		To coordinate strategic waste disposal initiatives	Rotation amongst member Councils	Quarterly	Member
LOWER MACQUARIE WATER UTILITIES ALLIANCE BOARD	Mayor & General Manager	Deputy Mayor & Manager of Corporate Services	Review the Strategic Direction and operation of LMWUA	Rotation amongst member Councils	Six Monthly	Member
LOWER MACQUARIE WATER UTILITIES ALLIANCE OPERATION	Manager Works – Peter Brown	Nil	To determine ongoing direction and strategic Direction of LMWUA	Rotation amongst member Councils	Bi Monthly	Member
GENERAL MANAGER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE	General Manager	Manager Corporate Services	To provide advice to OROC and to investigate regional collaboration	Dubbo	Quarterly	Member
OUTBACK ARTS	Cr Johnson	Manager Tourism & Development	Promotion of the Arts and Arts related Activities	Rotation amongst member Councils	Quarterly	Member
KAMILAROI HIGHWAY PROMOTIONIAL COMMITTEE	Manager Tourism & Development	Nil	To investigate, develop and institute promotion opportunities	Rotation amongst member Councils and By phone	Ad hoc	Member
KIDMAN WAY PROMITIONAL COMMITTEE	Cr Johnson Manager of Tourism & Development	Cr Ford	To promote and develop the tourist opportunities of towns serviced by the Kidman Way	Rotation amongst Member Councils	Ad hoc	Member
WESTERN DIVISION COUNCILS OF NSW	Mayor, Deputy Mayor & General Manager		To perform an advocacy role of all Councils located within the Western Division of NSW	Rotation amongst Members	Annual Conference Mid- year conference	Member
INLAND TOURISM ORGANISATION	Manager of Tourism & Development – not Council delegate, elected by Outback Members		Institute Tourism promotional initiatives in Inland New South Wales	Teleconference Dubbo x 1 Sydney x 1	As required by Teleconference and six Monthly	Member
Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee	Mayor General Manager as Advisor	Deputy Mayor	To assist in determining the operation of the FWI	Various	To be determined	Member Council

Inter Government Liaison

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)	ALTERNATE	PURPOSE	MEETING PLACE	MEETING FREQUENCY	COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT
BUSHFIRE LIAISON COMMITTEE	Mayor General Manager Manager of Corporate Services	Cr Davis	To Work with the RFS to ensure compliance with the service level agreement and preparedness for fires	Either Bourke or Brewarrina	Six Monthly	Attendee
BOURKE STRATGIC COORDINATION GROUP	Mayor General Manager Manager Tourism & Development	Manager Corporate Services	To ensure cost effective and efficient service delivery by State Government Agencies	Bourke	Quarterly	Attendee
LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	General Manager	Manager of Works	To ensure adequate preparedness and planning for Emergency situations	Bourke	Quarterly	Provide Secretariat
BOURKE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE *****Cr Lewis is the Local Members Representative*	Manager of Roads Manager of Works	Services Technical Officer	To review local traffic flow issues, parking, speed zones, etc.	Bourke	As required	Provide Secretariat
JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE	Mayor, Deputy Mayor	Cr Stutsel	To review significant planning matters	Generally by teleconference	As required	Attendee on issues impacting Bourke Shire
FAR WEST REGIONAL ALGAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE	Manager of Environmental Services	Manager of Works	To take proactive action in relation to algae bloom	Generally by teleconference	As required	Attendee
REGIONAL FOOD GROUP	Manager of Environmental Services		To Liaise with NSW FOOD Authority regarding food premises inspections etc.	Generally Dubbo	Quarterly	Attendee

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUPS

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)	ALTERNATE	PURPOSE	MEETING PLACE	MEETING FREQUENCY	COUNCIL INVOVLEMENT
BOURKE ALCOHOL WORKING GROUP	Cr Ford General Manager Manager Tourism & Development	Manager Corporate Services	To assist in the determination of actions in reducing the social impact of alcohol and drug use within Bourke	Bourke	Monthly	Attend
BOURKE LIQUOR ACCORD	Cr Dorrington General Manager	Cr Bartley	To review and develop policy in regard to the sales of Alcohol within the Shire	Bourke	Monthly	Provide Secretariat
YOUTH INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE	Cr Barton Manager Tourism & Development		To review the provision and operation of Youth Services within Bourke	Bourke	Monthly	Attendee
RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE	Manager of Corporate Services	None	Provide support to primary producers.	Bourke	Monthly	Attendee
COMMUNITY ABORIGINAL WORKING PARTY	General Manager Manager of Tourism & Development	Manager of Corporate Services	Provide an advocacy role on behalf of the Bourke Aboriginal Community	Bourke	Monthly	Invitee
BOURKE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GROUP	General Manager Manager of Tourism & Development	Manager of Corporate Services	To develop and implement strategies aimed at strengthening the business sector of Bourke and the growth of the town itself	Bourke	Monthly	Provide Secretariat
BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE	Mayor Cr Ford Cr Bennett Cr Bartley Cr Barton		As per Charter	Council Chambers	As per Charter	Provide Secretariat

COUNCIL INTERNAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)	ALTERNATE	PURPOSE	MEETING PLACE	MEETING FREQUENCY	OTHER COMMENTS
PLANT & ROADS	All		As per Charter	As per Charter	As per Charter	
CORPORATE	All		As per Charter	As per Charter	As per Charter	
TOWN & VILLAGES	All		As per Charter	As per Charter	As per Charter	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM	Mayor Deputy Mayor Cr Ford, Cr Davis, Cr Johnson, Cr Stutsel, Cr Barton		As per Charter	As per Charter	As per Charter	
GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW	Mayor Deputy Mayor		Review General Manager's Performance	Council Chambers	Six (6) monthly	

REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUPS

COMMITTEE	DELEGATE(S)	ALTERNATE	PURPOSE	MEETING PLACE	MEETING FREQUENCY	Council Involvement
MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION	Mayor	Cr Stutsel	Monitor the Murray Darling River System Operations	Various		Member
BARWON DARLING WATER (Formally Mungindi-Menindee Advisory)	Mayor Cr Bennett	Manager of Corporate Services General Manager	To discuss water flow and allocation with the river system	Walgett or Bourke Generally	Quarterly	Member
MACQUARIE VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Weeds Officer	Nil	Regional Weeds Eradication Strategy	By Phone Sydney x 1 Dubbo x 1		Member

File No:	A3.8
Report: 5/2015	Delegations to the Mayor
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Section 377 of the Local Government provides the opportunity for Council to be able to delegate some of its functions to other organisations or people with the exception of these matters detailed in that section as functions that are only to be exercised by Council.

Section 377 of the Local Government Act provides that:

"A council may, by resolution, delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council, other than the following:

- *the appointment of a general manager*
- *the making of a rate*
- *a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate*
- *the making of a charge*
- *the fixing of a fee*
- *the borrowing of money*
- *the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations*
- *the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment)*
- *the acceptance of tenders which are required under this Act to be invited by the council*
- *the adoption of a management plan under section 406*
- *the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report*
- *a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6*
- *the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land*
- *the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work*
- *the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194*
- *a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons*
- *the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister*
- *this power of delegation*
- *any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council."*

In relation to the Mayor section 226 of the Local Government provides that the Mayor shall:-

Section 226 Role of Mayor

The role of the Mayor (under Section 226 of the *Local Government Act 1993*) is:

- to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council
- to exercise such other functions of the Council as the Council determines
- to preside at meetings of the Council
- to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

Current Situation:

The Mayors delegations are contained within the attached policy document

Financial Implications:

There is no significant impact.

Resolution

339/2015 That Council delegates to the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis the delegations as detailed in attached Policy document.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Bartley	Carried

SECTION 1 Service Management
PART 5 Delegations

POLICY NO:	1.5.1(v8)
POLICY TITLE:	Mayor Delegations
DATE ADOPTED:	28/09/2015
RESOLUTION NO:	/2015
SUPERCEDES:	Mayor Delegations 1.5.1(v7) Adopted: 22/09/2014 Resolution No: 355/2014
PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	26/09/2015

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Mayor is delegated the following powers and duties by Council on 28th September 2015, effective from that date.

POLICY

To give effect to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, and any other Act conferring powers or duties upon the Mayor and to any resolution or direction give to the Mayor by the Council.

STATUTORY ROLE

To exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council.

To exercise such other features of the council as the council determines.
To preside at meetings of the council.

To carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

OTHER DELEGATIONS

To direct the General Manager where necessary, in the interpretation and implementation of each and every policy or code of the Council which is current and has been adopted by Council resolution.

To provide guidance where necessary to the General Manager in the development and implementation of procedures of Council.

To participate in negotiations on behalf of the Council with third parties and in connection with the sale, purchase and lease of lands and buildings in conjunction with the General Manager.

To exercise a statutory role of the principal office in accordance with Section 1 of the Independent Commission against Corruption Act 1988, as and when considered appropriate by the Mayor.

To give direction to Council following consultation with the General Manager, in the application of Code of Conduct as adopted by the Council and where necessary apply appropriate censures to elected members.

To give direction, in conjunction with the General Manager, to the Council in pursuit of the objectives and strategies contained within the Bourke Shire Community Strategic Plan and the Bourke Shire Council Operational and Delivery Plans.

To represent Council, in conjunction with the General Manager, in deputations to Government enquires and elsewhere where it is appropriate that the Mayor should present the Council's position.

To make media statements and issue press releases in respect of Council resolutions and decisions in conjunction with the General Manager.

To promote the area of Council through representations, delegations, functions and personal approaches within the budget provisions.

To spend up to $20,000 in times of emergency, subject to details of works so authorised, being referred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council for its information.

RELATED POLICIES

1.5.2 (V7) Deputy Mayor Delegation
1.5.3 (V5) General Manager

File No:	A3.8
Report: 6/2015	Delegation to the Deputy Mayor
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Section 377 of the Local Government provides the opportunity for Council to be able to delegate some of its functions with the exception of those matters detailed within that section as functions that are only to be exercised by Council.

Under Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993*:

- The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.
- The person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term
- The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor.
- The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this sections, or if no deputy mayor has been elected.

Current Situation:

The Deputy Mayors delegations are contained within the attached policy document

Financial Implications:

There is no significant impact.

Resolution

340/2015 That Council delegates to the Deputy Mayor, Cr Barry Hollman the delegation as detailed in the attached Policy Document.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Bartley Carried

SECTION 1 Service Management
PART 5 Delegations

POLICY NO:	1.5.2(v8)
POLICY TITLE:	Deputy Mayor Delegations
DATE ADOPTED:	28/09/2015
RESOLUTION NO:	/2015
SUPERCEDES:	1.5.2(v7) Adopted: 22/09/2014 Resolution: 356/2014
PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	26/09/2016

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Deputy Mayor is delegated the following powers and duties by Council on 28th September 2015 effective from that date.

POLICY

- That the Deputy Mayor be authorised to exercise any function, power, duty or authority of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise, from exercising the function, power, duty and authority or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor.

RELATED POLICIES

1.5.1(V7) Mayor Delegations
1.5.3 (V5) General Manager Delegation

STARRING OF ITEMS

A number of items have been starred for discussion. The Mayor received requests to star additional items to be discussed. The following additional items were identified for discussion.

Report No	Report Name	Responsible Officer
110/2015	Water Management Charges Review	MW
456/2015	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances	MCS
457/2015	Investment Report as at 31st August 2015	MCS
932/2015	Request for Tip Fees to be Waived	MES
209/2015	Environmental Activity Report	MES

Resolution:

341/2015That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 28th September 2015 be adopted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution

342/2015 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 24th August and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday, 4th September 2015 be confirmed as true and accurate records of those meetings.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Bartley Carried

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month/ Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2015				
September	9th – 11th		Murray Darling Ass AGM & Annual Conference	Baroogo & Tocumwal
	23rd	9.00am	Grants Commission Meeting	Council Chambers
	28th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday Mayoral Elections	Council Chambers
October	2nd	8.30am	Extraordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chambers
	7th		Tour De OROC Stopover in Bourke	
	11th – 13th		Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales	Rosehill Gardens Race Course
	14th		Far West Initiative	DP&C Parramatta
	26th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers
November	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST

Information which has been sent out to Councillors since the last meeting of Council held on Monday, 24th August 2015.

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Email/Fax	Post	Précis
20/08/2015	Letter Re: Lack of Midwife Services	Scott McLachlan CEO – Western NSW Area Health	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
25/09/2015	Briefing Notes for the Visit with Mark Coulton	GM	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
31/08/2015	Invitation to attend the Ninti Networks	Alicia Gigante – Communications Officer	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
03/09/2015	Extraordinary Meeting – 4th September 2015	GM	All Councillors MANEX		
03/09/2015	Management of Menindee Lakes 2015/16	Department of Primary Industries – Water	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
07/09/2015	Far West Initiative – Terms of Reference - Advisory Committee	John Williams Chair	Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett	
09/09/2015	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	Councillors All Staff	Cr Bennett	
09/09/2015	Memo - Visit by John Williams 14th September 2015	GM	Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett & phone call by GM	
09/09/2015	Minutes Extraordinary Meeting – 04/09/2015		Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett	
14/09/2015	MDBA Northern Basin Update - September 2015	ALGA	Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett	
15/09/2015	Response to the Member for Barwon's Letter - Lack of any Midwife Trained Nursing Staff at Bourke Hospital	Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health	Councillors All Staff	Cr Bennett	
15/09/2015	Letter regarding Essential Energy	John Coulton, Mayor - Gwydir Shire Council	Councillors All Staff	Cr Bennett	✓
16/09/2015	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	Councillors All Staff	Cr Bennett	
16/09/2015	Memo – Fig Trees	MW	Councillors All Staff	Cr Bennett	
17/09/2015	Upcoming LGNSW Workshop & Seminars Elected Members	LGNSW	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
17/09/2015	Reminder & Papers for Grants Commission: proposed meeting: 23 September 2015		Councillors	Cr Bennett	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 24TH AUGUST 2015

KEY: ☐ Action still pending ▒ Action

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

206/2013 - Review of Organisational Structure
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. That the Council obtain advice from Brewarrina Shire as to their willingness to continue negotiations in relation to a shared appointment of a qualified Engineer in the capacity of a Group Leader or similar.	1. Brewarrina has appointed a new Director of Technical Services
2. That the recommendations in relation to the realignment of any positions be considered prior to the advertising of any vacancies.	2. Ongoing
3. 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.	3. In progress
4. That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.	4. In progress

350/2013&289/2015 – Proposed Amendment of LEP
Responsible Officer: MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Prepare a planning proposal to have the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BLEP 2012) amended to rezone IN2 Light Industrial land located in the western end of Bourke encompassing that land between Meek, Anson and Church Streets to R1 General Residential. 2. That a further report be presented to Council to obtain consent to submit that planning proposal to the NSW Department of Planning. *3. That Council adopt the Planning Proposal to amend Bourke LEP 2012 and make the plan in accordance with the delegations from the Department of Environment and Planning.* *4. That Council delegate its powers to make the LEP to the General Manager* *5. That Council resolve to make amendments to the Bourke DCP 2012 to insert a new clause in section 4.6 which will apply to the Large Lot Residential Zone at North Bourke to ensure that the lots in the subdivision have access to either Warrego or Macquarie Streets.* *6. That the proposed amendment to the DCP be publicly exhibited*	• Section S9 Planning Report being prepared for lodgement for finalisation of amendment of LEP

163/2014 – CONFIDENTIAL- Enforcement of Fines on Local Roads
Responsible Officer: MR

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council to continue to investigate methods for enforcing fines on closed roads and continue to ensure that the public are aware that fines may be levied if vehicles are driven on closed roads	Ongoing

179/2014 – Investigation of the Establishment of an Internal Audit Function for Bourke Shire Council in Conjunction with other Members of OROC
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
General Manager continues to liaise with the other members of OROC in relation to the provision of Internal Audit on a joint basis	Held in abeyance pending the outcome of Fit for the Future process

263/2014 – Cenotaph/Rotunda Heritage Listing
Responsible Officer: MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Heritage Advisor to prepare a report detailing the potential for applying for a heritage listing on both the Cenotaph and Rotunda located in Central Park detailing the benefits and potential implications of such listings	Ongoing

306/2014 – CONFIDENTIAL - Proposal to Undertake Accommodation Project
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
The General Manager be authorised to further investigate the proposal of development of accommodation in conjunction with Government Departments	FACS still progressing

338/2014 – Tourism & Development Activity Report
Responsible Officer: MT&D

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council investigate the potential to be an RV friendly town	Ongoing

67/2015 & 118/2015 & 177/2015 & 203/2015 – Full Birthing Unit for Bourke Hospital
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
• That Council monitor the development of a midwifery model to support the antenatal and post-natal needs of the community • That Council continue to work the Western NSW Local Health District staff to re-establish full birthing services if the	• *Ongoing* • *Ongoing*

opportunity for securing the right mix of staff is made available. • That further information in regards to midwife led birthing models be obtained.	• *Ongoing – meeting held*

72/2015 – Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC)
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
That Bourke Shire Council participate in discussions in relation to the transition of OROC to a Joint Organisation	Ongoing

156/2015 – Old Gateway Bridge (Old North Bourke Bridge)
Responsible Officer: MRS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Council to seek Heritage funding to restore the Old North Bourke Bridge structure. 2. If funding is received Council to go to tender to carry out the major repairs required to reopen the Old North Bourke Bridge. 3. Council to budget $50,000 per year for the ongoing maintenance of the Old North Bourke Bridge to assure it is able to support emergency vehicles and pedestrians	Ongoing

209/2015 – 2015 Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Mayor, Cr Dorrington and General Manager attend the Annual Conference of Local Government NSW to be held in October 2015 2. That any proposed motions be tabled at the July meeting for endorsement by Council	1. Mayor, Cr Dorrington & GM registered to attend

214/2015 – Proposal to Consider Construction of Additional Weir Capacity
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council support the updating of the report in relation to increasing the water supply for Bourke including the inclusion of the information held by the then Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission and the issue of water storage be referred to the Town & Village Committee for a more detailed review	To be referred to the Town & Village Committee

265/2015 – Tourism & Development Activity Report – Promotional Idea
Responsible Officer: MT&D

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Report back to Council regarding the legal and financial implications of the painting of the Morven Street Water Tower as the "Big Splashe Cola Can"	To be discussed at the next Town Committee Meeting

271/2015 – Mobile Phone Coverage
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council to strongly continue to lobby the Federal Government for funding for improved mobile coverage in remote areas of the Shire	Ongoing

276/2015 – Sale of Land at North Bourke - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer: MT&D

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. That Council sell 10 Namoi Street, North Bourke, Lot 8 section 14 DP 758781. 2. That Council delegates the General Manager to negotiate contract terms for the sale of 10 Namoi Street, North Bourke. 3. That Council affix the Council Seal to documentation relating to the sale of 10 Namoi Street, North Bourke.	Commenced

277/2015 – Potential Development Opportunity - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council continue to progress developments in accordance with the previous adopted resolutions of Council	Ongoing

283/2015 – Change of Provider for Health Services
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Invite a member of RaRMS to meet with Bourke Shire Council to discuss future service provision.	Meeting to be held 28th September

284/2015 – Concerns of the Current Health Service Provided
Responsible Officer:

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Invite CEO, Scott McLachlan to meet with Bourke Shire Council to discuss the ongoing concerns in regards to Local Health Service Provision	Invitation issued

286/2015 – National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2015
Responsible Officer: MRS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council be represented at the National Local Roads & Transport 2015 Congress in Ballarat to be held 17-19th November 2015 by, Cr Lewis, Cr Hollman & Manager of Roads.	Registered

287/2015 – 2015 Tree Removal
Responsible Officer: MW

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. That the listing of trees identified for removal be advertised in the Western Herald and the adjacent landowners notified. 2. That the trees be replaced as soon as practical with an advanced tree from Council's preferred species listing.	Advertisement placed & letters sent to landowners

290/2015 – Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
The adopted Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government	Adopted Policy sent

291/2015 – Meeting with NSW Local Government Grants Commission
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council and Senior Staff meet with the NSW Local Government Grants Commission on Wednesday, 23rd September 2015 following confirmation of their visit	Meeting held

292/2015 – Visit by Member for Parkes Mark Coulton MP
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Councillors and staff meet with Mark Coulton on Thursday, 27th August 2015	Meeting held

295/2015 – 2015 Toyota Tour de OROC
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council work with the Bourke Rotary Club in coordinating the events held in conjunction with the stopover of the Tour de OROC in Bourke on 7th October 2015	Ongoing

296/2015 – Update on the Far Western Initiative
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
That the Mayor (Deputy Mayor as alternate) be nominated as delegate to the Far West Initiative. The General Manager be asked to attend as advisor to the Delegate	Completed

307/2015 – Rates & Charges Reconciliation as at 30/06/15 & 01/07/15
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Affix Council's Seal to the reconciliation of Rates and Charges for the 30th June 2015 and the 1st July 2015	Completed

311/2015 – Community Contribution – Missionaries of Charity
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council donate the amount of $2,426.00 including any interest due for the Missionaries of Charity.	Letter sent

312/2015 – Community Contribution – In-kind Support - Bourke Pastoral & Agricultural Association Inc.
Responsible Officer:

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council give in-kind support to Annual Bourke Show up to the value of $3,584.00 to assist the Bourke Pastoral & Agricultural Association to run a successful show on Saturday, 16th April 2016	Letter sent

313/2015 – Community Contribution – Financial Support - Europe Excursion Appeal
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council advise the applicant that we are unable to accede to the request.	Letter sent

314/2015 – Invitation to Attend the Celebration of My God What a Woman
Responsible Officer:

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Respond to invitation to attend the "Celebration of My God What a Woman" to celebrate the 100th Birthday and memory of Nancy-Bird Walton AO, OBE, DS&J.	Council to be represented by Mayor

329/2015 – Sale of Land at North Bourke - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer: MT&D

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. That Council Sell 8 Namoi St, North Bourke, Lot 7, Section 14, DP 758781. 2. That Council delegates the General Manager to negotiate contract terms for the sale of 8 Namoi Street. 3. That Council affix the Council Seal to documentation relating to the sale of 8 Namoi Street	Commenced

Resolution

343/2015 That the information in the Business Arising as presented on Monday, 28th September 2015 be received and noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

File No:	W2.2.7
Report: 110/2015	Water Management Charges Review
Responsible Officer:	Peter Brown, Manager Works

Report

In 2015/16 the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) will review the water management charges Department of Primary Industries –Water (DPI Water) imposes to recover a share of the costs for the services it provides.

DPI Waters' pricing submission to IPART will go on public display on the 11th of September 2015 and will estimate future service delivery and the new costs and proposed charges.

Proposed pricing structure and activities of the Office of Water for 2016-20 will include:-

- Surface Water Monitoring
- Ground Water Monitoring
- Water Take Monitoring
- Water Modelling and Impact Assessment
- Water Management Implementation
- Water Management Planning
- Water Management Works
- Water Regulation Management and Water Consent Transactions
- Business and Customer Service

Council will have an opportunity to comment on the DPI Waters proposed charges and services by lodging a submission directly to IPART up until 9th October 2015.

IPART will then release its draft determination on 8th March 2016 and seek further comment from the public.

Council currently has the following Water License's that will be affected by increased Water Management charges from this review.

WAL	Reference number	Water source	Category	Share (ML)
35198	85AL753413	Barwon Darling unregulated river water source	Local water utility	3200
15804	85AL751206	Warrego Groundwater Source	Local water utility	150
15805	85AL751214	Warrego Groundwater Source	Local water utility	2
27784	85AL751404	Warrego Groundwater Source	Aquifer (Town Water Supply)	100
33623	85AL752936	Barwon Darling unregulated river water source	Unregulated River (A Class)	27
33718	85AL753419	Barwon Darling unregulated river water source	Local water utility	300
33782	85AL753030	Barwon Darling unregulated river water source	Unregulated River (B Class)	294
35197	85AL753411	Barwon Darling unregulated river water source	Local water utility	25

Recommendation
That Council note the report on changes to the Water Management Charges Review.

Recommendation:

344/2015
1. That Council identify the current charges being levied.
2. That Council prepare a submission to IPART indicating that any increase should be in accord with the CPI increase for the period or the maximum percentage increase allowable for Council in relation to General Rates.

Moved Cr Ford Seconded Cr Barton Carried

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

File No:	S 10.2.1
Report: 206/2015	Swimming Pool Grant Opportunity
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the announcement of the Club Grants Category 3 round in which applications are sought for projects up to the value of a million dollars.

Background

The ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund supports the development of high quality, accessible, sustainable and well used large scale community infrastructure projects. It supports the NSW Government's commitment in NSW 2021 to increase participation in sport, recreation, arts and cultural activities in rural and regional NSW, and support healthy lifestyles. Projects considered eligible include:

- sports facility or field, a park and/or active recreational facility
- based in NSW
- will benefit the general public or community
- facilities that significantly improve and enhance sporting and recreational infrastructure to increase capacity, use and outcomes for local communities
- upgrading, building, renewing or expanding sporting or recreational infrastructure or acquiring land in conjunction with the construction of a sporting or recreation facility

The upgrades to the Bourke War Memorial Pool have been identified as a potential project for which an application for funding under the program could be lodged.

Current Situation

In 2012 Council funded a project to develop a Masterplan for the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool precinct.

The purpose was to investigate and develop a strategy for delivering upgraded aquatic facilities on the site to provide the Bourke community with modern aquatic facilities and services that would service the town for the next few decades. The strategy requires a staged approach due to the substantial amount of funding required. Community consultation was undertaken to establish a priority list of elements considered most important at the early stages.

The results are listed below in Stages 1 to 5.

Stage One

Program Pool Upgrade, New Water Play Zero Depth Splash Park, and Associated New Plant Room attached to the rear of the new amenities block. It was considered essential to make this component the first stage – delivering highest visual and function impact to the community. An upgraded warm water Program Pool with accessible ramp would provide a greater diversity of water experiences and potential programs. The water park with interactive water toys close to the planned outdoor kiosk café zone would attract young families and add a level of vitality to the facility not experienced by most patrons from Bourke. These two (2) water bodies will be covered with dynamic coloured shade structures to give a real visual lift to the centre.

Stage Two

It was considered sensible to undertake an upgrade of the existing kiosk and entry to enclose it and provide a more secure and aesthetic approach to the facility. The new control counter will service the outdoor café social zone that adjoins the stage one splash park. This proximity of parents to the splash park introduces a level of supervision that automatically occurs with such close interaction assisting staff and creating greater social interaction.

Stage Three

The 50m pool refurbishment is next on the list. It attracts the largest single cost for perhaps the least extra impact – as the existing pool is serving its purpose in a reasonable manner at present. It is also considered that with the smaller pools having already been taken off the filtered water circuit – the existing gravity sand filters could be refurbished to provide an increased turnover of perhaps 30%. Such 'rebuilds' to the old and loyal sand filters can provide another 15 – 20 years of service – as well as good water quality.

Stage Four

A new heated indoor 25m, four (4) lane lap pool with accessible ramp has been proposed as stage four of the development. It will be designed to plug onto the kiosk entry building constructed in stage two. This will give the Bourke community a year round aquatic facility and will cater for all age groups and activities – learn to swim, lap swimming, warm water exercise and rehabilitation.

This stage will prove to be the most used on a yearly basis and will provide a wealth of benefits to the broader community. Summer time the glazed southern façade will open up onto the park and other aquatic elements. A design utilising natural ventilation has been adopted in order to greatly reduce operational costs of such facilities. The indoor pool will be heated by an electric heat pump.

Stage Five

The final stage of the development will include a new and exciting water slide with a tower of at least eight (8) metres in height. New Turkish technologies in water slide production deliver exciting visual effects when sliding down the device – adding further to the excitement of the ride.

Conclusion

As detailed earlier, funding can be applied for up to one million dollars for a specific project. In discussions with pool design specialists who developed the Master Plan it would appear that stage one (1) would fall under the grant eligibility criteria.

Resolution

345/2015 That Council submit an expression of interest under the Club Grants Rounds 3 to undertake Stage 1 of the Master Plan for the upgrade of the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool involving the Installation a Programme Pool and a Water Play Splash Park and associated filtration plant.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File No:	A3.10
Report: 345/2015	Council Business Closure for the Christmas Period
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background

It has been the practice to close the Council businesses, Roads & Maritime Services/Services NSW and Library between Christmas and New Year.

In addition there has been little business transacted after lunch on Christmas Eve and the office has closed at around 2.30pm.

For this year, the closures would include three (3) workdays 29th, 30th and 31st December 2015 with staff returning on Monday, 4th January 2016.

Current Situation:

It is proposed that this year the period of closure be the same as previous years with the office to close at 2.30pm on 24th December 2015 with staff returning on 4th January 2016.

There is little business transacted during this period and many indoor staff members will be unavailable to work due to family commitments.

The Exhibition Centre will be closed 25th December 2015 to 3rd January 2016, inclusive and re-open on the 4th th January 2016.

The Waste Depot will be closed on Friday, 25th December 2015 and Saturday, 26th December 2015 being Christmas Day and Boxing Day and will also be closed on Friday, 1st January 2016 for New Year's Day but otherwise business as usual.

The Water & Wastewater team can be contacted for emergencies on the public holidays by calling the Duty Officers phone 0419 722 055.

All outdoor staff gangs work with a skeleton crew during this period and if necessary will call staff out in an emergency.

During that period at least one (1) Manager will be "on call" to assist in cases of emergency.

As part of the Local Emergency procedures the contact details of staff are available to the Local Emergency Controller.

Financial Implications:

There is no significant financial implication with staff taking accrued leave for that period.

Resolution

346/2015

1. That Council agreed to the closure of the Office on the 29th, 30th and 31st December 2015 and the early closure on the 24th December 2015.
2. That the closures and emergency contacts be advertised in the Western Herald.

Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

File No:	L8.33
Report: 346/2015	First Meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Toole, MP announced the formation of a Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee to assist in the development of the Far Western Initiative which is being proposed.

The committee is currently proposed to be as follows:-

- The Chair
- A representative of each of the eight (8) Councils in the region
- DPC Executive Director, Regional Coordination
- OLG Director, Innovation & Development
- A representative of the Commonwealth Government.
- A representative of the non-government service delivery sector

Current Situation:

The initial meeting was to be held in Broken Hill on the 24th or 25th September 2015 but due to the inability of a number of Councils to be in attendance it has been re-scheduled for the 14th October 2015 in Sydney. This is the day immediately after the LG NSW Annual conference and it is assumed that all Councils will be in attendance

Financial Implications:

The Mayor will be in Sydney for the Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales and the only additional cost will be the cost of the additional night's accommodation which has been provided for in the budget

Resolution

347/2015 That the information in relation to the initial meeting of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee be received and noted.

Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

File No:	L8.33
Report: 347/2015	Visit By John Williams Chair Far West Initiative Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Councillors have previously been advised that John Williams from Broken Hill had been appointed the Chair of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee (FWIAC). John was previously the State Member for Murray Darling. John has been appointed to the position by Hon Paul Toole, MP Minister for Local Government.

Current Situation:

As John's old electorate encompassed Broken Hill City and Balranald, Wentworth and Central Darling Shire he is familiar with the towns within each of those Local Government areas but less familiar with the Northern section including Cobar, Bourke Brewarrina and Walgett Shires. As such he has arranged visits to all four centres and the visit to Cobar and Bourke took place on the 14th September and Brewarrina and Walgett on the 18th September 2015.

At the Bourke meeting John met with available Councillors and Senior Staff and detailed his role as chair of the FWIAC.

John detailed a few of his initial thoughts but acknowledged that he was on a steep learning curve and was still researching the task at hand. One of his initial thoughts was an increased level of resource sharing amongst the Councils and looking at possible alternative revenue streams.

John recognised that while Councils feel that they are well placed to take over the roles currently being undertaken by other tiers of Government or the Non- Government Organisations (NGO's) it may be difficult for some of these agencies to relinquish this responsibility.

John acknowledged that there are no pre-conceived ideas on how the Far Western Initiative should operate and was looking forward to the constructive input of all committee members. While the initial plan was for each Council to have a single representative he saw the need to have both political i.e. Elected Member, and Operational i.e. General Manager representation.

The first meeting of the FWIAC was now scheduled for the 14th October 2015

Financial Implications:

There were no significant financial implications for Council

Resolution

348/2015 That the report in relation to the visit by the Chair of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee be received and noted.

Moved Cr Hollman | Seconded Cr Barton | Carried | Unstarred

File No:	L8.33
Report: 348/2015	Release of the Emerging Directions Paper in relation to the Proposed establishment of Joint Organisations.
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

One the major recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Independent Local Government Review Panel (ILGRP) was the establishment of Joint Organisation of Councils (JOs).

The report did not really detail the exact functions that would be undertaken by the Joint Organisations, however, over the past six (6) months a number of Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC's) have being undertaking pilots to assist in the determination of an effective model for Joint Organisations.

Current Situation:

The Minister for Local Government Hon Paul Toole on Thursday, 10th September 2015 released an "Emerging Directions Paper" in relation to the establishment of Joint Organisations (JOs) which details some of the structures proposed for the JO's.

The Minister has invited feedback in respect of "Emerging Directions Paper". A copy of the paper has been previously been circulated and is also included in this Business Paper.

While Bourke Shire Council will form part of the Far Western Initiative it would appear that there is nothing to stop it from being a member of a JO with the "Emerging Directions Paper" detailing provision for both full membership and associate membership.

Financial Implications:

The financial implications of the establishment of JOs will largely depend on the functions that they will undertake.

In the paper there is a provision for sitting fees for the Board Members plus the employment of an Executive Officer. The paper also provides for the administrative costs to be funded from available sources, most likely largely based on contributions from member Councils using a locally negotiated formula.

Recommendation:

1. That Council review the Joint Emerging Directions Paper.
2. That Council determine whether or not it wishes to prepare a written submission in relation to the paper noting that submissions are to be lodged by the close of business on 16th October 2015

Resolution

349/2015 That Council note the contents of the Joint Organisations Emerging Directions Paper.		
Moved Cr Ford	Seconded Cr Hollman	Carried

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Emerging Directions Paper

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Working together to build Joint Organisations

As part of our commitment to Rebuilding NSW the Government is continuing to work with local councils to strengthen communities across the State.

With a record $1 billion investment in local government through the Fit for the Future reforms, we are helping to build councils that are well positioned to support our communities into the future.

Our vision is that all councils will provide the services and facilities their communities need and deserve, as effectively and efficiently as possible.

To make this happen, we have provided councils with unprecedented support and incentives to make the changes they need through the Fit for the Future process.

A key part of this is Joint Organisations. The creation of Joint Organisations is a significant commitment from the Government to strengthen regions.

Regional Joint Organisations will help councils to be more involved in planning the regional infrastructure that sustains their local economies, such as important freight routes and regional airports that serve markets and communities beyond their council boundaries. The new organisations will also strengthen opportunities for regional leadership and capacity building and ensure that people in regional communities have a strong advocate for their needs.

Currently five pilot Joint Organisations, in partnership with the NSW Government, are trialling in Central NSW, the Hunter, Illawarra, Namoi and Riverina regions **to tackle the issues that matter to regional communities – jobs, transport, water and tourism**.

The *Joint Organisations, Emerging Directions Paper* sees us reach an important key milestone in the Fit for the Future reforms. This important next step gives the many councils across NSW with a keen interest in JOs the opportunity to help shape the model that will bring real benefits to communities in regional NSW.

I look forward to hearing the views of the community, councils, Regional Organisation of Councils, business groups and other interested parties and continuing the discussion as the pilots progress.

Together, we can create stronger councils and stronger communities across NSW.

Paul Toole

The Hon Paul Toole MP

Minister for Local Government

Introduction

Enabling stronger collaboration

Regional communities play a major role in supporting the State's future. The Office of Local Government has established five pilot Joint Organisations which will give regional councils a stronger voice in partnering with the State to deliver what communities need. As the Joint Organisation pilot program is now half way through, it is time to start looking at what has been successful during the pilot and how the Joint Organisation Model should be legislated.

This paper provides a brief outline of the pilot progress to date and reflects on the key elements of the emerging model. These reflections are grouped into three areas: purpose, principles and functions; entity and powers; and governance and accountability.

There is a brief outline of each area to be considered, followed by a statement or statements titled "Emerging Directions". The emerging direction table identifies and highlights the points for discussion and consultation.

This is the first consultation paper for the Joint Organisation Model and does not attempt to answer all aspects of the model. This paper will explore core elements such as the purpose and functions of Joint Organisations and how they should be enabled in the legislation. Further work will be undertaken in the coming months to explore additional considerations.

The development of the pilots is a collaboration of the councils in each regional pilot, State agencies and stakeholders. It is through the strength of this collaboration that the pilots have positively progressed and will continue to forge new ways of operating in the future.

Have your say

The Office of Local Government would like to hear what you think about the emerging directions for the Joint Organisation Model.

Tell us what you think in a written submission. Your submission must include your name, organisation (if relevant), and contact details.

Please respond by email (preferred) or via post to the emerging directions outlined in this paper by close of business on **16 October 2015.**

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What will be the outcome of this consultation?

Following consultation refinement of the key areas of the Joint Organisation Model will inform a Joint Organisation Framework Paper. The Joint Organisation Framework Paper will be released later in 2015.

Further information

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Background

The Fit for the Future reforms are the result of almost four years of consultation and review with the community and local government sector. The reforms set out a vision of change and will help councils to deliver the infrastructure and services their communities need now, and in the future.

Expressing the need for change, the Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended the establishment of Joint Organisations to help respond to the needs and circumstances of different regions by strengthening regional collaboration and enabling better partnerships with the State.

The commitment to establish regional Joint Organisations is a key part of the NSW Government's package to support councils to become fit for the future, with over $5 million being invested in establishing 15 Joint Organisations.

Joint Organisations are central to local government reform in regional NSW and an opportunity for councils to play a more active role in their region and work in new ways with each other and the State.

They reflect the changing face of local government in NSW, the unique challenges facing regional NSW, and will help some regional councils to deliver the infrastructure and services their communities need. Joint Organisations will encourage collaboration between State and Local Government to plan a better future for regional and rural communities in NSW.

Progress to date

In September 2014 the State Government released its Joint Organisation Roadmap and announced it would work with local government to pilot Joint Organisations. The Government called for expressions of interest to pilot Joint Organisations during 2015 and committed to working with five regions: Central NSW, the Hunter, Illawarra, Namoi and Riverina.

The selected regions include a diverse mix of councils which have demonstrated a strong history of effective collaboration. They have a clear focus on partnering with the State to tackle key priorities in regional communities, to help their communities to thrive.

The pilots commenced in February 2015 with each trialling a different model, which reflected the different working relationships and priorities of their region.

A charter and regional strategic priorities have been developed by the pilots, in consultation with State agencies and other stakeholders, to guide their operation and planning. The pilots have been working with State agencies and the Office of Local Government and have provided valuable insights to inform the Joint Organisation Model.

On 10 July 2015, 44 representatives from the pilot Joint Organisations, State Agencies and peak bodies attended the Mid-pilot Workshop. The discussions at this workshop helped form the emerging directions statements for this paper.

The purpose of this paper is to communicate these emerging directions to the broader local government sector and seek feedback to inform the further development of the Joint Organisation model.

Part A: Purpose, Principles and Core Functions

Purpose

The purpose of Joint Organisations, stated in the NSW Government's Joint Organisation Roadmap and confirmed through the pilot process to date, is: *To provide a consistent regional forum for local councils to work together, with the State and others, on issues of regional strategic priority.*

Joint Organisations provide a platform for local councils and the State to work together at the regional level on the things that matter most to regional communities such as jobs, education, transport and housing.

Principles

The principles for Joint Organisations were discussed as part of a Joint Organisation workshop held in November 2014 and built on the work of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Government's response. These principles have been refined and new principles identified throughout the pilot process. The Principles identified as the Emerging Directions below were confirmed at the Mid-Pilot Workshop in July 2015.

Meeting these principles, particularly providing legal status, will remove many limits faced by existing regional entities, including Regional Organisations of Councils and county councils. Legal status would give Joint Organisations political 'gravitas' and legislative legitimacy to partner with the State and other stakeholders on issues of strategic regional importance.

As legal entities Joint Organisations would also be able to employ staff, manage contracts and undertake regulatory functions, if and as directed by member councils.

Emerging Direction - Principles

Joint Organisations should:

- have legal status;
- be enabled through the Local Government Act and recognised in other relevant legislation;
- not be a fourth tier of government;
- not impose significant red tape or cost and ensure benefits outweigh the costs;
- embed collaborative relationships between local government and NSW Government, as well as a wide range of other stakeholders and partners;
- have a consistent core with flexible elements;
- protect entitlements for council staff;
- enable significant projects and initiatives, and associated funding and assets, to be managed regionally;
- ensure good governance; and
- serve the best interest of the region while being accountable to member councils.

Core functions

Fig 1: Joint Organisation core functions emerging from subsequent discussion

Three core functions of Joint Organisations have been identified through the pilot process and include:

- Regional strategic planning and priority setting;
- Intergovernmental collaboration; and
- Regional leadership and advocacy.

The concept of 'priority setting' will ensure Joint Organisations consider the relative importance of issues within a regional context and provide a more solid basis for resource allocation.

Joint Organisations may choose to undertake core functions only. As these functions are unlikely to require significant cost or pose significant financial or governance risks, they may be undertaken by a relatively small, structurally 'lean' Joint Organisation. However, it is important to ensure that the Joint Organisation is not prevented from undertaking larger projects to carry out their core functions, such as infrastructure projects, if appropriate.

Emerging Direction – Core Function

The core functions of: regional strategic planning and priority setting; intergovernmental collaboration; and regional leadership and advocacy are not only consistent with the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel, but have also been sufficiently tested through the pilot process to possess both appropriate scope and flexibility for the Joint Organisations to partner effectively with the State.

Regionally defined functions

Regionally defined functions, or optional non-core functions, may be broadly operational and give practical effect to strategic decisions that the Joint Organisations make. These functions may include strategic capacity building and service delivery.

There was general consensus from participants at the Mid-Pilot Workshop that regionally defined functions should be

- As determined by the councils
- Enabled, not prescribed by the legislation
- Flexible.

While the importance of enabling Joint Organisations to undertake regionally defined functions has been unanimously agreed, there have been mixed opinions as to whether the 'core' Joint Organisation should undertake these functions or whether they should only be undertaken by 'Joint Organisation-formed entities'.

There has been some limited discussion through the pilot process on what may be called 'Joint Organisation-formed entities' or subsidiaries. The advantages of these Joint Organisation-formed subsidiaries are that they keep the core Joint Organisation relatively lean, focussed on policy setting and at 'arms-length' from significant service and asset management and risk.

Emerging Direction – Regionally Defined Functions

Joint Organisations must be enabled, under legislation, to undertake a range of regionally defined functions. This would provide each Joint Organisation with options for how they undertake these regionally defined functions, either through the 'core' or Joint Organisation-formed entity.

Part B: Entity and Powers

The Independent Local Government Review Panel recommended that Joint Organisations be established as new statutory regional organisations under the Local Government Act. In its response the Government agreed to identify the 'necessary legislative model' through the Joint Organisation pilot process.

While the pilot process has confirmed that Joint Organisations should be enabled in the Local Government Act, the following four broad options were identified and considered in making this determination.

1. Do nothing
2. Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Prescriptive)
3. Hybrid Statutory Corporation
4. Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Enabling)

Consideration was given to Joint Organisations as bodies corporate rather than bodies politic due to changes in the Commonwealth Fair Work Act, which now expressly excludes local government from the national industrial relations system. In light of this, it was determined that Joint Organisations be considered as bodies corporate not bodies politic.

Option 1 – Do nothing

The Government's response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel made it clear that this is not an option to be pursued. It perpetuates issues with, and limitations of, existing regional collaboration arrangements including:

- lack of legal status;
- inability to enter into contracts, tender, employ staff or own assets; and
- ad-hoc membership and relationships across regional and rural NSW.

Option 2 – Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Prescriptive)

This option is not an entity to be pursued as it would prescribe in detail a 'one size fits all' set of functions, governance and accountability arrangements for Joint Organisations. This would limit flexibility and potentially impose a high regulatory burden.

The pilot process has reinforced the need for flexibility and a low red tape burden, in keeping with the principles underpinning both the Local Government Act review, and the proposed principles for the Joint Organisation model.

Option 3 – Hybrid Statutory Corporation

This option enables Joint Organisations as statutory corporations through a combination of provisions in the Local Government Act and existing body corporate legislation from a limited suite of existing entity types including:

- Incorporated Association under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* (NSW); or
- Company Limited by Guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

This would require minimal change to the Local Government Act but create added complication with the requirement that Joint Organisations establish themselves as one of these two entities.

Some separate governance requirements, financial and asset management and reporting would be required through the Associations Incorporation Act or the Corporations Act.

Option 4 – Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Enabling)

Like Option 2, this option enables Joint Organisations as bodies corporate wholly under the Local Government Act. However unlike Option 2, this option provides for flexibility for the Joint Organisation to operate and carry out regionally-defined (optional) functions, either directly or through other arrangements.

All statutory requirements including core functions, mandatory membership requirements, the role of the governing body as well as any governance, reporting and staffing requirements would be provided for within the Local Government Act framework. The model would also provide flexibility for the Joint Organisation to undertake regionally defined functions either directly or through other arrangements.

The Local Government Act would require that each Joint Organisation be established by proclamation outlining details such as name, functions, membership, fees and designated area consistent with minimal requirements in the Act.

The direction that emerged very strongly through consultation at the Mid-Pilot Workshop is that the Joint Organisation entity should be Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Enabling). Reasons participants preferred this model included that it is:

- embedded and enabled in the Local Government Act;
- protected from changes outside the Local Government Act;
- less 'messy' than the hybrid model;
- the most enabling and flexible option;
- able to define core functions;
- protective of staff under the Local Government (State) Award;
- able to facilitate secondments from councils to Joint Organisations and to attract staff from within the industry;
- less expensive to manage administratively;
- less onerous in terms of reporting responsibilities than the hybrid model;
- less likely to result in liability issues, such as for company directors under the Corporations Act; and
- consistent with the philosophy, paradigm and framework of Joint Organisations.

This option may look something like this:

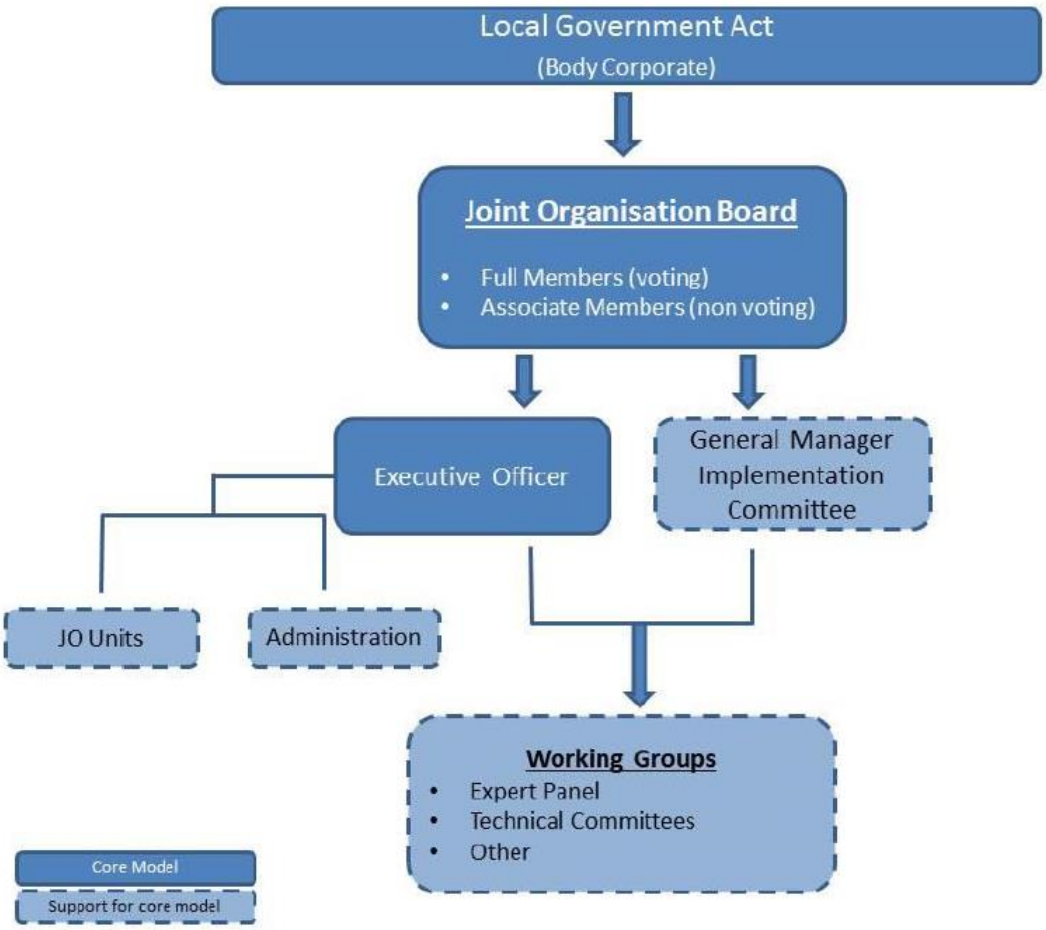


Fig 2: Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (enabling)

Emerging Direction – Entity and Powers

The Joint Organisation entity should be Body Corporate in the Local Government Act (Enabling). This will enable the Joint Organisation to operate wholly under the Local Government Act and have other provisions within the Act apply to Joint Organisations.

Part C: Governance and Accountability

The Joint Organisation pilots are trialling various governance models as outlined in their Charters. In particular, these variances occur in the composition of the Board and in voting and decision making. Some of the differences include:

- 1 Vs. 2 representatives from each member council;
- Equal Vs. Unequal voting of all member councils;
- Mayor as representative Vs. nominated elected representatives; and
- Voting Chair Vs. Independent non-voting Chair.

Due to the variance in models being piloted, discussion at the Mid-Pilot Workshop was not focussed on trying to identify the 'right' or 'best' model for the implementation of Joint Organisations. Discussion at the workshop focussed on what has been learnt through the pilot process so far. Some of these learnings include:

- Must have a 'regional hat' on as part of a Joint Organisation
- Need a 'circuit breaker' if decision cannot be reached
- Must have strong communications with member councils
- Joint Organisations should be enabled by a Statement of Regional Priorities process
- Need Executive Officer to be Senior Staff/GM or DPC Regional Coordinator Equivalent.

There were mixed views on resourcing the Joint Organisation and whether this should be the responsibility of member councils or whether Joint Organisations should be jointly funded by the State.

While it is intended that the Joint Organisation Model be flexible enough to allow Joint Organisations to have regional variances to meet regional requirements, there are certain elements that would from part of the Joint Organisation model 'consistent core'. Although potentially contentious, minimum requirements for elements such as the composition of the Board, voting and decision making, role of members, planning and reporting and resourcing will likely form part of the core Joint Organisation model.

Emerging Direction – Governance and Accountability

Composition of the Joint Organisation Board:

- One representative from each full member council
- DPC regional coordinator is an associate (non-voting) member
- Representative of member councils must be an elected representative and chosen by the council based on capability and capacity
- Appointment to the Joint Organisation Board is 2 years to align with proposed changes to mayoral terms
- The Chair of the Joint Organisation Board is to be chosen by the voting members of the Board.

Voting and decision making:

- Member councils should have equal voting rights
- The Chair should not have a casting vote
- Appropriate authority for core regional functions should be delegated to the Joint Organisation
- A majority vote on a Joint Organisation Board (75%) should be required for a decision to be made, to recognise the importance of regional-scale decision making.

Role of Joint Organisation Board members:

- The Joint Organisation member role should be modelled on the councillor role in the Act but includes a need to act in the best interest of the Joint Organisation and region as a whole
- The role of the Chair should be modelled on the role of the Mayor (less the urgent policy making function), with a requirement to act in the best interests of the region as a whole.

Planning and Reporting:

- Joint Organisations should be required to develop succinct work plans drawn from existing local and regional plans, in collaboration with the State Government and others and identify Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Joint Organisations should be required to produce succinct Annual Performance Statements to show key stakeholders the extent to which they are achieving their priorities according to the KPIs identified by the Joint Organisation
- Current minimum requirements in the Local Government Act for financial reporting and accounting for councils apply to Joint Organisations.

Resourcing:

- Joint Organisation members should receive a Joint Organisation Board sitting fee
- Members fund ongoing administration and regional priorities from available sources, most likely largely based on contributions from member councils using a locally negotiated formula
- Joint Organisation staff be employed under the Local Government (State) Award
- Joint Organisations be required to employ an Executive Officer, with the equivalent capabilities and at an equivalent level to a General Manager, senior staff member in a council or a Department of Premier and Cabinet Regional Coordinator.

Part D: Other Considerations

Boundaries

The Local Government Act will require mandatory membership of Joint Organisations within designated areas based on clear communities of interest, within strategic regional growth planning boundaries.

Boundary criteria noted during the early stages of the reforms journey by the Local Government Review Panel and included in the Joint Organisation Roadmap state that the Joint Organisation must:

- align with/nest within strategic regional growth planning boundaries;
- demonstrate a clear community of interest between member councils;
- not adversely impact on other councils or Joint Organisations;
- be based around a strong regional centre, where possible; and
- be of appropriate scale and capacity to partner with the State and Federal Government and other investment partners.

County Councils

In its response to the Independent Local Government Review Panel, the Government said it would consider the relationship between existing county councils and water utilities with Joint Organisations.

This work will happen in the coming months when there is greater certainty around what the Joint Organisation entity will look like, as well as its governance and resourcing arrangements. This issue will be explored further in the Joint Organisation Working Framework Paper.

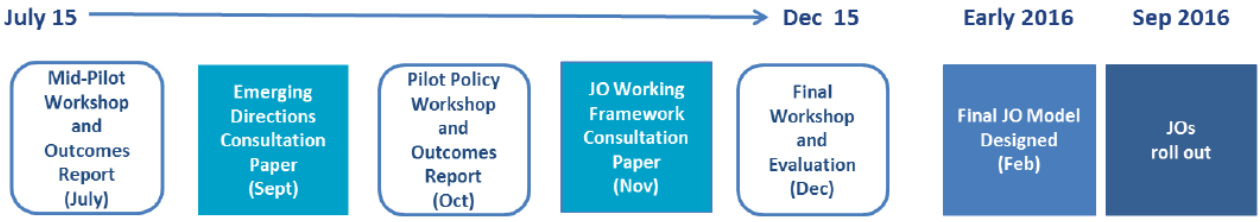
JO Formed Entities

Further work needs to be undertaken to explore Joint Organisation-formed entities and the relationship these entities will have with the core Joint Organisation. This will be explored further in the Joint Organisation Working Framework Paper.

Next steps

Following consultation refinement of the key areas of the Joint Organisation Model will inform a Joint Organisation Working Framework Paper. The Joint Organisation Working Framework Paper will be released for discussion during October 2015.

An evaluation report and final Joint Organisation Model will be finalised in early 2016 to inform Cabinet and Bill processes in the second quarter of 2016. Implementation of the final Joint Organisation Model is planned from September 2016.



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Report: 349/2015	Meeting with Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS)
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

As Councillors will be aware the tender for the provision of Visiting Medical Officer Services for Bourke were called early this year and after a protracted assessment process the contract was awarded to Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS).

The contact has been previously held by Ochre Health.

In addition to Bourke, RaRMS have also been successful in winning the contacts for, Brewarrina, Coonamble, Condobolin and Collarenebri, having previously also being awarded Lightning Ridge.

Current Situation:

There has been a transition negotiated between all the parties with OCHRE Health to finish in Bourke on the 28th November and RaRMS taking over on the 29th November 2015.

I have been in contact with both OCHRE and RaRMS and it seems that there will be a seamless transition.

As Council owns the medical centre there will need to be the finalisation of the agreement with OCHRE and then negotiation of a new agreement with RaRMS. Additionally, I have fielded initial enquiries regarding the availability of housing for doctors.

I have arranged for representatives from RaRMS to visit Bourke on Monday, 28th September 2015 so they can relay to Council their plans for the delivery of services during their period of contract. Depending on their arrival in Bourke it is likely that the representatives will join Council for lunch and then meet with them to detail their plans.

Financial Implications:

There should be no significant financial implications for Council outside the current budgetary provisions.

Resolution

350/2015

1. That Council note a meeting with representatives from Rural and Remote Medical Services will be held on 28th September 2015.
2. That the General Manager negotiate the lease of Council owned facilities required by Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS).

Moved Cr Hollman | Seconded Cr Barton | Carried | Unstarred

File No:	G4.1-G4.13
Report: 350/2015	2015 Tour de OROC- Stopover in Bourke
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The 2015 Tour de OROC will commence on the 4th October 2015 and will stop over in Bourke on Wednesday 7th October 2015.

Council has previously resolved to join with Bourke Rotary Club in coordinating the visit by Tour De OROC to Bourke

Current Situation:

All arrangements seem to be in place for the ride with the only exception at this stage a rider to represent the Mayor on the ride from Bourke to the Brewarrina Boundary on the 8th October 2015.

I am waiting confirmation of the availability of a rider. Council employees Mark Gordon and John Bartley will ride from the Cobar Boundary into Bourke on the 7th October.

Accommodation has been confirmed for 22 people plus the support caravan which sleeps another four (4) people.

I have attached a number of items of correspondence from the Organisers which should give a comprehensive outline of what is being planned for the ride across the OROC region.

Financial Implications:

There will be some expense to Council in delivery and picking up the riders riding on behalf of Council from the shire boundaries.

As part of the raffle being organised for the event a “Back of Bourke Experience” was put together and this includes accommodations thanks to Back of Bourke Accommodation and we will include admission to the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre and a ride on the Jandra.

Other expenses will be limited to the involvement of Council Staff in coordinating the events whilst the riders are in town.

Resolution

351/2015 That Council note the arrangements for the visit of the Tour De OROC to Bourke on the 7th October 2015.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	F1.1
Report: 456/2015	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31st August 2015

Balances as per Bank Statement	$886,251.97
Plus: Deposit not shown	$23,373.85
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$27,606.35
Less: Unpresented Auto Pays	$1,175.20
Balance as per Cash Book	$880,844.27

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31st August 2015

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$9,921,605.00	200,000.00
Water	$2,685,603.60	
Sewer	$815,975.35	
Trust	$187,605.10	
Total Funds	13,610,789.05	

Investments as at 31st August 2015

National Australia Bank	$610,860.00	3.20 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$500,000.00	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$977,711.19	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,237,417.16	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,017,588.20	3.05 %	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,436,656.81	3.00 %	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$705,436.99	2.85 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$362,525.00	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,000,000.00	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$400,000.00	2.90 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,015,780.83	2.90 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$400,000.00	2.82 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,065,968.60	2.85 %	184 Days	A1+
Total Investments	$12,729,944.78			

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 31st August 2015

Balance as per cash book	$880,844.27
Investments	$12,729,944.78
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	$13,610,789.05

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st August 2015

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31st July 2015		31st August 2015
General Fund	$9,124,079.14	$797,525.86	$9,921,605.00
Water Fund	$2,700,833.13	-$15,229.53	$2,685,603.60
Sewer Fund	$957,981.40	-$142,006.05	$815,975.35
Trust Fund	$183,885.68	$3,719.42	$187,605.10
Investments	-$11,906,725.24	-$823,219.54	-$12,729,944.78
Totals	$1,060,054.11	-$179,209.84	$880,844.27

Balance of all Funds as at 31st July 2015 $1,060,054.11

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$1,100,463.01
(b) Other Cash	$1,521,988.23
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	$1,978,441.54
(b) New Investment	$823,219.54
Balance as at 31st August 2015	$880,844.27

Resolution

352/2015 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st August 2015 be noted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

File No:	F1.1
Report: 457/2015	Investment Report as at 31st August 2015
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 2015/16 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2.95%. 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 31st August 2015 is $12,729,944.78.

   Investment income earned as at 31st August 2015 is $34,093.71.

3. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure
   Policy 1.8.10 – Investment Policy adopted 28th May 2012.
   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

Term Deposits

National Australia Bank	$610,860.00	3.20 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$500,000.00	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$977,711.19	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
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Total Investments	$12,729,944.78			

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%
Average Investment Yield 2.966%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by $823,219.54 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

353/2015

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31st August 2015 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

File No:	L8.33-A10.1
Report: 458/2015	Joint application for Fit for the Future Innovation Fund Grant – Strategic Asset Management System
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

This report is to seek authority to apply for a Fit for the Future Innovation Fund Grant to purchase and implement a Strategic Asset Management System. This application will be a joint application with Bogan, Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra and Brewarrina Shire Councils.

Background

Bogan Shire Council have identified an opportunity to seek funding under the Fit for the Future Innovation Fund to purchase and implement a Strategic Asset Management System and invited the other identified "Rural Councils" in our area being Coonamble, Warren, Gilgandra and Brewarrina to be involved.

The Innovation Fund is a $4m grants program established under the NSW Government "Fit for the Future" reforms.

Innovation Fund Grants are available to local Councils in regional NSW with a population less than 10,000 that have completed Fit for the Future template two or three along with those Councils in the Far West Region who are not required to complete a "Fit for the Future" proposal.

Councils can apply individually or as a group with priority given to those Councils that are assessed as Fit for the Future.

The program provides one off grants of:

- up to $150k for individual Councils
- up to $400k for projects involving more than one Council

Financial Implications/consideration

For each grant a co-contribution of at least 30% is required (cash or in kind, such as labour, equipment, facilities, land/property or other resources).

It is envisaged that the maximum level of Council's contribution would be $30k with part of this to be way of an in kind contribution.

Conclusion

The grant application process will commence towards the end of 2015.

The joint application proposed is for the purchase and implementation of the software and hardware associated with a Strategic Asset Management System that will assist our Councils in meeting the demands of Total Asset Management into the future.

At this point a number of potential providers of Asset Management Systems that have a proven track record, have been identified with the intention of arranging detailed demonstrations of their products. It is also intended that visits to regional councils that are more advanced in the use of asset management systems be arranged.

Councils Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown will oversee Council's involvement in this project.

Resolution

354/2015 That Bourke Shire Council commit to the joint Fit for the Future Innovation Grant Application for the purchase of a Strategic Asset Management System and accordingly commit a total of $30,000 (including cash and in-kind) budget to the project.
Moved Cr Bennett Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

File No:	C9.3-(LD.C6.7)
Report: 459/2015	Financial Accounting Software Upgrade
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background

Bourke Shire Council has provided for in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan to upgrade the current financial software. The last major upgrade of Bourke Shire Council's financial accounting software was in 2002 when Council upgraded from the Fujitsu Administrator (a Unix/DOS based program) to Fujitsu 2000Plus (a windows based program) which was then owned by Fujitsu Pty Ltd. In 2008 Civica Pty Ltd brought the Fujitsu 2000Plus software with all existing Master Agreements being transferred to Civica Pty Ltd with no change in operational procedures.

Civica Pty Ltd have been supporting the Fujitsu 2000Plus package but not providing any real enhancements since taking it over in 2008, late in 2015 Council was verbally advised that support for the Fujitsu 2000Plus system would be coming to an end as they were concentrating on the development of their other 2 products Civica Authority (for larger Councils) and Practical Plus. There are currently only six (6) or seven (7) users of Fujitsu with at least two (2) of these looking to upgraded.

Current Situation

As a result staff have been looking at what other Local Government software systems are out in the marketplace for a Council the size of Bourke Shire and are of the opinion there are only probably three (3) suppliers that have an affordable off the shelf ready solution for NSW Local Government. These are:-

- Civica Pty Ltd - Practical Plus
- IT Vision – Synergysoft
- CouncilFirst - CouncilFirst

Council's procurement policy stated that:

Exemption from Requirement to Tender or Quote:-

Council can enter into an agreement without a tender or a contract above $5,000 and less than $150,000 without seeking quotations if:-

- *Council resolves that the services being sought are of such a specialised or confidential nature that it would be impractical or disadvantageous to seek quotations or tenders*

Section 55 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993, dealing with the requirements to tender in some instances and also details exemptions from these provisions. It would appear that section 55 (3)(i) would be applicable in this instance *"a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders".*

Discussions/comments

Installation of the upgrade will not be undertaken until at least September 2016 after the 2015/2016 Financial Statements have been completed and audited.

As part of its ongoing updates of equipment Council will also install two (2) new servers as the current server is now five (5) years old and due for replacement. The reason for two (2) separate servers is to ensure business continuity in the event of one of the servers failing the second server would have the ability to run all the applications albeit at a slower performance rate, these would be purchased and installed at the same time as the software.

Council seeks to replace its current Financial System with no loss of data or functionality and to extend the reach of the software by adding additional functionality.

Financial Implications

Included in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan is an amount of $300,000.00 for software/hardware upgrades funded from a loan for this project, however it is anticipated that the cost will fall well below this figure.

Conclusion

The Manager of Corporate Services recommends that Council calls for quotations from the three (3) identified suppliers for the supply, installation, configuration, initial user training and on-going support of an integrated corporate software system.

Resolution

355/2015

1. That in accordance with Section 55 (3)(1) of the Local Government Act that Council not call tenders for the replacement of its financial/accounting software in accordance with Section 55 (3)(i) of the Local Government Act due to the small number of known suppliers of the software required by Council.
2. That Council seek quotations from the three (3) suppliers identified in the report.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Ford Carried

PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

File No:	E3.2
Report: 929/2015	Essential Energy – Closure of the Essential Energy Depot at Bingara & Potential Loss of Employment Warialda Depot
Author:	John Coulton, Mayor – Gwydir Shire Council

Forwarding a copy of correspondence sent to the member for Northern Tablelands, by Gwydir Shire regarding the closure of the Essential Energy Depot at Bingara and expressing their concern that any future rationalising of services by Essential Energy may result in the closure of the Warialda Depot and the possible loss of up to 10 positions. The letter also highlights the ongoing loss of services in rural New South Wales. Bourke Shire Council has long held the view that the erosion of services has had a very detrimental impact on rural NSW.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

Resolution

356/2015

1. That Council note the report
2. That Council write to The Hon. Anthony John Roberts, MA (Comms) MP, Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy highlighting its concerns in relation to the ongoing erosion of services in rural NSW and forward a copy to the Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries.

Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Ford Carried

File No:	A7.3-S6.15.5
Report: 930/2015	Union Picnic Day
Author:	Melanie Hayman – USU Committee Member

Letter from Union Representative on behalf of Bourke Shire Council Union Picnic Day Committee requesting that Council grant them permission to hold the Annual Union Picnic Day on Friday, 30th October 2015 and asking Council again consider making a donation towards the cost of the function.

Recommendation:

1. That Council grant permission to hold the annual Union Picnic Day on Friday, 30th October 2015
2. That Council make a donation of $250.00 towards the cost of the function.
3. That Council advertise that all of Council will be closed on that day save for all emergency services.

Resolution

357/2015
1. Council grants permission to hold the annual Union Picnic Day on Friday, 30th October 2015
2. That Council make a donation of $250.00 towards the cost of the function.
3. That Council advertise that all of Council will be closed on that day save for all emergency services.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Ford Carried

File No:	A3.3
Report: 931/2015	Ronny Gibbs 7's Appreciation
Author:	Jarrad Linton Harland, Programs & Development Officer - Far West Academy of Sport

Thanking Council for once again allowing the Academy to use Davidson Oval for the Ronny Gibbs 7's Rugby League and Netball Tournament, thanks to Lynette Gooch who was extremely helpful and to the Council staff who prepared the oval for the event, the grounds and facilities were in great condition as per usual.

Recommendation:
That the information be noted and that the thanks be passed on to the staff involved.

Resolution

358/2015 That the information be noted and that the thanks be passed on to the staff involved in the Ronny Gibbs 7's 20th Anniversary Rugby League and Netball Tournament.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

File No:	D5.2-C12.5-W1.1-A2.1
Report: 932/2015	Request for Tip Fees to be Waived
Author:	Anne Prince, CEO – Waste Aid LTD

Waste Aid LTD has donated a 540kg skip trailer to Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC) to be used for ongoing community bulk waste disposal during Aboriginal community clean-ups carried out by MPREC. Waste Aid has requested that Council waive the tipping fees associated with these clean-ups. A request would be made each time via email by MPREC to the Manager of Environmental Services. The skip trailer will be attached to an MPREC vehicle and driven by an authorised MPREC staff member when being used for such clean-up.

Recommendation:
That Council meet the charges associated with the community clean-ups by MPREC through existing budgeting allocations.

Resolution

359/2015

1. That Council meet the charges associated with the community clean-ups by MPREC through existing budgeting allocations.
2. That a report be bought back to Council after six (6) months detailing the effectiveness on the Program.

Moved Cr Ford Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

GWYDIR
SHIRE COUNCIL

9th September 2015

Mr Adam Marshall MP
Member for Northern Tablelands
Suite 1 Ground Floor
175 Rusden Street
ARMIDALE NSW 2350

From the desk of the Mayor

Dear Adam

Essential Energy

Thank you for the advice that the closure of the Essential Energy Depot at Bingara will not, at this time, result in any employment losses within the Shire. Also the Council acknowledges your prompt response regarding the possible transfer of the current Essential Energy Depot in Bingara to the Council for possible road widening.

However it is the Council's understanding that the current reductions may only be stage one of the proposed restructuring that Essential Energy is planning. Gwydir Shire acknowledges that many rural communities have been more greatly impacted than us with this round of changes and we have empathy for those communities.

The Council is most concerned that any future rationalising of services by Essential Energy may result in the closure of the Warialda Depot and the possible loss of up to 10 positions.

Recently the Soil Conservation Service closed its office in Warialda with the consequent loss of 3 positions. In addition the introduction of the Local land Services changes also again saw the loss of local positions, services and families in our community. These isolated decisions have a detrimental cumulative impact that are not recognised or considered as a whole.

If the Essential Energy Stage 2 eventuates, earmarked for November this year I understand, it will be devastating for Gwydir Shire and in particular the towns of Bingara and Warialda, with Warialda suffering the most downturn.

Quite apart from the loss of incomes, this will involve millions of dollars as a result of the multiplying effect within these communities, the loss of expertise, volunteers, children from local schools and the ability to respond to local emergencies in a timely manner, to name just a few, will also be lost.

These sorts of decisions really do bring into question whether the social fabric of regional communities is of any concern to the Government and exactly what future the Government envisages for rural NSW and the communities that live in and support its ongoing viability.

From this Council's point of view the revenue from the 'poles and wires' sale is not an adequate recompense for the gradual deterioration of the rural communities directly impacted upon by decisions that seem to be made without any thought to the longer term strategic implications.

As well, the timing of this issue is very unfortunate and coming just prior to the final stages of the *Fit for the Future* process, will inevitably just cause more concern to rural communities and will most certainly curtail any investment decisions that were pending in the smaller rural towns.

It is well past the time for the current level of uncertainty that exists regarding the future of the smaller rural communities to be addressed. The Government needs to make a decision it is either for the bush or it's for its gradual demise by the death of a thousand cuts.

Communities such as Warialda and Bingara provide an essential service support role to the surrounding agricultural communities and are positive about the future but despair when decisions are made from afar without any apparent thought to the potential adverse consequences that will result.

Sometimes the pricing structure for individual consumers must give way to the overall community cost of undermining the viability of communities. The benefits simply do not outweigh the costs if the entire matter is assessed.

Part of the problem is that another level of government has to pick up the costs of these decisions and, therefore, doesn't rate all that highly in the decision making processes of the decision maker. For example increasing the cost of unemployment benefits are not borne by Essential Energy or the State Government – so it isn't really factored into the equation.

Sadly it appears that both the upper tiers of government have only got strategic plans, policy, time and money for major urban centres such as Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. There are increasing issues stemming from the burgeoning population which government seems only to address with short term band aids, while not fully grasping the opportunities in regional NSW.

The Council, obviously, is very disappointed by this recent decision but is thankful that it will only have limited impact upon the Shire but is very concerned about any subsequent stages. However, the points made in this letter are valid and need a response from the elected members for rural areas within NSW.

Basically what is the NSW's Government vision for the bush, not the larger regional centres, but the backbone communities scattered around that provide an essential service role?

How times and commitments change. In February 2011 Essential Energy advised rural local government that:

> *While our name may be changing, there will be no change to the network services we provide to more than 1,500 communities across NSW.*
>
> *As Essential Energy we will retain our presence as a major regional employer, and we will continue to deliver our five-year plan to invest $6 billion maintaining and building new electricity infrastructure across regional NSW.*

Finally, it is important to remember that these assets commenced life as community assets, administered for the rural community through its County Council but over the last 40 years it has been gradually morphed into an entirely different structure, stripped of its reserves and now failing its communities by not meeting its community service obligations.

Yours faithfully

John Coulton
Mayor

cc: NSW Rural Councils
National Party MP's (Upper & Lower House)
Essential Energy

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15th September 2015

Mr Ross Earl
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
Bourke NSW 2840

Dear Ross,

Re: Bourke Shire Council Picnic Day 2015

I am writing on behalf of the Bourke Shire employees to request that Council and Management grant all Shire employees Friday 30th October 2015 as our Union Picnic Day and we ask as in previous years, Council for a donation towards the day.

We will forward more information to you once we have confirmed what activities we will be having.

Bourke Shire Council United Services Union would like to invite current councillors to join us. The cost will be $30.00 per head. As previously stated we will advise you and the current Councillors when we have further details.

Yours sincerely

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Melanie Hayman
USU Committee Member

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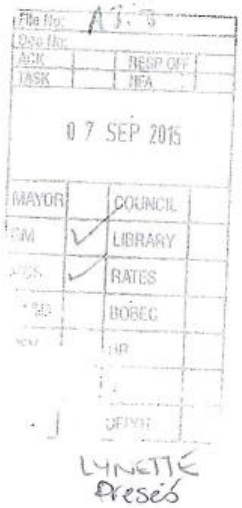

Friday 4th September 2015

Bourke Shire Council
Ross Earl
PO Box 21
Bourke NSW 2840

Dear Ross,

On behalf of the FWAS I would like to thank the Bourke Shire Council for once again allowing the Academy to use Davidson Oval on Wednesday 26th August for the 2015 Ronny Gibbs 7's Rugby League and Netball Tournament.

The FWAS appreciates the support the council provides the event through in kind sponsorship of ground marking. Can you please pass on our thanks to Lynette Gooch who was extremely helpful and the council staff who prepared the oval for the event, the grounds and facilities were in great condition as per usual.

The event continues to get stronger and stronger each year and the feedback received so far has again been extremely positive. The 2015 event saw 39 teams competing, with schools being represented from Bourke, Cobar, Nyngan, Brewarrina, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Baradine, Gilgandra, Goodooga, Menindee, Warren and Trangie. In total there were over 400 players, coaches and volunteers at the event.

We look forward to the councils support and involvement to again host the Ronny Gibbs 7's tournament in Bourke in 2016.

Yours Sincerely

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Jarrad Linton Harland
Programs & Development Officer
Far West Academy of Sport

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WASTEAID

10 September, 2015

Anne Prince
CEO, Waste Aid LTD
TH4/28 West Street
North Sydney, NSW, 2060

General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
Bourke 2840

Dear General Manager

I would like to thank Bourke Shire for its continuing support of Waste Aid's work in Bourke, and also congratulate your Environmental Services staff on their very effective support and assistance in the recent Alice Edwards Village and West Bourke clean-up.

I am also writing to inform you that Waste Aid Ltd has donated a 540 kg skip trailer to the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC) to be used for on-going community bulk waste disposal, and to request that Bourke Shire waive the tip fees when this trailer is used.

The trailer will be the property of MPREC and they will be responsible for its maintenance and use and, to limit the exposure of Bourke Shire, we also propose that the tip fees only be waived when MPREC make a request by email to the Shire's Manager of Environmental Services and when the skip trailer is attached to an MPREC vehicle and driven by authorised MPREC staff member.

Would you please consider our request to waive normal tipping fees for this vehicle when it is used in Aboriginal community clean-up by MPREC, and could you advise by return letter should you agree with these arrangements.

Thank you.

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BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORT

Council Meeting, Monday, 28th September 2015

ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	E7.1
Report: 109/2015	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Scott Parnaby / Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from 7th August 2015 to the 4th September 2015.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Dennis Tiffen, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 10 Tooralé	Top grade in progress
MR 405 Bourke - Wanaaring	Top Grade completed
RLR 50 Mooleyarah	Top Grade completed
RLR 45 Tarcoon	Top Grade completed
RLR 42 Dry Bogan	Top Grade completed

2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR – John Reed, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Alice Edwards Village	Full Rehab completed
MR 405 Bourke - Wanaaring	Top Grade completed
Town Streets	Shoulder Sealing in progress

3. TRANSPORT SECTOR – Jack Wielinga, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Alice Edwards Village	Full Rehab completed
MR 405 Bourke - Wanaaring	Top Grade completed
Town Streets	Shoulder Sealing in progress

4. BITUMEN MAINTENANCE SECTOR – John Bartley, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Bourke Township	Town Patching
All State Highways	Patching undertaken
Brewarrina Shire Council Highways	Patching undertaken
Training	First Aid Training

5. PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks and gardens, regular mowing and maintenance carried out Sporting grounds mowed Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained Public Toilets cleaned and maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council Facilities
Small Plant	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant
Works Requests	Actioned and ongoing
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out
Wharf	General maintenance carried out Market Day
Renshaw Complex	Grounds facilities cleaned and maintained Prepare ground for Christian Gospel gathering
Coolican Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare ground for Family Carnival Prepare for Junior Soccer
Davidson Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare ground for Bourke Junior League and Little Athletics Prepare ground for Ronnie Gibbs 7 aside
Central Park	Skate Park- regular mowing and maintenance carried out General graffiti removal
Villages	Mow grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained Prepare for Louth Races
Training	First Aid Training

6. TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Daily
Cemetery	Grave 13/8 Grave 20/8 Grave 24/8
Rest Areas	Weekly cleaning and rubbish removal and cleaning road side
Staff Training	Nil
General	• Pick up burnt out bins from Bourke Public School • Deliveries of sand for footpaths - ongoing • Gravel holes on road edge near old Shell Depot in Morven Street • Dig holes for new shed for golfers • Dig holes at Water Works for shed • Erect new Street Sign North Bourke • Crane S/D works at Sewer Well Mertin Street (Lucas) • Prune trees at Shire Office • Prune trees Main Street

	• Clean wash-bay at Depot • Pick up dead cat in Mitchell Street • Deliver crusher dust to Davidson and Coolican Ovals • Erect flagpole for Bourke Pre-School • Assisted Water & Wastewater Team with water break • Cold-mix bridge approaches Louth Road • Start town mowing - ongoing due to rain • Lionel Johnston Retired • Gravel driveways new police houses North Bourke • Cold mix hole at the corner of Anson & Richard Streets (Central Australian Hotel) • Deliver portable toilets to Davidson Oval for Football Grand Final • Pick up burnt bin in laneway of Oxley & Mitchell Streets behind the Court House • Replace one side of laneway gate between Mitchell & Oxley Streets behind the Aboriginal Health Service • Pick up tree's Alice Edwards Village • Pick up burnt bins in Oxley Street • Pick up rubbish in Adelaide Street • Town mowing - ongoing • Slash laneways • Poison lanes • Deliver soft-fall to public school • Pick up tree's from around town following storm • Gravel hole in laneway between Darling & Mitchell Streets behind Mitchell Caravan Park • Pick up abandon car Beemery Bridge • Put tops on tables at Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool • Pickup dirt from reseals • Slashing approaches to town and blocks - ongoing • Poisoning corner drains and road edges - ongoing		
Sundry Debtors	Sand 919947 Dust 919949 Dust 919950	Gravel 921051 Crane 921052 Dust 921053 Sand 921054 Sand 921055 Dust 921056 Crane 921057 Sand 921058	Dust 921060 Dust 921061

7. WORKSHOP – Neil Driscoll, Plant Foreman

Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
131	AY22KL	2008 Caterpillar 12 M	Replace fuel pipe and hydraulic tee piece on steering ram
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	8250 service Replace wireless antenna
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo	Replace air compressor release valve and hose Replace complete wiring harness Repair air compressor air leak
140	AK24LO	Caterpillar 12 H	Weld cracked LH tandem
22	YCJ60C	2014 Toyota GXL	45,000km service
205	N92534	2002 Sykes 6" Pump	Engine service and repair wiring
72	BC YB	2009 John Deere	Replace transmission oil tube O-rings and O-rings in header radiator header tank Repair fuel system Replace fan viscous hub
120	V75555	Box Trailer	Replace trailer and lights
236	J43715	Highgate Water Tanker	Replace rear axle slack adjusters
60	AV25YJ	2008 Freightliner Columbia	Engine service Repair headlight wire
78	CA80TI	2014 Isuzu 400	Replace batteries
28	YCJ49T	2014 Mazda BT-50	20,000km service
299		Komatsu Garbage Compactor	Engine service
10	CA17WX	2015 Holden Colorado 7	25,000km service
49	BZQ74Z	2011 Mazda BT-50	90,000km service
18	CHP24W	2012 Mazda BT-50	80,000km service
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Replace rear door rubber
303	COR74R	2013 Mazda BT-50	40,000km service
305	CC38VZ	2012 Mazda	60,000km service Repair hose on windscreen washer
404	BH77WN	2010 Isuzu 500 Short	50,000km service
37	AJ01DM	Isuzu 500 Long	190,000km service Replace rear springs, cab mounts and front shocks

8. WATER AND WASTEWATER - *Shane Hopley, Team Leader*

ACTIVITY	REQUIRED INTERVAL	DATE CARRIED OUT / OR PROGRAMMED FOR	
River mains flushing	12 months or as required		Ongoing
Potable mains flushing	12 months or as required		Ongoing
Hydrant painting and cleaning	12 months		As required
Bourke river pumps annual maintenance	12 months		Ongoing
Alignment of stop valve covers checked	12 months		Ongoing
Instrumentation test and calibration (flow meters)	12 months	Next Service July 2016	
Reservoir cleaning	5 years	2020	Ongoing
Reservoir inspection	24 months	2017	Completed

Water & Sewerage system planned maintenance

ACTIVITY	REQUIRED INTERVAL	DATE CARRIED OUT / OR PROGRAMMED FOR
Bourke WTP daily maintenance	Daily	Ongoing
Bourke WTP tests	Daily	Ongoing
Bourke STP and WTP weed spraying / slashing	As required	Ongoing
Bourke STP bank grading (to fill scours & cracks)	Annually	As Required
Bourke WTP chemical pump calibrations	Daily	Ongoing
Sewerage pump monitoring	Daily	Ongoing
Sewer manholes & risers inspection	Annually	Ongoing
Preventative maintenance sewer pump inspection	Annually	Ongoing
Instrumentation test and calibration (flow meters)	Annually	July 2015
Main cleaning & pump station desilting	As required	March 2016
Bore Inspection	5 Years	NSW Office of Water

WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SYSTEM UNPLANNED MAINTENANCE – 2015			
Main breaks repaired for August	10	Sewer chokes for August cleared:	13
Annual Main Breaks	96	Annual Sewer Chokes	78
Raw:	72	Boundaries replaced:	0
Potable:	24		
Year to date: 2015 Water Meters			
Faulty Meters replaced	0		
New Connections	0		
Training	First Aid Training		

BOURKE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT EPA LICENCE COMPLIANCE

Record of Effluent Analysis

POLLUTANT	UNIT OF MEASURE	LICENCE 100 PERCENTILE CONCENTRATION LIMIT	June 2015 TEST	July 2015 TEST	Aug 2015 TEST	Sep 2015 TEST	Oct 2015 TEST	Nov 2015 TEST
Oil & Grease	*mg/L*	10	4	<2	<2			
pH		*6.5-8.5*	9.2	8.9	8.9			
Nitrogen (total)	*mg/L*	*15*	7.9	5.3	5.3			
Phosphorus (total)	*mg/L*	*10*	1.3	1	1			
Total suspended solids	*mg/L*	*20*	54	19	19			
Biochemical oxygen demand	*mg/L*	*15*	12	5	5			

RECORD OF WATER USAGE

For the period, 01/01/15 to 31/12/2015 Council's meters indicated the following water usage:

Water usage for January through to December 2015: Yearly totals for 2015

WATER SCHEME	ANNUAL ALLOCATION (ML)	TOTAL USAGE FOR THE PERIOD (ML) August	USAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)
Bourke potable		41	278	1.3	1.3
Bourke River	3500	121	1257	5.7	5.9
North Bourke village raw	750	40	248	1.1	1.1

Rainfall in Bourke for August 2015 was 8mm for the period:

Resolution

360/2015 That the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28th September 2015 be noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:	D3.2
Report: 209/2015	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
Delegated	DA 2016/0002	Lot 9, Section 4, DP 1275 Hughes Street, Louth	Construction of Residential Shed
Delegated	DA 2016/0005	Lot 2, Section 17, DP 1275 Hughes Street, Louth	Construction of Residential Shed
Delegated	DA 2016/0003	Lot A, DP 421041 66 Short Street, Bourke	Construction of 2 x two bedroom single storey dwellings – dual occupancy & tree removal
Delegated	DA 2016/0004	Lot B, DP 421041 68 Short Street, Bourke	Construction of 5 bedroom single storey dwelling

Total value of Approved works for August 2015 =$ 1,197,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for August 2015 = 4
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for August 2015 = 0

File No:	A11.1.1
Report: 209/2015	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 Poisoning
Davidson Oval	Install flood lights
Grandstand	Commenced repair works – Progressing

	Structural works completed
Caravans	Replace A/C units P/N 80 and 82
Central Park	Repair fence
Pool	Relocate smoke butt bins Install seats
Railway Flat	Pest Control
Airport	ARO Inspections
Contractors	Repair wiring and lights – Grandstand Install PA system Install power points – Coolican Oval Power Box Install cameras – Waste Depot

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File No:	A8.1
Report: 209/2015	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	0	0
Seized	11	5
Surrendered	0	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	11	5
Euthanized	9	4
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	0	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	2	1
Total	11	5
Micro-chip Implantations	0	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	474	
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

361/2015 That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th September 2015 be received and noted.
Moved Cr Ford Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	G2.1
Report: 309/2015	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

27th August 2015

Council has been advised that the Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS) has been the successful tenderer for the provision of Visiting Medical Officers (VMO) at the Bourke Hospital a role that has for many years been undertaken by Ochre Health.

RaRMS have a presence in a wide area of the state including , Warialda, Bingara, Tenterfield, Warren, Coolah and Gilgandra and will now add Bourke, Brewarrina Condobolin, Coonamble, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri to that list.

In welcoming RaRMS to Bourke, Council looks forward to the ongoing provision of first class medical services to our Community and the establishment of close links to ensure that the services in Bourke from a health perspective are not reduced, and where needed, enhanced.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution that OCHRE Health have made to the Bourke community whilst they had the contract and thank them for their efforts over that period acknowledging their ability to ensure that Bourke always had the services of doctors despite times when many other towns experienced shortages.

There will a transition period of at least three (3) months to allow all the necessary arrangements to be put in place.

Council on being made aware of the change in the contract at the Council Meeting on Monday resolved to seek a meeting with RaRMS to get a better understanding of their plans for Bourke.

Council's understanding is that the new contracts do not require the provision of either obstetric trained doctors or anaesthetists which is a significant loss for our community and will impact on some of the services able to be provided. Council has already raised the loss of these services with the Western NSW Local District Health.

The Minister for Local Government, Hon Paul Toole, and MP has appointed the former Member for Murray Darling, John Williams of Broken to Chair the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee. Mr Williams is a resident of Broken Hill and no doubt very aware of the issues facing many western towns. Bourke Shire Council looks forward to meeting John and working with him in developing the Far Western Initiative ensuring that it meets the need of Councils and the communities in this part of the state.

The State Librarian, Dr Alex Byrne will be visiting Bourke on Wednesday 9th September 2015 to meet with Councillors and Staff. Dr Byrne has the most senior library role in New South Wales and is indeed very pleasing to see him make the trip out west and get a full appreciation of the library services on offer plus the distances involved.

Council will be conducting a "Fee Free Tip weekend" on the 12th and 13th September 2015 to allow residents to undertake their annual spring clean in preparation for the upcoming summer period.

Whilst there is generally no fees applicable on the day there are some minor exceptions, with a charge still applying to some items including tyres, asbestos, chemicals, and liquid waste, building and commercial quantities of waste.

Bourke Shire yesterday hosted a seminar for Far Western Councils regarding the changes to the way in which workers compensation premiums will be calculated for 2015/2016. The Workers Compensation Premium calculation formula is determined by WorkCover and is applied by their agents. Council's insurer is StateCover which represents the majority of New South Wales Councils and they agreed to come to Bourke to explain the changes and strategies that should be employed to minimise the level of premium.

Council endorsed the lodging of an expression of interest for funding to upgrade the Bourke Water Treatment Plant and also the construction of an additional treatment pond at the sewerage treatment plant.

The current water treatment plant is reaching the end of its economic life and needs to be replaced. Council has the opportunity to apply for 50% subsidy towards the total cost of the work which is estimated to be $8,739,150. Councils 50% will be made up of $869,575 from reserves and the balance of $3,500,000 being provided by way of loan.

The construction of the additional treatment pond had been part of the initial plan with the estimated cost being $417,496 with Councils portion of $ 208,748 to be funded from reserves held.

Council will also be investigating other sources of funding and in conscious of the financial impact on ratepayers but at the same time note that the current plant will not last forever.

Council has received notification that in 2015/2016 its Financial Assistance Grant will be total of $5,028,666 made up of a general purpose component of $3,257,015 and a roads component of $1,771,651. The overall grant showed an increase of $251,046. The funds will be generally allocated to an infrastructure renewal fund to allow Council to have the ability to maintain its

infrastructure going forwards and also to be able to provide co contributions to capital works when required.

A reminder that the first instalment of the 2015/2016 rates is due on the 31st August 2015.

The first week in September will see the second Annual Festival of a Thousand Stories which proved very successful last year which was the inaugural event.

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and I met with representatives of Walgett, Brewarrina and Balonne Shires in Brewarrina to review the strategies being employed to control of wild dogs within the boundaries of each of the Council areas.

The General Manager of Brewarrina, Dan Simmons has offered to undertake a coordination role for the NSW based Councils and will liaise with his counterpart from Balonne Shire regarding future initiatives

The Mayor and I were joined at the meeting by Ben Mannix and Sharon Knight from the Lednapper Wild Dog Action Group.

Member for Parkes Mark Coulton, MP will be meeting with Council on Thursday, 27th August 2015 to discuss issues impacting Council and no doubt the issues of mobile phone services will be high on the agenda. While in town on Wednesday night Mark attended the 20th Anniversary Dinner for the Ronnie Gibbs Sevens.

There were a number other guests in town for the dinner including current NSW State Of Origin Coach Laurie Daley plus a number of ex-international and state players. The support shown by these people is tremendous and hopefully they will return in 2016.

Council has received notification that it has pre-approval for the carting of water to the village of Byrock should the need arise. Over the past few years the supply at Byrock has run dry necessitating the need to cart water for essential services and the pre-approval is recognition of this established need and the urgency that arises in times when the supply dries up in the reservoir.

I noticed in the Western Herald that Louth will be celebrating its sesqui-centenary on 31st October this year which should occasion for many ex-residents to return and join will locals in the recognition of this milestone.

The Tour De OROC will stopover in Bourke on Wednesday, 7th October 2015 and a function will be held on that night to assist in raising funds to support Macquarie Homestay which is the beneficiary of the ride.

To assist raise funds for the event Bourke Rotary Club will be conducting a Trivia Night on the 16th September 2015 at the Bourke Bowling Club. Cost per participant will be $10.00 with tables of 10 being preferred. It should be a fun night so get a team together. Entries can be lodged at Council.

Quote for the Week!

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream"
C S Lewis

3rd September 2015

The Annual Elections for the position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be held in conjunction with September Meeting of Council to be held on the 28th September 2015. The meeting will also determine the composition of the various council committees as well as delegates to represent Council on the external organisations of which Council is a member.
The meeting will also consider the time and day for the holding of the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Members of the New South Wales Grants Commission will be visiting Bourke and meet with available Councillors and Senior Staff on Wednesday, 23rd September at 9.30am.

Having been successful in the initial expression of interest stage of the Restart New South Wales Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund for Airports, Council has now lodged a formal application for funding to upgrade the lighting at the Bourke Airport and also undertake reseal of the runway. The value of these works will be approximately $720,000. Council has been required to make a contribution and if the application is successful that contribution of $150,000 will come from a reserve establish for the upgrade of the airport.

The 20th Annual Ronnie Gibbs "7" held last week with a great representation from all our neighbouring towns.

The fundraising dinner held in conjunction with the carnival was also a huge success with around two hundred people in attendance. An extremely pleasing aspect of the night was the representation from both the Country Rugby League and the NSW Rugby League Officials and past NRL players in attendance to recognise the significance of the function and the work Ronnie

has done over the past twenty years. Current NSW State of Origin Coach and former Australian representative Laurie Daley was in attendance as was dual International and now TV personality, Wendell Sailor. The recently retired CEO of Australian Rugby League, Geoff Carr made the trip out as did a number of other legends of the game.

Well done Ronnie on both the 20 year milestone and your ability to ensure that the officials of the game retain a close connection with the grassroots supporters and players of the game.

I had the opportunity to accompany the official visitors to the Ronnie Gibbs "7'"s on the Jandra on the Wednesday afternoon and for many it was their first trip to Bourke. It was good to receive positive comments regarding the presentation of the facilities and the town generally.

It was also pleasing to see a number of ex-residents of Bourke make the effort to travel back for the occasion.

Local Federal Member, Mark Coulton and wife Robyn met with Councillors and staff last Thursday and Council raised a number of issues with Mark including the lack mobile phone service coverage within the Shire. The President of the Louth Race Club joined the meeting to detail the impact that the lack of mobile coverage has on the Louth Races, including the inability to access betting fluctuations, the impact on the Tote Facility and the delays in the operation of the ATM. Jim highlighted the fact that mobile service is no longer a luxury but has become a necessity and unless the situation in Louth is addressed it will seriously impact on the ability of the committee to grow the event.

The Darling River continues to have a steady flow with the recent rain resulting in minor inflows and a slight rise. Unfortunately the levels in the river have failed to reach the height to allow irrigators to be able to pump. Hopefully the ensuing few weeks will see additional rain the catchment.

David Papps, the Environmental Water Holder will be in town next week and will meet with representatives of Council and also representatives of local irrigators. David was in town with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for the Environment , the Hon. Bob Baldwin, MP a couple of weeks ago so it is good to see him back again and taking an interest in the area and spending time speaking to the stakeholders most impacted by the introduction of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Council's Auditors will be in town during the last week of September to undertake an Audit of Councils Financial Reports for 2014/2015 and the finance staff members have been busy ensuring that all the reporting requirements have been addressed and the changes to some of the reporting schedules have also been put in place. Council have been assisted in the preparation of the Financial Reports by Brian Tickle from Condobolin.

Council will be conducting a "Fee Free Tip weekend" on the 12th and 13th September 2015 to allow residents to undertake their annual spring clean in preparation for the upcoming summer period.

Whilst there is generally no fees applicable on the day there are some minor exceptions, with a charge still applying to some items including tyres, asbestos, chemicals, and liquid waste, building and commercial quantities of waste.

On Monday, the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and the Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown travelled to Griffith for the funeral of the late Ken Croskell who passed away last week. Ken was the General Manager of Bourke Shire Council from 20O3 to 2007 before taking up the same position at Carrathool Shire based at Goolgowi and Hillston. The Mayor, Councillors and staff extend their sympathy to Ken's family.

Each year Local Government New South Wales asks Councils to undertake a "Cost Shift Survey" which seeks to identify the cost of providing services which have be passed onto Local Government by the other tiers of Government, including services that are required to be supplemented to ensure that the services meet the needs of residents. It also includes services which have previously part funded by the other tiers of Government but the contribution by the other levels of Government has fallen well behind the real cost in providing the services. The cost to Bourke Shire has been calculated at just over $1 million dollars. Over the past few years the total cost for the twelve Councils in the OROC area has been calculated and in 2011-2012 that figure was over $14 million dollars which is a significant amount of money. No doubt the 2014/2015 figures will show an increase on that amount.

Following the announcement that RaRMS have been the successful tenderer to supply Visiting Medical Officers Services to Bourke, Council resolved to seek a meeting with RaRMS so that they can further detail their plans for Bourke. I have had discussions with Shane Hatton the Operations Manager with RaRMS and preliminary arrangements are in place for them to visit Bourke on the 28th September 2015 and address the September Meeting.

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis will be attending the Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association at Barooga and Tocumwal on the 9th 10Th and 11th September 2015.

Early October will see the next round of removal of fig trees from the streetscape. Those trees earmarked for removal have been advertised in this week's edition of the "Western Herald" with the owners of the homes adjacent to those tree will be receiving a letter late this week or early next week.

There are a lot of activities associated with the "Festival of One Thousand Stories" happening this week and full details have been advertised in the "Western Herald" with programs also available at the Council offices.

Don't forget to book a table for the Trivia Night to be held on the 16th September at the Bowling Club to raise funds for Tour De OROC. Tickets are $10.00 per head with tables of 10 preferred. Booking can be made at Council.

Quote of the Week

> *"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."*
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> *Michael Jordan*

10th September 2015

It is proposed that the first meeting of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee (FWIAC) will be held in Broken Hill on the 24th or September 25th 2015.

The FWIAC will be appointed by the Minister for Local Government and be made up of:-

- Chair
- A representative of each of the eight (8) Councils in the region
- DPC Executive Director, Regional Coordination
- OLG Director, Innovation & Development
- A representative of the Commonwealth Government.
- A representative of the non-government service delivery sector

The Chair appointed by the Minister is John Williams the former member for Murray Darling. Each of the eight (8) Councils is to nominate their own representative with the Minister hoping for a mix of elected officials and non- elected officers. The FWIAC will be appointed for a period of three (3) years.

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis is Bourke Shire Council's nominee with the Deputy Mayor, Cr Barry Hollman as the alternate. Council has asked that the General Manager attend as an advisor.

In addition to the meeting proposed for the 24th or 25th September another meeting is proposed for Sydney during or immediately after the Local Government New South Wales Conference which will be held at Rosehill Racecourse 11th to 13th October 2015.

The newly appointed chair John William's previous electorate included Broken Hill, Central Darling, Wentworth and Balranald Shires and as such he is relatively familiar with that area. He is keen to visit the Shires in the Northern area to meet Councillors and Staff and get an understanding of the major issues and requirements of each of the towns.

David Papps, the Environmental Water Holder was due to be in town next week to hold discussions with Council and local irrigators however, his visit has now had to be postponed.

Council will be conducting a "Fee Free Tip weekend" on the 12th and 13th September 2015 to allow residents to undertake their annual spring clean in preparation for the upcoming summer period.

Whilst there is generally no fees applicable on the day there are some minor exceptions, with a charge still applying to some items including tyres, asbestos, chemicals, and liquid waste, building and commercial quantities of waste.

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis is attending the Annual General Meeting and National Conference of the Murray Darling Association at Barooga and Tocumwal on the 9th, 10th and 11th September 2015. With the issues relating to the Murray Darling Basin Plan impacting on a number of communities along the river system it is critical that Council maintains a strong involvement.

Don't forget to book a table for the Trivia Night to be held on the 16th September at the Bowling Club to raise funds for Tour De OROC. Tickets are $10.00 per head with tables of 10 preferred. Booking can be made at Council.

Together with the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis, Cr Sarah Barton, the Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown and I attended the reception hosted last week by Ninti One.

Ninti One is a national not-for-profit company that build opportunities for people in remote Australia through research, innovation and community development. Their visit to Bourke was coordinated by Maranguka Community Hub and the group were particularly keen to learn more about the project involving "Justice Reinvestment".

Ninti One is nationally representative and based in Alice Springs and the board meet quarterly with one meeting per year held in a remote location and in 2015 Bourke was chosen for that meeting.

Along with Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis, I attended the Darling River Area Command Annual Awards and Medal ceremony held at the Bourke Bowling Club on Wednesday. We were joined by representatives from Bogan and Brewarrina Shires Councils.

Presenting a number of the awards was the Assistant Commissioner, Western Regional Commander Geoffrey McKechnie. The awards included both the National and NSW Police Medal for Diligent and Ethical Service as well as others for recognition of specific meritorious service.

Work continues on the ongoing maintenance of the huge road network that Council is responsible.

The Bourke to Wanaaring Road has had a grade completed as has the Wanaaring to Hungerford Road.

On the rural local roads the grading work on Tarcoon and Dry Bogan Road have been completed whilst work is currently in progress on the West Culgoa Road, Tooralé Road and the Myroolia Roads.

The bulk of the work undertaken at Alice Edwards Village to reconstruct the internal road has been completed with some minor concrete works still to be undertaken. This work was funded under an Aboriginal Road Safety Infrastructure Programme Funding.

The concrete works still to be completed will see a new footpath linking to the recently constructed pathway to the Bourke CBD.

The Bourke Swimming Pool will be open for the summer season on the 19th September 2015 which is the first day of the school holidays.

The Bourke Public Library gets in new stock on an ongoing basis and the Library staff always tries to cater for the needs of the whole community and offer a wide range of material. If you are not a member why not join up. Membership is free and it costs nothing to borrow.

News that Dubbo will soon have an air service to Melbourne is good news for people from this part of the state trying to travel to that location without having to go via Sydney. With Dubbo now being linked to all three (3) capital cities on the eastern seaboard it will certainly be of increased benefit to both the commercial and tourism sectors.

From a local perspective it will be tremendous when the proposed air service for Bourke is operational to have ability to connect to such a wide area of Australia. Work on the

establishment of the air service for Bourke is still progressing and hopefully we might see a positive outcome over the next few months.

Work on the reconstruction of the Mertin Street Sewer Pump Station is all but finished with only some minor matters to be attended to before the handover takes place.

The work on the project has gone smoothly and the finished product will provide a much greater degree of reliability and effectiveness in relation to the operation of the well. With Mertin Street now complete it means both the major pump stations have been completely refurbished with the Warraweena Sewer Pump Station being subject to extensive repairs in 2012.

As the weather heats up residents are reminded to be aware of the increased fire risk that traditionally accompanies the hot weather. The winter rain has provided sufficient moisture to see a reasonable grass coverage in areas across the shire most of which will quickly dry out as the temperature increases.

It is a timely reminder to acknowledge the efforts of the members of both New South Wales Fire and Rescue and the Rural Fire service who respond to the numerous call outs at all times of the day and night.

As we move into the warmer weather there will no doubt be an increased usage of water to keep our lawns and gardens in good condition. Bourke has reputation for being an "oasis" with the well-presented parks and gardens attracting a number of positive comments. In watering out lawns we should remember that water is a finite resource and shouldn't be wasted by letting it flow down the gutters. If you have trouble remembering to move your sprinkler why not invest in a timer tap which can be purchased at the local hardware and plumbing stores.

Quote of the Week!

"A journey of one thousand miles begins with a single step "

Confucius

17th September 2015

The newly appointed Chair of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee (FWIAC), John William met with Council on Monday as part of a familiarisation tour of the Northern Councils proposed to be members of the Far Western Initiative. John is a pilot and flew to Cobar on the Monday morning for a meeting with Cobar Shire before coming to Bourke in the afternoon. Given the huge distances involved in the Local Government areas that form the Far Western Initiative, a pilot's license may be a very valuable asset.

The Office of Local Government and the Department of Premier and Cabinet are the two (2) lead agencies involved in the establishment of the Far West Initiative and they have developed a comprehensive community engagement strategy to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the plans. There are a myriad of groups and organisations that will need to be consulted and the opportunity is being given to each of the Councils to review the strategy to ensure that it suits their purposes. Councillors and staff will have the opportunity to discuss the strategy during a teleconference between 9.00am and 10.00am on Friday 18th September 2015. The second half of the teleconference will be allocated to an update on the Far Western Initiative by the Regional Manager of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Alison Morgan.

The Minister for Local Government released the latest Paper in relation the Local Government Reform Process and the latest paper provides an update regarding Joint Organisations which were one of the initiatives recommended by the independent Local Government Review Panel. The release of the Joint Organisations "Emerging Directions Paper" follows work done by several Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs) in developing "Pilot" JOs over the past six months.

A copy of the paper is available on the internet

http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au/joint-organisations (see 'Related Downloads' in right-hand menu bar).

Councils have until the 16th October 2015 to make a submission in relation to the paper.

Included on the agenda for the September Meeting of Council will be a meeting with representatives of the Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS) who have been awarded the contract to provide Medical Services to Bourke.
Advice has been received that the transition of services from OCHRE Health to RaRMS will take place over the weekend 28th and 29th November 2015. From my understanding the transition should be relatively seamless with no interruption to services at all.
RaRMS have been successful in gaining contracts in a number of towns and will stage the introduction of their services.

RaRMS are also currently in Warren, Gilgandra, Warialda and Tenterfield.

There have been a number of changes to the Mayors and Deputy Mayors across the OROC Region and other parts of the State as the Annual Elections for Mayor and Deputy Mayors are held. A number have been decided via draw from a hat which is the procedure in the case were two (2) candidates have an equal number of votes.

The Bourke Swimming Pool will be open for the summer season this Saturday, 19th September 2015 which is the first day of the school holidays. New pool lessee Cathy Lowe is looking forward to the forthcoming season and has been busy getting the pool ready. The weather has already started to warm up and no doubt the pool will become an increasingly popular venue as the summer approaches.

The State Librarian, Dr Alex Byrne visited Bourke Public Library last week and met with library staff and took the opportunity to inspect the facilities that exist. Alex presented Library Manager, Jodi Hatch with a book as a memento of his visit.

Congratulations to Bourke High School on the 50th Anniversary of the school. I attended their Mardi Gras fete on Friday night and would like to congratulate the staff, students and the members of the Parents and Citizens Association on their efforts. It was good to see the level of help that was available.

The Hospital Fete was also held over the weekend and once again was very successful with the dedicated members of the Local Hospital Auxiliary to be congratulated on their efforts in raising funds to assist in the provision of facilities for the Hospital.

The next Meeting of Barwon Darling Water is scheduled to be held on the 7th October 2015 at the Walgett Sporting Club and will commence at 10.00am. The General Meeting will be preceded by an Annual General Meeting.

Barwon Darling Water is an important lobby group for irrigators and other water users along the river system and no doubt the issues of embargoes will figure prominently on the agenda. Enquiries should be directed to the Executive Officer, Ian Cole on 0429 722 857.

The 2015 Tour de OROC will visit Bourke on the 7th October 2015 with around 26 people in the party including support drivers and other coordination staff. Bourke Shire Council will join with Bourke Rotary Club in coordinating the visit to town. Accommodation has been arranged for 20 of the group with the other six having the use of the Tour de OROC caravan facilities.

The Rotary Club and Bourke Shire will be hosting a welcome to town / fundraiser on the night of the 7th October 2015 at the Port of Bourke Hotel.

Tour De OROC aims to raise funds for the construction of Macquarie Homestay which is accommodation for patients and family of patients at the new Dubbo Base Hospital.

On Thursday night last week, I joined representatives from other organisations in attending a function organised by TAFE Western so that they could detail the opportunities that they could provide to the broader Bourke community.

The next morning the Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown and I met with TAFE representatives to discuss opportunities that exist for Bourke Shire and its employees.

In news received last week, following the restructure of the Rural Counselling Services across Australia that the Bourke Rural Counselling Service will be absorbed into the Central Rural Counselling Service which is one of three Counselling services to be funded to meet the needs of NSW. The Bourke Rural Counselling Services could tender to provide the services across the entire region but would need to 'Gear Up" significantly and it is likely that an existing provider of similar services would be better placed with the required resources and infrastructure already in place. This decision will be one for the Board to determine.

The Bourke Rural Financial Counselling Service has proved a valuable service for the community over the years and being locally based and administered has been able to keep touch with the needs of the local farmers and build a high degree of trust and confidence something that is not achieved overnight.

The current contacts will come to an end as at 31st March 2016 and after that the way in which the service will be delivered will be the responsibility of the successful tenderer.

The potential centralisation of the service will not necessarily translate into loss of jobs in Bourke however, this is yet to be clarified but it will mean a loss of the local decision making and unfortunately the drift of the administrative functions and jobs to the larger regional centres continues to impact on the viability of the smaller centres in regional Australia and this is yet another example of this happening.

Quote of the Week!

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone".

Ronald Reagan

Ross Earl
General Manager

Resolution

362/2015 That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th September 2015 be received and noted.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	L4.1
Report: 404/2015	Library Report
Author:	Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

If there are any questions about these items, or any library issues, please do not hesitate to contact the library.

1. Circulation statistics for August 2015:

Audio Visual	406
Adult Fiction	260
Non-Fiction	141
Junior Fiction	211
Magazines	94
Interlibrary Loans	
Total	**1112**

During the same period in 2014, the figures were as follows:

Audio Visual	342
Adult Fiction	283
Non-Fiction	156
Junior Fiction	255
Magazines	104
Interlibrary Loans	11
Total	**1151**

2. Other statistical information:

New Members	9
Internet/Word Processing	157
Wireless Tickets	20
Number of Visitors	1854
Scans	28
Information Requests	64
Technical Assistance	23
Faxes	29

During the same period in 2014, the figures were as follows:

New Members	17
Internet/Word Processing	120
Wireless Tickets	3
Number of Visitors	2898
Scans	14
Information Requests	74
Technical Assistance	9
Faxes	22

3. Children's craft and story time this month had 12 children attending.

4. Children's Book Week was held this month. We had 125 entries in our competitions, which we were very happy with. Prizes were donated by local business. Our prize-giving party at the end of the week had 14 children attend.

5. The library is participating in the Tax Help program again this year. During August we assisted clients with nine (9) tax returns.

6. Another six (6) bags were distributed under our Books for Babies program.

If there are any questions about these items, or any library issues, please do not hesitate to contact the library.

Jodie Hatch
Library Manager

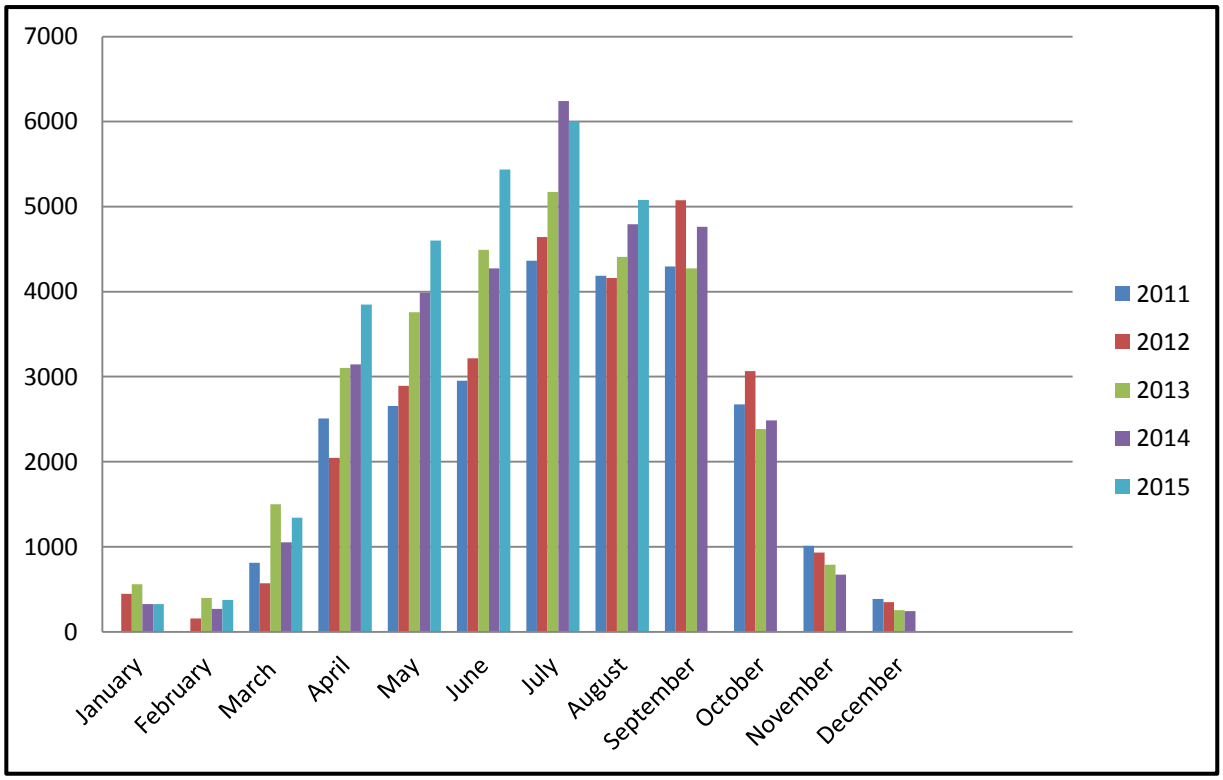
Resolution

363/2015 That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28th September 2015.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	T4.3
Report:	BOBEC and VIC August 2015 Activity update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager Tourism and Development

August visitor numbers to all attractions was strong and a strong finish to the visitor season in now assured. Just over 5,000 visitors came through the Visitors Centre in August with excellent numbers also reported to the PV Jandra and Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. The Louth Races, Boar Buster Competition, Fishing Competition and the Festival of a Thousand Stories have all been held recently with good attendance at each event and bringing visitors to town. These events have proved worthy in helping to extend the end of the season as well as provide for locals. The September School Holiday season has now also started and along with spring weather we can expect strong numbers through to the end of the October long weekend.



Graph above showing the number of visitors per month to the Tourist Centre

Table showing number of visitors to the Tourist Centre by month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January		448	560	325	326
February		157	397	271	373
March	810	570	1500	1051	1342
April	2507	2044	3103	3146	3849
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	
November	1012	930	789	671	
December	386	347	254	242	

Visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

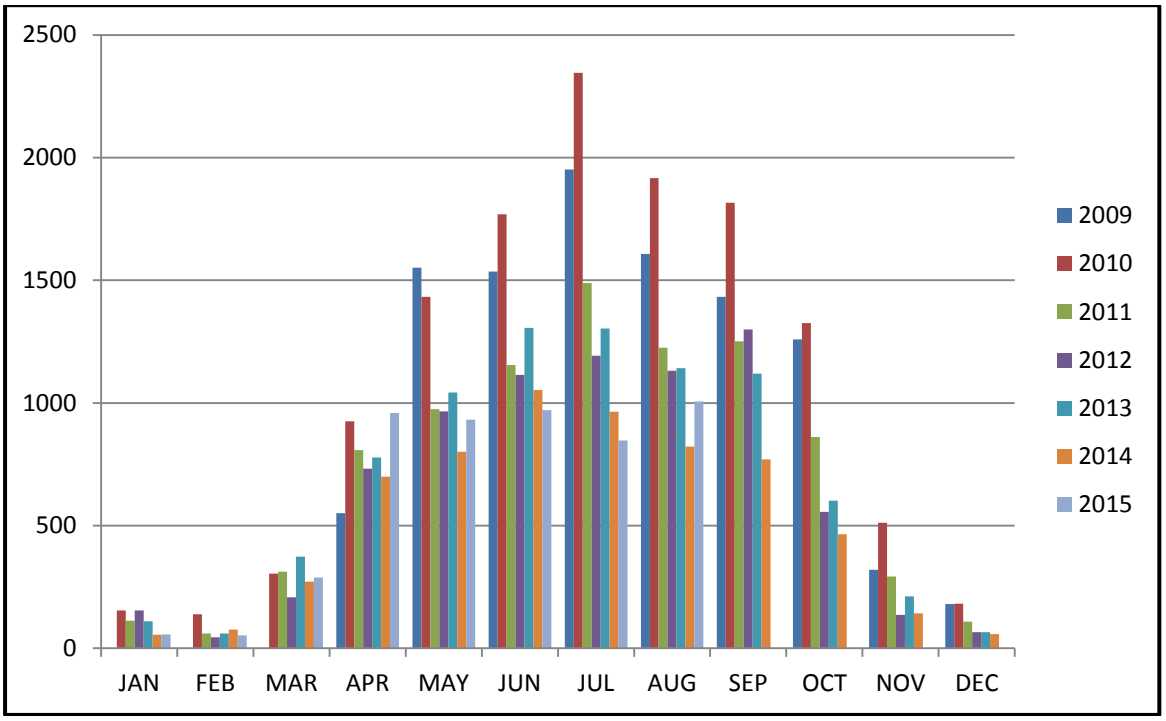


Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January		154	113	154	110	55	56
February		139	60	44	60	76	53
March		304	312	207	373	271	289
April	551	925	807	732	778	699	959
May	1551	1433	974	965	1042	801	931
June	1535	1769	1154	1114	1306	1053	971
July	1951	2345	1489	1193	1303	964	847
August	1607	1916	1225	1131	1141	822	1006
September	1433	1816	1251	1299	1120	770	
October	1259	1325	861	556	601	464	
November	320	512	292	136	212	143	
December	180	182	108	65	65	57	

Table showing visitation on board the PV Jandra

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
January	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
February	25	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
March	213	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	64	290
April	Not Cruising	1008	519	442	980	1035
May	1325	932	1035	894	1123	917
June	1459	1241	1003	984	890	240
July	1578	1386	1238	1300	1059	1197
August	1165	1186	640	1194	1041	1212
September	1429	1411	1459	1215	900	
October	188	1085	760	830	631	
November	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	423	403	Not Cruising	
December	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	180	20	Not Cruising	
Total	7382	8249	7257	7282	6688	

The Inland Tourism Group which is the Regional Tourism Organisation for this area continues to focus on whole of area challenges in an attempt to increase visitor numbers with the aim of doubling visitor expenditure in the Inland Region by 2020. These include to:

- Develop regional brands;
- Champion the key regional experiences such as food and wine, history and heritage, arts and culture and nature;
- Promote events;
- Drive the visiting friends and relatives market;

- Develop and promote niche markets, e.g. Indigenous Tourism;
- Improve the digital consumer experience.

While none of this is short term, the results of the inland work are starting to show through campaign numbers for example in the Great Western Plains and the work undertaken in bringing the industry together in Broken Hill with Destination Broken Hill.

Resolution

364/2015 That the information in the Tourism and Development Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28th of September 2015 be received and noted.		
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried

Phil Johnston
Manager of Tourism & Development

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

File No:	A11.1.5 – V1.6
Report: 115/2015	CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Land at North Bourke -
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism and Development

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

365/2015 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.
Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

File No:	L8.30- L8.3-E3.2
Report: 116/2015	CONFIDENTIAL - Development Opportunities for Bourke
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

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

366/2015 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.
Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

Pursuant to section 10A (2) (d) (i), section 10A (2) (a), 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, being report 115/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Land at North Bourke and report 116/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL - Development Opportunities for Bourke.

No members of the public made representation.

Resolution at 9.57am

367/2015

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 Barton | Seconded Cr Dorrington | Carried

Resolution at 10.18

368/2015 That Council move out of Closed Council and into open Council.

Moved Cr Barton | Seconded Cr Dorrington | Carried

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

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:-

Resolution 10.19am – Report 115/2015 - Sale of Land at North Bourke

369/2015

1. That Council sell:
   - 2 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 6 section 11 DP 758781
   - 6 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 8 section 11 DP 758781
   - 11 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 5 section 14 DP 758781
   - 15 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 3 section 14 DP 758781
2. That Council delegates the General Manager authority to negotiate contract terms for the sale of 2, 6, 11 and 15 Castlereagh St.
3. That Council affix the Council Seal to documentation relating to the sale of 2, 6, 11 and 15 Castlereagh Street, North Bourke
4. That should the sale not proceed to contract by the 31st of December 2015 Bourke Shire Council offer these blocks to others purchasers.

Report 116/2015 - Development Opportunities for Bourke

370/2015 That the General Manager continues to take appropriate action to assist facilitate all development opportunities within the Shire.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.30am