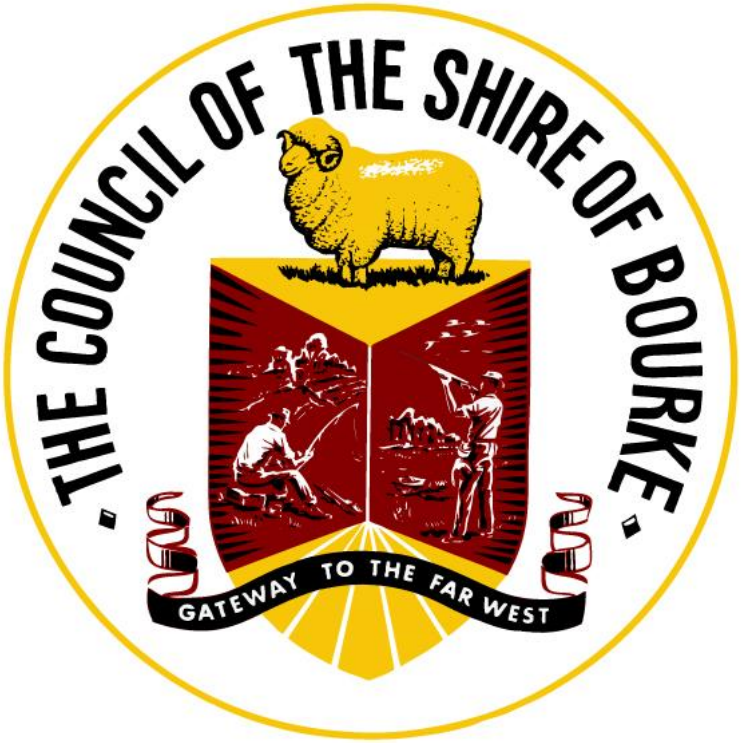

Bourke Shire Council
Minutes

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

Monday, 23rd November 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 Mayoral Election	02/10 Extraordinary	26/10	23/11
Cr Andrew Lewis	✓	✓	↘ 9.38am	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Robert Stutsel	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	*AP*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	AP	✓	↘ 9.20am
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	↘ 9.06am	✓
Cr Barry Hollman	AP	✓	✓ Chair	✓	✓	✓ Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Jack Bennett	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	AP	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cr Sarah Barton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	✓	AP
Cr Stuart Johnson	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	AP	A	✓	✓

Staff

Ross Earl	General Manager
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

Cr Dorrington opened the meeting with a prayer.

REMEMBRANCES

Council stood in silence in the memory of Pam Seal, Frances Turnbull, Snowy Hollman and the people who died in the terrorist attack in Paris on 13th November 2015.

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised that an apology had been received from Cr Barton.

Resolution

417/2015 That the apology received from Cr Barton be accepted and leave of absence granted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Bartley Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were declared at the meeting from Cr Davis regarding Confidential Report 123/2015, Lease to BDCS.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Date	Event
26/10/2015	Council Meeting
27/10/2015	Attended with Phil Johnston, (MT&D) a Federal Senate select Committee Hearing into The Murray Darling Basin Plan in Griffith
30/10/2015	Attended OROC Meeting Board at Lightning Ridge with Ross Earl, (GM)
2/11/2015	Attended WLA Council Board Meeting in Cobar
2/11/2015	Dinner with Chair of Murray Darling Basin Authority
3/11/2015	Attended Dinner with Kevin Humphries and other Councillors
4/11/2015	Attended State Senate Inquiry into Social Justice Issues held at council chambers
5/11/2015	Attended Long Table Dinner at High School
7/11/2015	Attended Cunnamulla Fellow Evening Bull Ride – Bourke winning The Mayoral Challenge Bull Ride
11/11/2015	Attended Meeting of Council at 8am
11/11/2015	Remembrance Day Service at cenotaph in Bourke
14/11/2015	Attended with Victor Bartley the Dedication of Memorial Monument at

	Remembrance Park at Hungerford.
17/11/2015	Attended Welcome Function for National Local Roads Congress at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat with Roads Manager Mark Gordon and Deputy Mayor Barry Hollman.
18-19/11/2015	Attended the National Local Roads Congress at Ballarat with Roads Manager Mark Gordon and Deputy Mayor Barry Hollman.

Cr Hollman gave a verbal report on the National Local Roads Congress at Ballarat.

Resolution

418/2015 That the information in the Mayoral Minute as presented to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be noted.		
Moved Cr Lewis	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried

9.20am Cr Stutsel arrived

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
111/2015	Business Arising	Mayor
211/2015	State of the Environment Report	MES
357/2015	Far Western Initiative- Stakeholder Engagement Plan	GM
704/2015	Minutes of the Tourism & Development Committee of the Council	MT&D

Resolution

419/2015 That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be adopted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution

420/2015 That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday, 11th November 2015 and the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 26th October 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of those meetings.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month/ Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2015				
November	11th	11.00am	Remembrance Day	Cenotaph – Central Park
	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers
December	3rd		Stakeholder Meeting for Far West Initiative hosted by Department of Premier & Cabinet	Council Chambers
	7th		Far West Initiative Advisory Committee	Sydney
	8th		Community Consultation for the Proposed Goat Abattoir Development	Council Chambers
	8th	6.00pm	Bourke Public School 2015 Presentation Night	Bourke High School - MPC
	8th	7.00pm	St Ignatius Parish School (*Mass to be held at 6.00pm*)	Holy Spirit Catholic Church
	10th	5.30pm	Bourke High School – Annual Presentation Night	Bourke High School - MPC
	10th	6.00pm	Koinonia Christian Academy Inc Annual School Presentation Night	Koinonia Christian School
2016				
January	18th		3rd Monday – To allow for Australia Day Awards	Council Chambers
	26th		Australia Day	Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct
February	22nd	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
March	21st	9.00am	3rd as 4th Monday is Easter Monday	Council Chambers
April	18th	9.00am	3rd as 4th Monday ANZAC Day	Council Chambers
	25th		ANZAC Day	Central Park
May	23rd	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
June	27th	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
July	25th	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
August	22nd	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
September	26th	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
October	24th	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers
November	28th	9.00am	4th Monday	Council Chambers

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 26TH OCTOBER 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*	• Section S9 Planning Report being prepared for lodgement for finalisation of amendment of LEP

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*	

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

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	See Tourism Committee Report

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	• *Ongoing*
• That Council continue to work the Western NSW Local Health District staff to re-establish full birthing services if the opportunity for securing the right mix of staff is made available.	• *Ongoing*
• 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 Refer to the 2015/16 Operational Plan

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

345/2015 – Swimming Pool Grant Opportunity
Responsible Officer: MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
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.	Expression of Interest of Grant Submitted Invited to put in full application

350/2015 – Meeting with Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS)
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
General Manager negotiate the lease of Council owned facilities required by Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaRMS)	In progress

354/2015 – Joint application for Fit for the Future Innovation Fund Grant – Strategic Asset Management System
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
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	Ongoing

355/2015 – Financial Accounting Software Upgrade
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council seek quotations from the three (3) suppliers identified in the report	Ongoing

356/2015 – Précis of Correspondence - Essential Energy – Closure of the Essential Energy Depot at Bingara & Potential Loss of Employment Warialda Depot
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
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	Letter written

369/2015 – Closed Session of Council - CONFIDENTIAL - Sale of Land at North Bourke
Responsible Officer:

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. That Council sell: o 2 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 6 section 11 DP 758781 o 6 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 8 section 11 DP 758781 o 11 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 5 section 14 DP 758781 o 15 Castlereagh St, North Bourke, lot 3 section 14 DP 758781	Ongoing

370/2015 – Closed Session of Council - CONFIDENTIAL - Development Opportunities for Bourke
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
General Manager continues to take appropriate action to assist facilitate all development opportunities within the Shire.	Continuing

379/2015 – Potential Heritage Listing for War Memorial (Cenotaph) & Rotunda
Responsible Officer: MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
War Memorial (Cenotaph) and Rotunda in Central Park be listed as heritage items in the Heritage Schedule of Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012	Completed, to be included in the next amendment to LEP

381/2015 – Service Level Agreement – Bourke Waste Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
General Manager to finalise the Service Level Agreement	In progress

384/2015 – Request for Matters to be Included in The Environment Impact Study for The Proposed Goat Abattoir
Responsible Officer: GM/MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Clarification of the amount and type of waste to be generated and the proposed method of disposal to be sought	Letter sent as part of SEARS

385/2015 – Report of the Meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee 14/10/2015
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Develop options to be considered for inclusion in any model for the proposed operation of the Far West Initiative for submission for consideration by the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee. Bourke Shire Council will be hosting the next meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee in Bourke on the 7th December 2015	Ongoing

386/2015 – Return of Air Services to Bourke
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Council provide the successful tenderer with the use of the "Booking Office" at the terminal. 2. A report be brought back to Council regarding the possible introduction of a small landing fee to off- set the additional costs involved in the maintenance of the terminal building.	Fee structure being compiled

387/2015 – Changes to Federal Electoral Boundaries
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Write to the Australian Electoral Commission pointing out that the Parkes Electorate encompasses almost one half of NSW making it almost impractical for the local member to adequately address the concerns of such a large area and suggesting that as well as electorates being population based the areas of those electorates also be considered	Response received, see Précis of Correspondence

389/2015 – Legislative Council of NSW Standing Committee on Social Issues
Responsible Officer:

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
That Council prepare a briefing paper Legislative Council of NSW Standing Committee on Social Issues on Thursday, 5th November 2015	Completed, visit successful

394/2015 – Lands Transport PBR Mayors Challenge
Responsible Officer: Mayor

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council participate in the Lands Transport PBR Mayors Challenge to be held in conjunction with the Cunnamulla Fella Festival 2015	Complete – Bourke winning for the 4th time

397/2015 – Community Contribution – Bourke Laundry Service

Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council donate funds up to $2,500 to the Bourke Laundry Service to enable them to relocate the filtered water service to their new building at the corner of Richard and Oxley Streets.	Letter written

Resolution

421/2015 That the information in the Business Arising as presented on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be received and noted.		
Moved Cr Ford	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

File No:	H1.5
Report: 210/2015	Alcohol Free Zone – Township of Bourke
Author:	Carolyn Crain, Development Assessment Officer
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Background

It is proposed to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) within the township of Bourke for a further four (4) years from 1st January 2016 until 31st December 2019. Council has notified the Local Area Command, Local Liquor Licensee and Anti-Discrimination Board in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines and advertised for public comment and consultation. Council received no objections to the zone.

The Anti-Discrimination Board has responded and has no objections to the re-establishment of the alcohol free zone in the township of Bourke, provided the Council has followed the Ministerial Guidelines in all respects.

The proposed AFZ for the township of Bourke is in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines.

Financial Implications:

Cost to update signage.

Legal Implications:

Nil – the process for declaring an Alcohol Zone under the Local Government Act has been followed.

Resolution

422/2015 That Council approves the continuation of the Alcohol Free Zone within the township of Bourke from 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2019 and notifies the public in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines.

Moved Cr Hollman | Seconded Cr Dorrington | Carried | Unstarred

File No:	E6.3.1
Report: 211/2015	State of the Environment (SoE)Report
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Purpose

This report is to inform Council of the 2014-15 State of the Environment Snapshot for the Bourke Shire Council Local Government area.

Report

A State of the Environment (SoE) Report is an important management tool which aims to provide the community and Local Council with information on the condition of the environment in the local area to assist in decision-making. Since 2007 the Councils of the Greater Central West Region of NSW (see map) have joined to produce Regional SoE Reports as part of Council reporting requirements.

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This is a brief snapshot of data for the Bourke Local Government Area in 2014-15 across a range of environmental indicators as shown in the tables below. The tables provide an understanding of trends by comparing this year's data with an average of previous years. The Council snapshot report should be read in conjunction with the 2014-15 Regional SoE snapshot report.

Recommendation:

For the information of Council

Resolution

423/2015 That Council note the information in the State of the Environment (SoE) Report as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Hollman	Carried

State of the Environment Snapshot 2014–15

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2014-15 Highlights

- The area covered by mining and exploration titles declined significantly from last year.
- There was a large increase in fish restocking activities: Native species.
- Annual water consumption declined from last year.
- There was an increase in the number of hours that environmental volunteers worked on public open space.
- The amount of material recycled continued to decline.

Land

Issue	Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Trend
Contamination	Contaminated land sites - Contaminated Land Register	0	0	0	0	→
	Contaminated land sites - potentially contaminated sites	2	2	6	6	↓
	Contaminated sites rehabilitated	1	0	0	0	↓
Erosion	Erosion affected land rehabilitated (ha)	0	0	0	0	→
Land use planning and management	Number of development consents and building approvals	26	32	20	27	↓
	Landuse conflict complaints	2	1	1	1	↑
	Loss of primary agricultural land through rezoning (ha)		0	0	0	→
Minerals & Petroleum	Number of mining and exploration titles		36	77	75	↓
	Area covered by mining and petroleum exploration titles (ha)		320,000	235,000	189,000	↑

↑ improvement → no or little change ↓ worsening trend

Note - the trend is based on comparing the average of the previous three years of reporting with 2014-15

Biodiversity

Issue	Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Trend
Habitat Loss	Total area protected under voluntary conservation agreements and property agreements (ha)	19	19	19	448	↑
	Total area protected in Wildlife Refuges (ha)	142,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	↑
	Proportion of Council reserves that is bushland/remnant vegetation	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	→
	Habitat areas revegetated (ha)	0	0	10	15	↑
	Roadside vegetation management plan	1	1	1	1	→
Threatened Species	Threatened species actions implemented (e.g. PAS, recovery plans)	0	0	0	0	→
	Fish restocking activities: native species	0	100	5,000	21,438	↑
Noxious weeds and feral animals	Invasive species (listed noxious or WONS) under active management	5	10	10	10	↑
	Number of declared noxious weeds	89	89	99	105	↑
	Fish restocking activities: non-native species	0	0	0	0	→

Towards Sustainability

Issue	Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Trend
Waste Generation	Total waste entombed at primary landfill (tonnes)	3,785	3,868	2,870	2,224	↑
	Total waste entombed at other landfills (exc recyclables) (tonnes)	685	725	320	370	↑
	Average total waste generated per person (tonnes)	1	2	1.06	0.87	↑
	Average cost of waste service per residential household	$235	$227	$265	$265	↑
Hazardous/ Liquid Waste	Farm chemical drums collected through DrumMuster collections	0	0	0	0	→
	Household Hazardous Wastes collected (kg)	0	0	0	883	↑
Reduce	Garden organics collected (diverted from landfill) (tonnes)	1,300	1,786	980	491	↑
	E-Waste collected (diverted from landfill) (tonnes)	3	4	0	2	↑
Recycle	Amount of material recycled (tonnes)	138	140	9	0.3	↑
	Amount of material recycled per person (kg)	45	46	3	0.1	↑
Littering and illegal dumping	Number of illegal waste disposal complaints to Council	34	41	34	21	↑
Engineering, Infrastructure and Civil Works	New road construction (km)	0	0	0	0	→
	Road upgrades (km)	50	33	10	101	↑
Risk Management	Increase in area covered by flood management plans/flood mapping		0	0	0	→
	Hazard reduction burns	5	15	50	6	↑
Climate Change Mitigation	Office paper used by Council (reams)	404	362	347	359	↑
	Council sustainability initiatives	0	0	0	0	→
	Council mitigation initiatives	0	0	0	0	→
Council Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Annual natural gas consumption for Council controlled facilities (Gj)	0	0	0	0	→
	Annual bottled gas consumption for Council controlled facilities (L)		0	0	0	→
	Total fuel consumption (KL)	588	472	451	495	↑
	Council total operational greenhouse gas emissions (tCO^2-e/year)		2,620	3,627	3,706	↑
Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Small scale renewable energy uptake (kW)	73	85	161	518	↑
	Number of solar water heaters and heat pumps installed	1	3	0.99	6	↑

Water and Waterways

Issue	Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Trend
Riparian	Riparian vegetation recovery actions	0	0	0	0	→
	Riparian vegetation recovery area (ha)	0	0	0	0	→
Industrial/ Agricultural Pollution	Load Based Licencing volume (kg)	738	800	1,044	1,947	↓
	Exceedances of license discharge consent recorded	0	0	0	0	→
	Erosion & Sediment Control complaints received by Council	0	1	1	1	↓
Stormwater Pollution	Number of gross pollutant traps installed	6	6	6	6	→
	Total catchment area of GPTs (ha)	88	88	88	88	→
	Water pollution complaints	0	0	0	1	↓
Water extraction	Number of Water Supply Work Approvals from surface water sources			120	119	↑
	Volume of surface water permissible for extraction under licences (GL)			83	101	↓
	Number of Water Supply Work Approvals from groundwater resources	1,634	694	666	664	↑
	Volume of groundwater permissible for extraction under licences (GL)		4	0.05	0.52	↑
Council water consumption	Area of irrigated council managed parks, sportsgrounds, public open spaces (ha)	160	160	160	160	→
	Water used by council for irrigation (including treated and untreated) (ML)	0	0	0	0	→
Town water consumption	Annual metered supply (ML)	398	1,258	1,210	430	↑
	Annual consumption (Total from WTP) (ML)	2,200	1,966	1,895	1,600	↑
	Level of water restrictions implemented	0	0	1	1	→
	Number of water conservation programs	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	→
Town Water Quality	Number of instances drinking water guidelines not met	4	5	4	2	↑
	Number of drinking water complaints	4	3	2	1	↑

People and Communities

Issue	Indicator	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Trend
Active community involvement	Environmental volunteers working on public open space (hrs)	60	80	20	100	↑
	Number of environmental community engagement programs		0	0	1	↑
	Number of growers markets/local food retailers specialising in local food operating within LGA		2	3	8	↑
Indigenous Heritage	Number of Indigenous sites on AHIMS register			1,053	1,152	↑
	Inclusion in DCPs & rural strategies	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	→
	Extent of liaison with Indigenous communities (self-assessed from 0 = none to 3 = High)	3	3	3	3	→
	Development on listed Indigenous sites	0	0	0	0	→
	Actions to protect Indigenous heritage (including management plans)	0	0	0	0	→
Non-Indigenous Heritage	NSW Heritage Inventory items	6	6	6	6	→
	Locally listed heritage items	34	34	34	34	→
	Actions to protect non-Indigenous heritage (including management plans)	1	2	1	1	→
	Heritage buildings on statutory heritage lists demolished/degraded in past year	0	0	0	0	→
	Heritage buildings on statutory heritage lists renovated/improved in past year	2	1	1		↓

CASE STUDY: Waste Aid Community Based Environmental Projects: Bourke and Enngonia (Bourke LGA)

Waste Aid works with communities to provide long-term solutions for waste management and environmental health issues. Working only with an invitation from our Aboriginal partner communities, Bourke Shire Council works as equal partners with the Aboriginal community and brings the expertise of its waste management industry supporters to the Aboriginal communities.

Waste Aid uses the Aboriginal Community Environmental Stewardship (ACBES) model to assist communities to clean-up the legacy of built-up waste, put community appropriate waste infrastructure in place and work with communities to build capacity and change the behaviours that create waste disposal and environmental problems.

The approach empowers, engages and motivates the local Aboriginal community to take responsibility for its own waste management. Council provides skills, materials and technical advice to communities and bridges the communication gap between the Aboriginal community and service providers by employing Aboriginal Environmental Advisors to act as liaison for Council and government agencies and to lead community discussions on waste management.

Waste Aid is currently working with the Bourke and Enngonia Aboriginal communities to manage long term environmental issues in both communities.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File No:	L8.5-L8.33
Report: 357/2015	Far Western Initiative- Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Local Government Reform including the "Fit for the Future" process is continuing and the establishment of the Far Western Initiative is part of this process.

While the publicity to date has probably been directed at the 144 Councils who were required to lodge a "Fit for the Future" submission and the subsequent determination by IPART of those submissions, work has been continuing on the development of the Far West Initiative.

Part of that development process is the need to keep the community informed on what is happening in relation to the Far West Initiative and how it will impact on communities.

The community consultation will be directed largely by the Stakeholder Engagement Plan which has been developed and has been previously circulated to all Councillors and members of the MANEX team

Current Situation:

The first rounds of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan in respect of the Far West Initiative will commence over the next few weeks and the details of the Plan have been detailed in a document previously been made available to Councillors.

The Stakeholder engagement is to commence in Bourke Shire on the 3rd December 2015 involving Bourke Shire Councillors and Council's Management Team.

It is proposed that the meeting will be approximately 1 hour in duration and commence at 12.30 pm and a light luncheon will be provided from 12.00pm

Local Councils are obviously one of the key stakeholders in the process and as a result an integral part of the consultation phase.

After the meeting with Council it is proposed that other meetings will be convened each for a similar period and local groups, including the Local Business Group, will be invited to attend.

The Senior Regional Coordinator for the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Alison Morgan will lead the consultation process with the meetings with Council and the community groups and although she may not make all meetings she will endeavour to get to as many as possible. She will be accompanied to Bourke by Karen Legge of the Office of Local Government.

Financial Implications:

No significant financial implication in respect of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan is anticipated.

Resolution

424/2015

1. That the report in relation to the commencement of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan in respect of the Far West Initiative be received and noted.
2. That Council monitor the response of ratepayers and residents to the stakeholder engagement meetings.

Moved Cr Bennett | Seconded Cr Bartley | Carried

File No:	T4.7
Report: 358/2015	Community Consultation Meetings in relation to the Proposed Abattoir
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

CAPRA Pty Ltd has flagged their intention to construct and operate a small stock abattoir approximately 16 kilometres north of Bourke.

The details of the development have previously been distributed to Councillors and reported in the media.

The development approval process has commenced and will need to meet all statutory requirements.

Current Situation:

CAPRA Pty Ltd has now commenced the compilation of the Environmental Impact Study which will need to accompany the Development Application for the Abattoir.

The development will be a State Significant Project and as such the assessment process will be undertaken by the Department of Planning and not Council.

CAPRA has indicated they would like to keep the community aware of the progress of the proposed development and are intending to hold some community awareness forums.

During discussions with CAPRA it has been agreed that Council will join with CAPRA in hosting a series of community consultation meetings to inform the community on what is planned and the steps that need to be taken in order to progress the development

The meetings will form a part of the consultation process required to be undertaken.
The representative of CAPRA Pty Ltd, James Price will be in Bourke on the 7th 8th and 9th December 2015

The majority of the meetings have been scheduled for the 8th December 2015 with the draft time table proposed being detailed below. The Mayor and I will be in Sydney attending a meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee on the 7th December 2015 but will be back in time for the meetings on the 8th December 2015.

Proposed Meeting Schedule

It is proposed that Council will meet with James Price on Tuesday, 8th December 2015 at 12.30pm, where James will be in a position to provide Council with an update on progress.

A full schedule of meeting times will be provided at the Council meeting.

Financial Implications:

There are minor costs in the advertising of the meetings, funding for which will come from existing budget allocations.

Resolution

425/2015

1. That Councillors note the round of Community Consultation Meetings in relation to the Proposed Abattoir to take place on the 7th and 8th December 2015.
2. That, where practical, Council be represented at all the Community Consultation Meetings in relation to the Proposed Abattoir.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Bartley | Carried

File No:	L8.5-L8.33
Report: 359/2015	Meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Minister of Local Government Hon. Paul Toole, MP has convened a Far West Initiative Advisory Committee (FWIAC) to try and progress the development of the Far West Initiative (FWI). The Minister has appointed John Williams, the former, Member for Murray Darling to be the Chair the FWIAC.

The initial meeting of the FWIAC was held in Sydney on the 14th October 2015 and at that meeting it was decided that the meetings should be held in both Sydney and the towns involved in the FWI and the next meeting was to be held in Bourke on the 7th December 2015.

Current Situation:

In an effort to try and ensure the attendance of the Minister for Local Government at the next meeting it has now been schedule to be held in Sydney with the date still, being the 7th December 2015.

The details from the first meeting of the initial meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee have been sent out with the business paper.

The opportunity exists for Councillors to provide suggestions as to the structure, roles and responsibilities of the proposed Far West Initiative. So that the suggestions may be included in the business paper for the 7th December it has been asked that these be forwarded by 23rd November 2015. This is subject to a separate report.

Financial Implications:

Councils are responsible for meeting the costs of sending their representatives to the various meeting venues. The costs involved should be able to be met from existing budgetary allocations.

Recommendation:

426/2015

1. That Council note the change of location for the next meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee from Bourke to Sydney.
2. That Council note the attendance of the Mayor and General Manager at the meeting on the 7th December 2015.

Moved Cr Hollman | Seconded Cr Ford | Carried

File No:	C2.3-C2.3.1
Report: 360/2015	2016 Australia Day Awards and Australia Day Celebrations
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Australia Day will fall on the Tuesday, 26th January 2016 with the Public Holiday falling on that Day.

It is proposed to follow a similar format to the Australia Day Celebrations that have been utilised for the past few years with a breakfast at the Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct followed by the presentation of awards.

Current Situation:

Council is still awaiting the announcement of the 2016 Australia Day Ambassador with that not expected until late December.

Nominations for the various awards have been advertised for the past two (2) months with nominations closing on the 6th January 2016. With the *Western Herald* not being published from mid -December to mid- January every effort has be made to ensure that the publicity commenced early to ensure people are aware of the call for nominations

Award Categories are as follows

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the year (under 25)
- Sports Person of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year (under 25)
- Community Service Through Employment Award
- Village Community Service
- Emergency Services Volunteer of the Year

Financial Implications:
The cost for the conduct of the Australia Day Celebrations have been included in the 2015/2016 Operational Plan

Resolution

427/2015
1. That Councillors note the arrangements for Australia Day Celebrations in Bourke for 2016.
2. That Councillors note the calling of nominations for the various award categories and be encouraged to nominate worthy candidates themselves and encourage other groups and individuals to do likewise.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Ford | Carried

File No:	L8.3-L8.33
Report: 361/2015	Alternative Models for the Far West Initiative
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
As part of the next meeting of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee delegates have been invited to submit proposals for the way in which they feel the Far West Initiative should be structured

Current Situation:
The Department of Premier and Cabinet have advised as follows:-

"I am also writing to remind you to put forward your ideas about options to improve the strategic capacity and financial sustainability of councils, for further discussion at our next Advisory Committee meeting. As you know, the purpose of the Far West Initiative is to explore a range of reform options and no options are on or off the table at this stage.

We have identified a broad spectrum of potential options that the Advisory Committee may wish to explore:

- *Retain existing local government arrangements*
- *Introduce streamlined governance and service delivery arrangements (e.g. rural councils)*
- *Introduce joint planning and shared administrative arrangements at regional or sub-regional level (e.g. joint organisations)*
- *Establish sub-regional local authorities supported by community boards (e.g. NT regional councils and local authorities)*
- *Establish a single regional authority supported by community boards (e.g. SA Outback Communities authority)*

Of course, this is not an exhaustive list of options but we hope it provides a starting point for our conversation. Please find attached some case studies on the governance models noted above which might give you some ideas about how these models could be applied in Far West NSW.

If you would like to put forward some ideas for the Committee to consider, please email us at farwest@dpc.nsw.gov.au by Monday 23 November if possible so that we can finalise the agenda for our next meeting."

I have included some brief information regarding each of the models detailed in the last four (4) dot points above which may provide some guidance for Councillors.

Financial Implications:
There will be some costs involved in relation to the review and possible development of models which may be considered, however, these are yet to be determined.

Recommendation:
That Councillors put forward any suggestions as to the structure, roles and responsibilities of the Far West Initiative as soon as practical so they can be included on the agenda for the Sydney meeting

Resolution

428/2015 That the Mayor and General Manager monitor the outcomes of the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee meetings.		
Moved Cr Ford	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried

File No:	E1.3
Report: 362/2015	Future Bourke TAFE Building
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
Councillors would be aware that there are some structural issues in relation to the TAFE building in Oxley Street necessitating the relocation of some of the administrative areas.

Part of the building is also currently being leased to Mission Australia.

According to newspaper reports the TAFE Campus at Bourke was one of those earmarked for partial sale, however, it is unclear as to how the structural issues will impact on any sale and similarly it is not clear which part had been identified for potential sale.

Current Situation:
A public meeting will be held on the 1st December to discuss the future use of the current TAFE building and one of the options may to relocate the administrative area plus other sections of the TAFE.

Details in relation to the venue for that meeting is still being determined

The TAFE College is an important facility for the town of Bourke and unfortunately the current philosophy of the State Government seems to be the abandonment of TAFE courses in rural areas in favour of a regionalisation approach. This regionalisation approach has also posed difficulties in relation to the access of training by apprentices and other traineeships.

Also of concern is the gradual erosion of "skills based" courses such as basic welding, computer applications and dressmaking etc. which have either not been offered or have been priced out of the reach of those who would benefit the most.

With the potential of over 200 jobs coming online with the proposed construction of the small stock abattoir there will be a significant amount of training to be provided and the TAFE with such a presence in town would be ideally placed to be able to submit a proposal to provide that training.

Financial Implications:
There are no significant financial Implications for Council.

Recommendation:
1. Recommended that the report be noted.
2. That Council be represented at the meeting on the 1st December 2015.
3. That Council continue to liaise with TAFE Western in relation to their plans for their Bourke Campus.

Resolution

429/2015
1. Recommended that the report be noted
2. That Council be represented at the meeting on the 1st December 2015.
3. That Council continue to liaise with TAFE Western in relation to their plans for their Bourke Campus.
4. That Council actively pursue the retention of TAFE and associated infrastructure and service delivery in Bourke.

Moved Cr Bartley | Seconded Cr Dorrington | Carried

Resolution at 11.00am

430/2015 That Council suspend Standing Orders for an update from Superintendent Greg Moore from the Darling River Local Area Command.
Moved Cr Bartley | Seconded Cr Bennett | Carried

Resolution at 11.27am

431/2015 That Council resume Standing Orders.
Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Stutsel | Carried

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	F1.1
Report: 464/2015	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31st October 2015

Balances as per Bank Statement	-$190,359.04
Plus: Deposit not shown	$4,533.47
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$10,142.67
Less: Unpresented Auto Pays	$905.90
Balance as per Cash Book	-$196,874.14

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31st October 2015

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$8,752,241.53	$200,000.00
Water	$3,241,168.22	
Sewer	$954,814.65	
Trust	$199,657.73	
Total Funds	**$13,147,882.13**	

Investments as at 31st October 2015

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	$362,525.00	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,000,000.00	3.00 %	184 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+
National Australia Bank	$620,714.10	2.82 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$710,394.38	2.85 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$600,000.00	2.87 %	182 Days	A1+
Total Investments	**$13,344,756.27**			

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 October 2015

Balance as per cash book	-$196,874.14
Investments	$13,344,756.27
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	$13,147,882.13

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st October 2015

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	30th September 2015		31st October 2015
General Fund	$9,950,259.89	-$838,018.36	$8,752,241.53
Water Fund	$2,840,084.21	$401,084.01	$3,241,168.22
Sewer Fund	$966,272.93	-$11,458.28	$954,814.65
Trust Fund	$191,772.98	$7,884.75	$199,657.73
Investments	-$13,344,756.27	$0.00	-$13,344,756.27
Totals	$243,633.74	-$440,507.88	-$196,874.14

Balance of all Funds as at 30th September 2015 $243,633.74

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$151,218.97
(b) Other Cash	$1,281,859.85
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	$1,873,586.70
(b) New Investment	$0.00
Balance as 31st October 2015	-$196,874.14

Resolution

432/2015 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st October 2015 be noted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

File No:	F1.1
Report:465/2015	Investment Report as at 31st October 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 October 2015 is $13,344,756.27.

Investment income earned as at 31st October 2015 is $49,058.40.

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
Investments as at 31st October 2015

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+
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Total Investments	$13,344,756.27			

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%
Average Investment Yield 2.93%

Portfolio Performance

Discussions/Comments
The Investment portfolio was maintained at $13,344,756.27 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

433/2015
1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31st October 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:	A13.2
Report:466/2015	2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

In accordance with Section 419 (1) of the Local Government Act, this report is presenting Council's Audited Financial Reports and the Auditors Report to Council.

Background

The Local Government Act 1993, Section 49 (1) stipulates that Council must present its Audited Financial Reports, together with the Auditors Reports to a meeting of Council.

Prior to the report being presented to Council, public notice in accordance with Section 418 of the Local Government Act must be undertaken. Such notice has been given by advertising in the Western Herald and on Council's website.

Issues

The Statements are prepared in accordance with the Office of Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting Guidelines.

Assessment

a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Local Government Act 1993 – Sections 418/419/420.
Local Government Code of accounting Practice and Financial Reporting – Update 22 issued June 2014.

b) Financial Implications/Considerations

The Annual Financial Statements reflect the transactions previously reported to Council at the Quarterly Budget Reviews and the end of year adjustments. The Financial Statements were referred to audit by Council at the 25th August 2014 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

c) Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

Community Strategic Plan
Delivery Program and Operation Plan

Report

Council's operating result was a surplus of $3.668 million as compared with a $1.32 million deficit in the previous year. This total is an overall increase over the previous year of $4.988 million

Summarised outlines of the operating result and financial position are detailed below:

Summary of Financial Reports
For the year ending 30th June 2015

Income Statement	2015 ($000's)	2014 ($000's)
Total Operating Revenues	22,576	18,246
Total Operating Expenses	18,908	19,566
Net Operating Result for Year	3,668	(1,320)
Net Operating for year Before Grants for Capital purposes	1,494	(2,074)

Balance Sheet	2015	2014
Current Assets	14,205	12,268
Current Liabilities	5,816	4,723
Non-Current Assets	224,186	208,783
Non-Current Liabilities	4,019	3,633
Net Assets/Equity	228,556	212,695

Other Financial Information

Note 13 of the Financial Statements provide performance measurement indicators and these are summarised below:

Indicator	2015	2014
Operating Performance Ratio	7.39%	-9.98%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio	58.62%	64.47%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	2.26:1	2.13:1
Debt Service Cover Ratio	5.30:1	3.13:1
Rates and annual Charges , interest and Extra Charges Outstanding Percentage	14.75%	11.00%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio	9.44 months	8.11 months

Special Schedule 7 report on Infrastructure Assets

Indicators	2015	2014
Building and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio	158.74%	77.36%
Infrastructure Backlog Ratio	9.43%	17.08%
Asset Maintenance Ratio	.96	1.00
Capital Expenditure Ratio	1.81	0.81

Financial Position as at 30th June 2014

Unrestricted Current Ratio

The unrestricted current ratio is an indicator that Council is able to pay its debt as and when they fall due. Council has marginally increased the unrestricted current ratio this financial year. The benchmark for this ratio is a minimum of 1.5:1.

Available Working Capital

These are funds available to Council to meet unforeseen and unbudgeted expenditure, and exclude any funds in reserve.

Available working funds in 2014/15 increased by $1.388 million taking the 30/06/2015 figure to $6,064 million compared to $4,676 million as at 30/06/14.

Councils Auditors have indicated the Available Working Capital to be adequate after taking into consideration the nature and level of internally restricted assets (reserves) that have been set aside.

Debt Service Cover Ratio

This is a ratio that measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments. The benchmark for this ratio is a minimum of 2:1.

For 2015, the ratio indicated that operating results before capital, interest and depreciation covered payments required to service debt by a factor of 5.30:1

Cash Assets as at 30th June 2015

Cash and Investments

This figure includes funds held in internal and external reserves across all of the Council's functions along with any unspent specific purpose grants and contributions.

The total cash and investments figure increased by $1.378 during 2014/15; taking the figure of $10.252 million as at 30th June 2014 to $11.630 million as at 30th June 2015.

Externally restricted cash and investments total $3.983 million, internally restricted cash and investments total $1.114 million, and unrestricted cash and investments total $6.533 million, which is available to provide liquidity for day to day operations.

Receivables as at 30th June 2015

Rates and Annual Charges

Council's net Rates and Annual Charges amounted to $3.439 million and represented 19% of Council's overall revenue for 2013/14.

Outstanding Rates and Annual Charges

The Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage has increased in 2014/2015 from 11% to 14.75%. This is due to the amount of land that the owners have effectively walked away from and will be subject to a sale for unpaid Rates. Provision is made annually to account for this amount.

Payables as at 30th June 2015

Employee Leave Entitlements

Employee Leave Entitlements (ELE) are the leave entitlements which were accrued as at the 30th June 2015, and equate to $2,712 million.

Council had a cash reserve of $594,000, funding the liability at 22%.

Council's Auditors have indicated that the Office of Local Government requires Council to fund ELE at a minimum of 20%.

Other

Building and Infrastructure Renewal

The Building and Infrastructure renewal ratio is an indicator of the proportion of depreciation which is being funded by expenditure on new assets. A ratio greater than 100% indicates that Council is spending more on asset renewal than the depreciation charge for the year.

Councils Asset Renewal was 158.74%.

Audit Opinion

1. The Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13 part 3 Division 2; and
2. The financial statements:
    a. have been presented in accordance with the requirements of this Division;
    b. are consistent with the Council's accounting records;
    c. presents fairly the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows; and
    d. are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.
3. All information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and
4. There are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial report that we have become aware of during the course of the audit.

Conclusion

The Unrestricted Current Ratio has marginally increased over the past year. The Unrestricted Current Ratio is a financial indicator and represents Council's ability to meet its debts and obligations as they fall due. The available Working Capital position was also maintained at an acceptable level.

Council continues to maintain a relatively low level of debt and is in a sound financial position as reflected in our Auditor's reports and demonstrated by the financial performance indicators.

Council will need to continue to closely monitor the budget during the current and future years to ensure that the positive result continues to ensure the ongoing consolidation of the Councils financial position.

Summary
The Financial Statements were submitted to the Office of Local Government on 26th October 2015.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements are available at the meeting, and are available for viewing by the public via the web page, at the Council Office and the Bourke Public Library.

Section 420 of the Local Government Act stipulates that Council must allow a period of 7 days after accepting the Financial Statements for the public to make written submissions on the audited Financial Reports and/or the Auditors Report. Any submissions are referred to Council's Auditors for further comment as required.

Recommendation:
That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports as presented.

9.30am Verbal presentation by Gary Mottau, Partner, Hill Rogers Spencer Steer

11.33am Cr Davis left the meeting

Resolution

434/2015 That the 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements and Auditors Reports be adopted as presented.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Bartley	Carried

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

File No:	C6.51
Report: 703/2015	Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee Report and recommendation of the meeting of the Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 commencing at 12.00pm
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager or Tourism & Development

Background:

Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 12.00pm.

The report and recommendation of that meeting are attached.

Resolution

435/2015 That the report of the Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried Unstarred

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report And Recommendations of the Meeting of the Bourke Shire Council Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 12.00pm.

Committee Members in Attendance

Councillor	✓/AP/A	Staff Members	✓/AP/A
Cr Andrew Lewis	✓	Ross Earl – General Manager	✓
Cr Jack Bennett	✓	Phil Johnston – MT&D	✓
Cr Sarah Barton	✓	Leonie Brown-MCS	✓
Mr Alistair Ferguson	✓	Dwayne Willoughby MES	✓
Mr Phil Naden	✓		

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised that apologies were received from Cr Ford.

Committee Recommendation

That the apologies from Cr Ford be received and that leave of absence be granted.
Moved Cr Barton *Seconded: Cr Bennett* *Carried*

Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Cr Barton in regards to the Waste Reduction project.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

As this was the first meeting of this committee no minutes were tabled.

File No:	C6.51
Report No: 01/2015	The Purpose of the Committee
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

The General Manager gave an overview of the terms of reference for the committee and the reason for the advisory committee being developed. It is expected that over time the advisory committee can provide formal and valuable advice on some of the key issues affecting the Bourke Shire communities.

The General Manager also outlined that the Council had enjoyed a strong relationship with the Community Working Party over a number of years and welcomed the Maranguka initiative.

Committee Recommendation:

That the information contained in the General Managers report in regards to the purpose of the Aboriginal Community Advisory Committee be noted.

That a change be made to the quorum of the committee to reflect that "A quorum shall be at least five (5) persons, with at least two community delegates being present".

Moved Cr Barton *Seconded Cr Bennett* *Carried*

Committee Recommendation:

That the Deputy Chairman of the Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee be Alistair Ferguson.

Moved Mr Naden *Seconded Cr Bennett* *Carried*

File No:	C6.51-A2.1
Report No: 02 /2015	Update on Maranguka
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

Alistair Ferguson, Chair of the Bourke Community Aboriginal Working Party provided an update in regards to the Maranguka initiative. Of particular interest to the community has been the formation of the Warrant Clinic, the learner driver program, the partnership with TAFE and other initiatives which seek to improve service coordination within the community.

Also of interest in the future will be the notion of Justice Reinvestment which seeks to influence the lives and families of particularly young members of the community in an effort to ensure that they do not come into contact with the justice system later in life.

Maranguka is undergoing the development of a number of base line statistics which will be used to measure the success or otherwise of programs and to also inform the community about what additional services need developing.

Committee Recommendation:

That the report in regards to the update on the Maranguka program be noted and that Council continue to support this important initiative.
Moved Cr Barton *Seconded Cr Bennett* *Carried*

File No:	C6.51-W1.3-V1.12
Report No: 03/2015	The Work of Waste Aid
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Manager of Environmental Services, Dwayne Willoughby provided an update to committee members on the latest activities of the Bourke Waste Group and the recent work undertaken in the Alice Edwards Village.

This has included works to clean in and around Alice Edwards Village, provide a storage area for scrap metal and cars and a service level agreement between agencies. The Western end of Bourke and the Enngonia Village are also included in the initiative. The old Yamma Festival site will also feature in future clean-up plans.

He also spoke of early input that the group is having in regards to the reintroduction of a container deposit scheme and attempts made to restart the recycling initiatives in town.

It should also be noted that the resealing program at the Alice Edwards Village is now almost complete with funding made available from the RMS and undertaken by Bourke Shire Council.

Committee Recommendation:

That the information in regards to the Waste Aid Initiatives be noted.
Moved Cr Barton *Seconded Cr Bennett* *Carried*

File No:	C6.51-T4.7
Report No: 04/2015	Bourke Abattoir Proposal
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

The General Manager spoke of the Bourke abattoir proposal and the impact that it may have on the community. Of particular interest to this committee will be the increased employment opportunities that will be available and improvements to the economic and social standing of the community.

Training and employment will be issues to be addressed by the proponent and this committee will be of assistance to the proponent.

Committee Recommendation:

That the report in regards to the development of the Bourke Abattoir proposal be noted. *Moved Cr Barton* *Seconded Cr Bennett* *Carried*

File No:	C6.51-P4.1.2
Report No: 05/2015	Crime Prevention Plan
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

The General Manager spoke of the need to update and redevelop the Crime Prevention Plan. In the past the development of such a plan has enabled funding.

Previous planning acknowledged the work of other agencies and their efforts in regards to diversionary projects and also contained a safer by design analysis.

Committee recommendation:

That Bourke Shire Council seek funding to undertake the development of a Crime Prevention Plan. *Moved Cr Barton* *Seconded Mr Ferguson* *Carried*

Other Business

It was suggested that Mr Ferguson collate future community reports and bring them forward as agenda items so that a single contact was maintained. It was agreed as a good idea and will be followed where possible. If this is not possible for any reason then committee members can liaise directly with the Manager of Tourism and Development, Phil Johnston, to put forward agenda items.

Recommendation

That the report of the Bourke Shire Council Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHARTER

1. NAME

The Committee shall be called the Bourke Shire Council Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee.

2. STATUS

The Committee shall be established in accordance with section 355 of the Local Government 1993.

3. ESTABLISHMENT

The Committee was established by resolution of Council on Monday 26th May 2014.

4. FUNCTIONS

The Committee is to provide a mechanism to ensure that issues significantly impacting on the Aboriginal Community within Bourke Shire Council are clearly identified and are raised in the appropriate forums and are addressed by a whole of community response.

Additionally the committee will strive to ensure that services provided to the Bourke community generally are delivered to the highest possible standards, reflect current best practice and represent value for money.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE:

a. Provide advice to Council in relation to matters specific to the Aboriginal Community within Bourke Shire.
b. To provide an increased level of engagement between Bourke Shire Council and the Aboriginal Community within the Shire.
c. To articulate major issues to the other tiers of Government on behalf of the Bourke Community.
d. To assist in providing a coordinated approach to the improvement in the delivery of programs and services within Bourke Shire to ensure that these programs provide maximum benefit to the targeted client groups and are delivered in both a cost effective and efficient manner.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Councillors:

The membership of the Committee shall be five (5) Councillors of Bourke Shire Council, one of whom shall be the Mayor, together with (5) community members with the following persons invited to participate on the committee:-

a. The Chairperson of the Bourke Aboriginal Working Party or nominee
b. The Chairperson of the Nulla Nulla Aboriginal Land Council or nominee
c. The Bourke Delegate to Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly or nominee
d. The Chairperson of the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service or nominee
e. The Chairperson of the Enngonia Aboriginal Working Party or nominee

Each of the above organisations may also have an observer present at the meetings, however, the observer will not be allowed to speak or vote

Staff: (advisory and service capacity only)

The Meeting will be attended by the following

- General Manager
- Manager Tourism and Economic Development
- Other Staff as required from time to time

7. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

After the initial appointment, Council representatives of the Committee shall be elected at the meeting of Council convened annually to elect the Mayor.

After that meeting the Aboriginal Community organisations supplying delegates to the committee will be invited to confirm the ongoing appointment of their delegate or to notify any change.

NOTE the period of the initial appointment shall be until the meeting to elect the Mayor in September 2015

8. TERM OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee members shall serve for a twelve month period from the date of appointment or until the next election referred to in clause 7.

The Committee may be dissolved at any time by a resolution of Council.

9. ROLE OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor of Bourke Shire Council will be a member of the Committee and be chairperson of the Committee

The Mayor will Chair the inaugural meeting of the committee

10. THE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The Committee will elect a Deputy Chairperson from their membership.

The Deputy Chairman shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee each year following the election of committee in accordance with clause 7 above.

The Deputy Chairperson will chair all meetings in the absence of the Mayor

11. CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The provisions of Councils adopted Code of Meeting Practice shall provide the basis for the operation of the committee as applicable.

12. POWERS

(a) The Committee is an advisory committee and shall not have the power to incur expenditure, unless specifically delegated authority to do so under the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993.

(b) The Committee shall not have the power to bind the Council unless being given specific delegated authority to do so by resolution of Council

13. DELEGATIONS

Nil

14. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee are not opened to the public unless specifically advertised to be so.

15. TIMETABLING OF MEETINGS

Meetings will be held at least on a three (3) monthly basis and will be convened by the General Manager in Consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

The General Manager must send to each Member at least 7 days prior to each meeting of the Committee a notice specifying:

(a) The time and place at which the meeting is to be held

(b) The business propose to be transacted at the meeting

(c) In the case of a meeting being called in an emergency less than seven (7) days' notice may be given.

16. PROVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor and General Manager will provide the Administrative Support to the Committee including the preparation and circulation of the agendas and the taking and circulation of minutes.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) Any recommendation of the Committee, or any portions thereof, may be amended by the Council in any manner that the Council may think fit or may be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

(b) The minutes together with any recommendations from the meeting shall be submitted to the next available meeting of Council for consideration.

19. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS

The Committee must ensure that full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of its meetings are kept.

20. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct of Bourke Shire Council shall apply.

21. QUORUM

A quorum shall be at least five (5) persons, with at least two (2) community delegates being present.

22. VENUE

Unless otherwise specified in the meeting notice the venue for all meetings of the committee shall be Council Chambers, 29 Mitchell Street Bourke.

23. RESPONSIBLE MANAGER

The General Manager will be responsible for the coordination of the Bourke Aboriginal Community Consultative and Advisory Committee.

File No:	C6.51-C6.23-T4.1
Report: 704/2015	Of the Tourism & Development Committee of the Council of Bourke held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.30pm.
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager or Tourism & Development

Background:

Tourism & Development Committee of the Council of Bourke held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.30pm.

The report and recommendation of that meeting are attached.

Resolution

436/2015 That the report of the Tourism & Development Committee of the Council of Bourke held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.30pm be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Johnson Carried

437/2015 That Council write to the Back O' Bourke Race Club congratulating on the awards they recently received in respect of the highly successful race meeting during the Back to Bourke Weekend at Easter 2015.

Moved Cr Johnson Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report And Recommendations of The Meeting of the Tourism & Development Committee of the Council of Bourke held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers commencing at 1.30pm.

Committee Members in Attendance

Councillor	✓/AP/A	Staff Members	✓/AP/A
Cr Andrew Lewis/Chair	✓	Ross Earl – General Manager	✓
Cr Barry Hollman	✓	Phil Johnston – MT&D	✓
Cr Lachlan Ford	AP	Leonie Brown – MCS	✓
Cr Sally Davis	✓	Mark Gordon – MRS	✓
Cr Stuart Johnson	AP	Peter Brown – MW	✓
Cr Sarah Barton	✓	Dwayne Willoughby - MES	

Cr Bennett attended the initial discussion in regards to the River Research Centre.

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised that apologies were received from Councillors Ford and Johnson.

Committee Recommendation

That the apologies from Councillors Ford and Johnston be received and that leave of absence be granted.

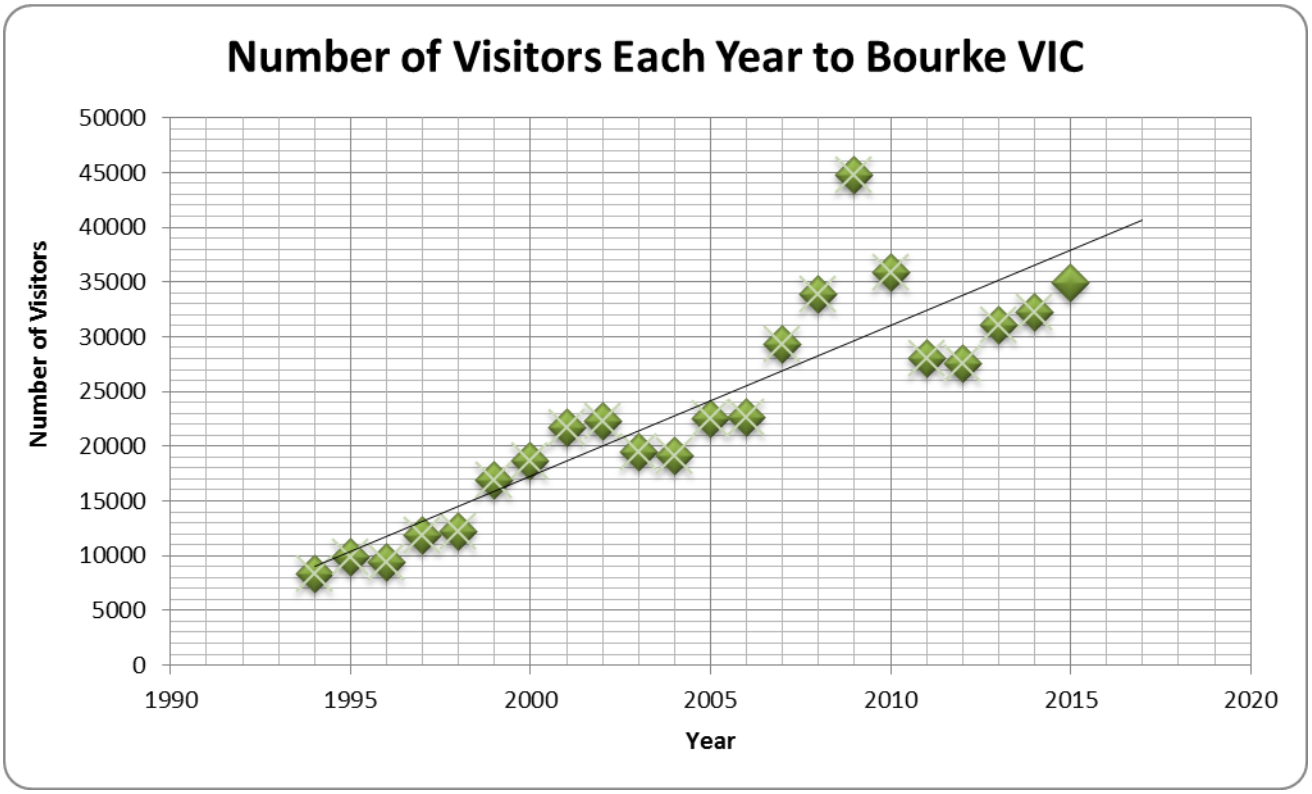
Moved Cr Barton *Seconded: Cr Hollman* *Carried*

Declarations of Interest

NA

File No:	C6.23-T4.1
Report No: 01 /2015	Tourism Overview 2015
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

Prepared October 2015: for discussion at Tourism and Development Committee meeting. Some points for discussion enclosed.



Expecting just under 35,000 to the VIC in 2015. If the numbers continue this trend then expect an 8% increase on 2014 as the numbers through the Centre work back towards the overall trend line.

Local statistics this year

Number through the Centre - Consistent. Through to the end of September numbers through have been 11% up on last year. Improvements to packaging seem to have assisted both the Centre and Jandra. Merchandise income has increased this year through the busy period about 15% which has been welcomed. Excellent feedback on the Exhibition Centre and Bourke Tourism product generally is evident with word of mouth feedback and on sites such as trip advisor. The last 5 TripAdvisor reviews are shown below:

Visitor rating overall 4.5 out of 5

- 44 Excellent
- 23 Very good
- 3 Average
- 2 Poor
- 2 Terrible

"Loved it!"
Reviewed 5 October 2015
It is a great place to start your visit to Bourke. The staff are great and a very helpful. The display is very informative and interesting. Even out 5 year old was able to be entertained enough so we could read the stuff we wanted to in peace. The outback show out the back is the best live show I have seen in a long time. He is so funny and so genuine. I would like more people to be able to see his show. Well worth the visit.
Visited September 2015

"Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre"
Reviewed 30 September 2015

- The friendly and helpful staff, make you feel very welcome.
- Free Wi-Fi.

The saying 'back o' Bourke' has come to mean the middle of nowhere, which is why Bourke is known as the gateway to the real outback.
Visited August 2015

"Well organised, interesting and friendly."
Reviewed 26 September 2015
We visited thinking that it was just an ordinary tourist information centre, but the gentleman was such a good ambassador for the area, he found us a motel on the river, and encouraged us to come and see the show, then go the Bush Poet evening with a barbeque tea thrown in. So we stayed an extra couple of days.
Visited September 2015

"Great"
Reviewed 24 September 2015
Great place to visit, not just for information, but also for the cultural history. We can also highly recommend the Outback Show. What a great day we had. The show is outstanding. What they show with the animals is just wonderful. And the presenter is so funny. Congratulations.
Visited September 2015

"Excellent, not to be missed"
Reviewed 20 September 2015
The outback show was excellent, informative and entertaining. Shows the real outback Australia. The exhibition was really informative. It takes the 2 days the tickets are available for to read and absorb all the information.
Visited September 2015

Jandra - consistent

Of the six full months we have cruised this year five of these have seen better numbers than last year with just May being worse. A large improvement in March was a very positive aspect of the year as were the strong numbers at Easter.

Outback Show – Strong

Of the approximate 18 weeks that the Show was in town this year all but one week was stronger than for the same period last year. Improved pricing, improved packaging and consistency of times were important. (Less rain interruption and did not alter time table).

Overview of what worked/ what didn't

Worked Well	What Didn't
Simplicity of packages	Still not happy with social media effort
Events	Some tours clashing with Outback Show which is beyond our control and perhaps encourages additional stays
Customer Service	Improved communication with Festival of a Thousand Stories. (PJ away)
Dog Kennels	
Gardens and seating	

Improvements for BSC tourism product

- Café marketing
- Web marketing
- Gardens
- Gangway at Wharf
- Town clean up (improvement always welcome)
- Marketing to different demographic e.g. Adventure

Short term industry

- Marketing- emerge of strong families market
- Adventure couples
- Touring Routes- development of new marketing
- Accommodation turnover- willingness to get involved
- Greater Outback NSW promotion- Importance of Lightning Ridge and Broken Hill
- Increased accommodation diversity
- Continued improvement from NPWS re product such as Discovery program

Product Development

- Events- focus
- Sky Park- Indigenous Tourism

Committee Recommendation:

That the information contained in the report regarding the 2015 Bourke Visitor season be noted. That Bourke Shire Councillors thank the Manager of Tourism and Development for the detailed report.
Moved Cr Stutsel *Seconded Cr Hollman* *Carried*

File No:	C6.23-T4.1
Report No: 02 /2015	RV Friendly update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

In summary an RV Friendly Town is characterised by:
The RV Friendly Town scheme is an initiative of the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia and is a helpful way for caravanners to identify small towns to plan a stopover.

To qualify as an RV Friendly Town, a locality must offer a selection of services including:

- A 24-hour medical service or pharmacy
- A mechanic or service centre that can offer basic vehicle repairs
- Access to a visitor information centre and a town map
- Access to potable water and a dump point
- Long-term parking available close to the town centre at a reasonable rate

The Scheme is marketed to its 66,000 members and the towns that are in the scheme are marked below. In our area Walgett, Nyngan and Cobar are in the scheme, while Broken Hill and Lightning Ridge are not.

Bourke already satisfies all of the criteria except for the ability to allow RV's to camp within 5km from the town. In the past this has been problematic. I am talking with the NSW State Office to determine if May's Bend can qualify as being close enough to town.

Committee Recommendation:

That the report in regards to Bourke becoming an RV friendly be noted and ask the Manager of Tourism and Development to keep Councillors updated about progress.
Moved Cr Hollman *Seconded Cr Davis* *Carried*

File No:	C6.23-T4.1
Report No: 03/2015	Tourism Committee Update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

Bourke Shire Council is a member of other tourism groups that generally help in the marketing of Bourke or the routes taken to Bourke.

Kidman Way- has traditionally been the strongest of the groups that we are in alliance with. Cobar and Bourke are the two main drivers and gain the most from the group. It is worth noting that the southern members of this group are reducing their involvement with the group and put little funds other than membership to the group. The Kidman Way provides us access to the obvious markets of Melbourne and Northern Victoria and in some part to South Australia. The Kidman Way committee promote most at Caravan and Camping Shows and have been responsible for the Kidman Way magazine.

Kamilaroi Highway Committee- links us to the important markets to the East and connects us into the Hunter Valley. Includes Narrabri, Gunnedah and the Liverpool Plains. Marketing into the Hunter. This group is about to redo its WWW. Does not meet regularly.

Inland Tourism Group- Is our Regional Tourism Organisation and link to Destination NSW. Destination NSW has changed the way that RTO's operate and the system of RTO's is under review at the present. Expect the number of RTO's to drop from about 12 to 5. Has the overall goal of doubling visitor expenditure by 2020 (as does the State Government). Latest campaign is a large digital partnership with Bauer media which it is hoped will gain the RTO additional $$ and make it less reliant on the State Government. Developing next year's marketing campaign which will include a large Outback component. MTD is on the Board and the Finance and Audit Committee of this group.

Each of these groups provide greater access to marketing and increased partnerships when marketing the whole of the Outback. Also increased knowledge and networks.

Councillors also asked about the Back to Bourke Reunion Committee and the work being undertaken in developing the Reunion for 2016. The Manager of Tourism and Development outlined the program so far and the feedback received from the reunion in 2015. The Manager will bring a further report back to the Council in regards to the budget required for Council to assist with the reunion in 2016.

Committee Recommendation:

That the information in regards to the Inland Tourism Organisation, Kamilaroi Highway Committee and Kidman Way Committee be received and noted.
Moved Cr Davis *Seconded Cr Hollman* *Carried*

File No:	C6.23-T4.1
Report No: 04/2015	North Bourke Residential Update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

A further recommendation to sell a block within this development will be taken to the October meeting of Council. That will take the total sold to (9) although I am doubtful of one block proceeding. Two of the sales have been completed. Two of the purchasers are actively working on Development Applications and I expect one at least to commence construction prior to Christmas. The Catholic Schools Office have confirmed their desire to proceed and will probably develop the blocks over the next several years.

Just a little work remains on the head walls to some of the pipes in the development.
BSC has not actively marketed the blocks now for several months but will begin to advertise again in the coming weeks.

Committee Recommendation:

That the information contained in the North Bourke Residential update be noted.
Cr Barton *Cr Hollman* *Carried*

File No:	C6.23-T4.1
Report No: 05 /2015	Industrial Land Update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism & Development

While there have been no further sales of this land having the land available has been positive when enquiries have come forward about industry in Bourke. I would expect that with the development of the Abattoir that some of this land is sold to allow for industrial development.

I do expect to have one enquiry in regards to the development of an industrial block to Council soon.

Again I will recommence marketing these blocks locally in the coming weeks.

Committee Recommendation:

That the report in regards to the Industrial Land Update be noted.
Moved Cr Hollman *Seconded Cr Barton* *Carried*

POLICIES

File No:	P4.1.4
Report: 804/2015	Policy review of Policies Smoke Free, Signs as Remote Supervision and Rural Water Supply
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background

Council has been undertaking a systematic review of all its policies reviewing those which have been developed previously and developing new policies as voids are identified.

The existence of clear policies provides the staff and the public clear guidelines and/or the requirements of Council.

Current Situation

The Policies relating to Smoke Free, Signs as Remote Supervision, and Rural Water Supply and the following policies has been reviewed by the MANEX team and are placed before Council for review and adoption, subject to any identified amendments.

Financial Implications

No significant financial implications are anticipated.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Smoke Free Policy labelled 2.3.9(v4), Signs as Remote Supervision labelled 1.4.17 and Rural Water Supply labelled 3.7.10 as amended and submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Bourke Shire Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015.

Resolution

439/2015 That Council adopt the Smoke Free Policy labelled 2.3.9(v4), Signs as Remote Supervision labelled 1.4.17 and Rural Water Supply labelled 3.7.10 as amended and submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Bourke Shire Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

SECTION 2 Staff Management
PART 2.3 Work Health and Safety

	POLICY NO:	2.3.9(v3)
	POLICY TITLE:	Smoke Free Policy
	DATE ADOPTED:	23/11/2015
	RESOLUTION NO:	
	SUPERCEDES:	Policy: 2.3.9(2) Non Smoking Policy Adopted: 28/05/2012 Resolution No: 243/2012
	PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	Any new changes with Legislation

POLICY

Smoking is prohibited on all Bourke Council premises, including in, on or around Council plant and equipment.

This policy applies to all workers and contractors engaged by Council on its worksites, and the general public when accessing a council worksite, as smoking is deemed to pose an occupational health risk to Council staff.

In the interests of providing a smoke-free environment, Council will discourage smoking in all public places and Council controlled land, in particular places used for recreation and places used by children.

PROCEDURE

This policy applies without exception. Smoking in the workplace is prohibited in the following places:-

- In any Council building, whether enclosed or open
- In motor vehicles, boats, plant or machinery owned or hired by Bourke Shire Council, including non-designated areas of boats and open covered equipment.
- Within any confined space;
- Council Depots adjacent to any products or materials of a flammable or explosive nature, or outside any building or enclosed area.
- Within 10 metres of all children's play areas and facilities for the use of children.
- Within the grounds of the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool Complex.
- Within 4 metres of pedestrian access point to a Council Building.
- Spectator areas of sports ground or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events.

DEFINITIONS

"Smoke-free zone" means part of an outdoor area in which smoking is not permitted. The smoke-free zone will be identified by the presence of one or more signs displaying the phrase "smoke–free zone".

Smoking means smoking, holding or otherwise having control over an ignited smoking product.

Smoking product includes any tobacco or other product that is intended to be smoked.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Council
Council developed this policy in relation to smoking and the use of tobacco products in the workplace and on Council premises.

Managers
Must ensure that the Policy is followed by staff, contractors and visitors.

Workers
Must ensure that they follow the requirements of this policy in its entirety, and report to their Supervisor any breaches of this Policy. Any workers who smoke in or in the vicinity of Council premises must practice responsible disposal of cigarette butts and other rubbish.

Contractors
Must ensure that they follow the requirements of this policy in its entirety, and report to their Supervisor any breaches of this Policy.

Any Council staff member can inform any contractor of the policy, and the contractor must act on the information given.

Support for the 'QUIT' Programs
Bourke Shire Council will encourage staff to participate in 'quit' or equivalent programs. Access to support may also be lodged through the use of Council's Staff Assistance Program.

Discipline
If a staff member or contractor is found to be in breach of the provisions of Council's Policies, Work Procedures or relevant Award Conditions, it may be necessary to instigate disciplinary action as described under the Local Government (State) Award 2007 – Disciplinary Action.

BACKGROUND
Council is committed to maximising the health, environment and safety of its staff and customers. As such Council is committed to the highest standards of national non-smoking.

Variation

Council retains the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time.

The General Manager has the right to review or vary these procedures.

Presented to MANEX on:

Policy adopted by Council:

RELATED POLICIES AND REFERENCES

Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health & Safety Regulation, 2011
Smoke-free Environment Act 2000
Smoke Free Outdoor Area Policy
Smoke Free Environment Regulation 2007

SECTION 1 Service Management
PART 1.4 Responsibilities of Council

	POLICY NO:	1.4.17
	POLICY TITLE:	Signs As Remote Supervision - Draft
	DATE ADOPTED:	23/11/2015
	RESOLUTION NO:	
	SUPERCEDES:	
	PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	

POLICY

This Policy has been prepared to ensure that Councillors and council staff has clear and concise directions, as to the location, content and frequency of signs and to minimise public liability exposure emanating from the provision of services to the community. Signs are often the cheapest and most direct method that Council can employ for supervision of a remote location and attempting to ensure the health and safety of its community members and visitors

Bourke Shire Council has recognised that outdated, damaged or missing signs are an inconvenience to the public and represent the potential for public liability claims. In the interests of public safety Council recognises its responsibility in providing appropriate signage at its Swimming Pool, Parks and Reserves, at which public utilisation is encouraged.

Areas of public liability exposure at Council facilities inadequately signposted will, when Council becomes aware of potential risk, be assessed with a view to eliminating, reducing or accepting the risks using signs as remote supervision.

PROCEDURES

Council will adopt the Statewide "Signs as Remote Supervision Best Practice Manual" as the process for the assessment, selection and placement of signs at swimming pools, parks and reserves. Such signage shall be used to direct, advise or warn the public of inherent dangers in the environment in which they are operating.

Council may refer to other documents for style and layout of its signs.

A regular inspection program of Council's remote supervision signage shall be included in risk/asset inspections conducted by Council staff.

Signs currently not meeting the current best practice and/or Australian Standards, shall be replaced, as funds permit, in priority order based on hazards and public usage of the respective areas and the rating formula detailed in the manual.

The appropriate Council Manager shall seek an annual budget allocation from Council to be used for the replacement of old signs and installation of new signs where areas of high risk are identified as per the manual.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Council will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of Remote Supervision Signage.

Councils' Work Health and Safety Risk Officer will inspect signs as part of the regular work health and safety inspection audit regime and recording of repairs required of those signs.
The records shall be kept on data base which shall also be used to prioritise repairs, renewals and installation.

RELATED POLICIES

Statewide "Signs as Remote Supervision Best Practice Manual"

Spreadsheet of Council owned or controlled Park, Reserves and Swimming pools

VARIATION

Council retains the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time.

The General Manager has the right to review or vary these procedures.

Presented to MANEX: 12/11/2015

Policy Adopted by Council:

SECTION 3 Asset Management
PART 3.7 Water Services

	POLICY NO:	3.7.10
	POLICY TITLE:	Rural Water Supply
	DATE ADOPTED:	23/11/2015
	RESOLUTION NO:	
	SUPERCEDES:	
	PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	

POLICY

Bourke Shire Council treats water to drinking water quality and distributes it to the community via the water reticulation system. In Bourke there are two water reticulation systems, which distribute the filtered treated water for drinking and internal use and raw water for external use for the Bourke community.

PROCEDURES

There will be no further connections allowed for rural/agricultural use outside the designated village and town areas of Bourke and North Bourke, Fords Bridge, Louth, Enngonia, Wanaaring and Byrock without a resolution of Council.

Consideration of any application will be subject to:-

- The capital works being undertaken at no cost to Council and the total cost of the scheme proposed is prepaid to Council prior to Council carrying out the work.
- All new owners agreeing to pay Water Headworks contributions to cover augmentation of major capital items such as treatment works, reservoirs, pumps and rising mains relatively remote from the Scheme area
- The connection shall be for domestic purposes only.
- That all internal plumbing be carried out by a licensed plumber in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and that all such works be inspected and tested by officers of Council prior to the covering of the works.

The design and construction of any water main to service properties complying with Council's current policies.

RELATED POLICIES

Nil

VARIATION

Council retains the right to review, vary or revoke this policy at any time.

The General Manager has the right to review or vary these procedures.

Presented to MANEX: 12/11/2015

Policy Adopted by Council:

PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

File No:	B5.4
Report: 935/2015	Proposed Redistribution of Electorate Boundaries for NSW
Author:	Karen Houston, Manager - Redistribution Secretariat

Acknowledging receipt of Council's objection "Council's electorate in the seat of Parkes, which has seen some significant changes, with the electorate now covering 50% of NSW where as it had previously covered about 30%", advising that Council's objection will be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission as part of its deliberations.

Resolution

440/2015 That the information regarding the Proposed Redistribution of Electorate Boundaries for NSW be noted.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried	Unstarred

File No:	A3.39-V1.3-V1.3.1
Report: 936/2015	Responsibility of the Enngonia Sports Oval
Author:	L M Mallon, Secretary/Treasurer – Enngonia Progress Association

Seeking information about who is the responsible body for the power, water and general upkeep on the Enngonia Sports Oval. They are of the belief that with the closure of Medicare Local that funding for this project has ceased.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration.

Resolution

441/2015 That the Manager of Works continue to negotiate with the Enngonia Progress Association and report to Town Committee regarding the ongoing maintenance of the Enngonia Sports Reserve and prepare a report to the next meeting of the Town & Village Committee.		
Moved Cr Ford	Seconded Cr Hollman	Carried

File No:	D5.1-D5.2-R2.22
Report: 937/2015	Community Contribution – Rates – Water Billing
Author:	Sr Jovier, MC Superior – Missionaries of Charity

Requesting that the amount of $371.52 and any accrued interest be donated to cover the cost of the water rates for the period 20/03/2015 to 19/09/2015 for 1 Meek Street, Bourke.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration.
Resolution

442/2015 Council to donate the amount of $371.52 and any monies owing for accrued interest to cover the cost of the water rates for the period 20/03/2015 to 19/09/2015 for 1 Meek Street, Bourke.		
Moved Cr Bartley	Seconded Cr Ford	Carried

Kai Howard

From: Ross Earl
Sent: Wednesday, 4 November 2015 3:09 PM
To: Kai Howard
Subject: FW: Receipt of Public Submission [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

From: Yolla Ishak [mailto:Yolla.Ishak@aec.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 4 November 2015 2:15 PM
To: rearl@bourke.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Receipt of Public Submission [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

For-Official-Use-Only

Ross Earl
rearl@bourke.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ross Earl

RECEIPT OF PUBLIC SUBMISSION

I acknowledge receipt of your objection dated 2 November 2015 to the proposed redistribution of electoral divisions in New South Wales.

Your objection will be considered by the augmented Electoral Commission as part of its deliberations.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, which authorises the redistribution process, requires that all submissions to the augmented Electoral Commission be made publicly available. Copies of all objections will be available for public inspection at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for NSW at Level 10, 59 Goulburn St, HAYMARKET NSW, and published on the website, www.aec.gov.au. All objections are also included in the reports produced by the augmented Electoral Commission for NSW. While the names of persons and organisations that lodge written objections will be published, signatures and personal address details will be removed prior to publication.

Yours sincerely

Karen Houston
Manager
NSW Redistribution Secretariat
4 November 2015

8 Shearer Street,
Enngonia, 2840.
25th October, 2015.

To The General Manager,
Mr Ross Earle,
Bourke Shire Council,
Mitchell Highway,
Bourke, NSW 2840.

Dear Mr Earle,

The Enngonia Progress Association have been requested by community members to seek information about who is responsible for the power, water, and general up keep of the Enngonia Sports Oval. This is a concern as it was a very expensive project, and with the closure of Medicare Local, we believe the funding has ceased.

President. Secretary/Treasurer. L. M. Mallon.

Please table at your next council meeting.

LDM

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

"As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren. You did it to Me"

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MAYOR		COUNCIL	
GM		LIBRARY	
MCS		RATES	✓
MT&D		BOSEC	
MEV		HR	
MRS		IT	
MW		DEPOT	
OTHER	PRECIS		

October 29, 2015

Mr. Earl Ross

General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
29 Mitchell St.
Bourke, NSW 2840

Dear Sir,

RE: Water Bill (Period Supply 20/03/2015 to 18/9/201

We would like to request your assistance to have our rates waived in 1 Meek Street, Bourke where we sisters live and work center for people, children and young children are served as safe place to learn and play.

Your kind assistance on our request is deeply appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

Yours Sincerely,

SR. JOVIER MC

Sr. Jovier M.C
Superior, Community Sisters in Bourke

ARBN 059 131 074 ABN 96 857 603 497

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

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WATER ACCOUNT

Please present this account when making payment

Biller Code: 39776
Ref: 8 Digit Customer Reference No.

Telephone & Internet Banking - BPAY
Call your bank, credit union, or building society to make this payment from your cheque, savings or credit card account. More info: www.bpay.com.au

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
PO BOX 192
BOURKE NSW 2840

ACCOUNT FOR: 1 MEEK STREET BOURKE NSW 2840
L 11 Section 44 DP 758144
L 6 Section 44 DP 758144

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 507-00000-8

ISSUE DATE: 19/10/2015

PERIOD OF SUPPLY FROM: 20/03/2015
TO: 18/09/2015

Customer Ref No. : 81238768

TARIFF: RESIDENTIAL, NO DESCRIPTION

METER NUMBER	PRESENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	CONVERSION FACTOR	USAGE KL	CHARGES
***** Meter Details *****					S/Size
r00005988	5508	5336	1.000	172	(40) Water 0001
** Water Tariff - 0001 - Details ***				172	First 172 @ $2.16 371.52

COMPARISON OF AVERAGE DAILY USAGE	DAYS	AVE. LITRES-DAILY	FINAL PAYMENT DATE	AMOUNT DUE
THIS YEAR	182	945	30/11/15	371.52
LAST YEAR	365	814		

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR REMITTANCE: TICK BOX IF RECEIPT REQUIRED ☐

NAME: MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
ADDRESS: 1 MEEK STREET BOURKE NSW 2840
ACCOUNT No.: 507-00000-8

AMOUNT: 371.52

Bourke Shire Council

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORT

Council Meeting, 23rd November 2015

ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	E7.1
Report: 110/2015	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Scott Parnaby / Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from 2nd October 2015 to the 6th November 2015.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Dennis Tiffen, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 19 Dungarvan	Top Grade Completed
RLR 40 Long Meadows Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 41 Weir Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 22 Parkdale Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 47 Polygonum Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 26 Mascot	Top Grade Completed
RLR 25 Lower Lila	Top Grade Completed
HWY 7N Bourke-Barringun	Shoulder grade in Progress segment 3665/3670

2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR – John Reed, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 44 Janina	Top Grade Completed
RLR 13 Landsdown	Top Grade Completed
RLR 15 Lakemere	Top Grade Completed
HWY 29 Bourke-Brewarrina boundary	Shoulder grade in Progress segment 935/940

3. TRANSPORT SECTOR – Jack Wielinga, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 40 Long Meadows Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 41 Weir Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 22 Parkdale Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed
RLR 47 Polygonum Road	R2R Gravel sheeting Completed

4. BITUMEN MAINTENANCE SECTOR – John Bartley, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
All State Highways	Patching undertaken
HWY 7S Bourke – Nyngan boundary	Slashing Completed
Training	Nil

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
Renshaw Complex	Grounds facilities cleaned and maintained
Coolican Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare for Junior Cricket Prepare ground for BAHS BourkeFit exercise program Prepare ground for Oz Tag
Davidson Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare ground for both Junior & Senior Cricketers
Central Park	Skate Park- regular mowing and maintenance carried out General graffiti removal White Ribbon Day Eternity Aid Community Barbeque
Villages	Mow grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained
Training	Nil

6. TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Daily
Cemetery	Move headstone for grave
Rest Areas	Weekly cleaning and rubbish removal and cleaning road side
Staff Training	Nil
General	• Mowing footpaths ongoing • Whipper snipping corners ongoing • Poisoning corners road edges drains ongoing • Sand footpaths ongoing • Street sweeper sucking out corners ongoing • Plant garden bed front office • Patch trip hazards footpath office Mitchell Street • Graffiti run Council building • Clean wash bay depot • Cold mix trip hazard road edge front office • Pick up needles corner Tarcoon and Oxley Streets • Prune tree's 6 Glen Street • Water rest areas • Garden party set up 7/10 and 12/10 • Cold mix ramp Wanaaring Road • Erect table Ford's Bridge park • Weed gardens Oxley Street all way to Tarcoon Street • Erect new speed humps Alice Edwards Village • Airport Inspections • Erect table parks at Louth and Wanaaring • Pick up needles footpath near 16 Darling Street • Cold trip hazard footpath near nursery Mertin Street • Whipper snip lane I.G.A and police lanes • Clean grass behind fence 147 Anson Street • Pick up dead pigs Yanda street and rubbish • Water new tree's footpaths Mitchell Street • Crane for plumbers Becker street sewer well • Relieve garbage truck 21/10 to 23/10 • Cold mix gutters edges Darling Street • Gravel hole Bridge Inn
Sundry Debtors	• Crusher dust 921062 • Crane 921063 • Crane 921064 • Aggregate 921065 • Cherry picker 921066

7. WORKSHOP – Neil Driscoll, Plant Foreman

Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
131	AY22KL	2008 Caterpillar 12M	Replace turbo & regas air-conditioner, 9,000 service
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	Repair turbo pipe bracket & remove broken studs Replace turbo pipe
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo G940	Replace water pump crank angle sensor
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	250hr service
140	AK24LO	Caterpillar 12H	13,000 hr service, Replace air-conditioner Replace bar light & phone antenna
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar 12M	Replace door mirrors, LH door glass & adjust blade & Remove broken bolts
22	YCJ60C	2015 Mazda BT 50	35,000 km service
92	CA52JC	2014 Western Star	60,000 km service
237	N77487	1988 Holmwood Highgate	Weld Cracks in mud guard, turntable plate & tank brackets
59	Z37484	2014 Quad axle	Replace dump valve
171	BN04EY	2002 1400 FY FVS	Replace all rear brake & drums & Change oil both diffs
48	AZ90ZJ	2009 Freightliner CL	Repair driving lights
60	AV25YJ	2008 Freightliner Columbia	Replace emergency brake control switch
78	CA80TI	2014 Isuzu	60,000km service & Check radiator tank
20	CF75DI	2015 X Trail	5,000km service
28	YCJ49T	2014 Mazda BT 50	30,000 km service
218	BR67WH	2012 Hino	10,000km service Replace valve body & recalibrate transmission completed by Heavy Automatic
13	CRL70H	2014 Mazda BT 50	50,000 km service
14	YCJ74H	2015 Mazda BT 50	5,000km service & Add extra filter & phone kit
21	BX51PF	2014 Holden Commodore	50,000km service
19	CE73MA	2015 Isuzu D-Max	5,000km service
130	YWE633	2003 Case	Replace tyres Replace front door glass & have wiring repaired
62		2010 Delta	Replace safety chains PTO assembly & tighten down gear box
27	BD40GF	2009 Isuzu	170,000km service
32	BM39KN	2011 Isuzu	Replace front spring bushes, centre bearing & rear shocks
46	BX92HR	2013 Hino	40,000km service & Check air-conditioner
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Service both motors
310	BY01TB	2014 Caterpillar	Replace mirror & hand throttle & Replace front window

8. Water and Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader.

WATER SUPPLY PLANNED MAINTENANCE

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 2016
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 October	8	Sewer chokes for October cleared:	15
Annual Main Breaks	111	Annual Sewer Chokes	108
Raw:	83	Boundaries replaced:	1
Potable:	28		
Year to date: 2015 Water Meters			
Faulty Meters replaced	0		
New Connections	0		

Training	John Kavanagh- water treatment plant certificate October

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	<2	<2	
pH		*6.5-8.5*	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.5	9.7	
Nitrogen (total)	*mg/L*	*15*	7.9	5.3	5.3	4.2	6.0	
Phosphorus (total)	*mg/L*	*10*	1.3	1	1	1.1	1.3	
Total suspended solids	*mg/L*	*20*	54	19	19	36	68	
Biochemical oxygen demand	*mg/L*	*15*	12	5	5	10	13	

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		38	356	1.3	1.3
Bourke River	3500	160	1575	5.8	6.0
North Bourke Village Raw	750	29	328	1	1.1

Rainfall in Bourke for October 2015 was 6.6 mm for the period:

Resolution

443/2015 That the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried Unstarred

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:	D3.2
Report: 211/2015	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 2016/0011	Lot 10, Section 42, DP 758144 83 Mertin Street, Bourke	Installation of 3 Bedroom Transportable Dwelling
Delegated	DA 2016/0007	Lot 100, DP 1172657 & Lot 1, DP 421215 30-36 Oxley Street, Bourke	Construction of extension to existing pharmacy, consisting of a 120sqm Building, construction of 2 x 2 bay carports, install structural support posts to front awning of pharmacy building, refurbishment of 30 Oxley St to create a 'courtyard arcade'

Total value of Approved works for October 2015 =$ 263,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for October 2015 = 2
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for October 2015 = 0

File No:	A11.1.1
Report: 211/2015	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
PCYC	Minor Repairs
Grandstand	Repair works – Progressing
Enngonia Hall	Replace front steel entry doors
Caravan	Repairs to P/N 80
RFS	Repair screen door and lock
Depot	Install office – Parks and Gardens
Airport	ARO Inspections
Contractors	Remove hanging light – PCYC Various repairs to sewer pump station and WTP Replace power points and switches – 6 Glen St
Houses	Repairs to 6 Glen, 58 Oxley and Airport house Pest control completed on all buildings

File No:	A8.1
Report: 211/2015	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	3	0
Seized	5	4
Surrendered	9	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	**17**	**4**
Euthanased	10	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	7	0
Total	**17**	**4**
Micro-chip Implantations	0	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	247	
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
- Patrol's of Councils Reserve's

File No:	S10.2.1
Report: 211/2015	Swimming Pool Report
Author:	Ashley & Cathy Lowe, Pool Managers
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Attendance for October 2015

Season Ticket Holders		Non- Season Ticket Holders	
Adults	435	Adults	797
Children (2+)	983	Children (2+)	2279
Children (<2)	17	Children (<2)	100
Pensioners	0	Pensioners	1
School Groups	1201	Total for Month	5813

Resolution

444/2015 That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be received and noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried Unstarred

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	G2.1
Report: 311/2015	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

29th October 2015

Bourke Shire Council has been earmarked for membership of the Far West Initiative and as a result was not required to participate in the "Fit for the Future" process. Council is closely monitoring the decision by IPART in declaring Councils "Fit or "Unfit" following their assessment of the "Fit For the Future" submissions and the subsequent actions by them may have an indirect impact on Bourke Shire.

There is an obvious push by the State Government to promote mergers of Councils across the State. Councils have been given up to Wednesday, 18th November 2015 to respond to the IPART findings and have also been asked to submit their merger preferences.

Council will continue working with the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee to develop a new model for this part of the state.

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues is holding an inquiry into Service Coordination in Communities with High Social Needs.

The Committee will be visiting Bourke on Thursday, 5th November 2015 and will undertake a number of visits and hear from agencies and community members.

Bourke Shire Council will have the opportunity to highlight some of the issues within the community of Bourke.

The terms of reference are as follows;

1. That the Standing Committee on Social issues inquire into and report on the Service Coordination in Communities with High Social Needs, including:
    a. The extent to which government and non-government service providers are identifying the needs of clients and providing a coordinated response which ensures access to services both within and outside of their particular area of responsibility
    b. Barriers to the effective coordination of services, including lack of client awareness of services and any legislative provisions such as privacy law
    c. Consideration of initiatives such as the Dubbo Minister's Action Group and best practice models for the coordination of services and
    d. Any other Related matters

2. That the Committee report by 11 December 2015

The Membership of the Committee is:-

The Hon. Bronnie Taylor MLC	*The Nationals*	Chair
The Hon. Gregg Donnelly MLC	*Australian Labour Party*	Deputy Chair
The Hon. Shayne Mallard MLC	*Liberal Party*	
Revd. the Hon. Fred Nile MLC	*Christian Democratic Party*	
The Hon. Dr. Peter Phelps MLC	*Liberal Party*	
The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC	*Australian Labor Party*	

The level in the weir continues to slowly drop and water restrictions will again be introduced once the water stops flowing over the weir. Hopefully, that won't be for another few weeks however, in the meantime I would ask all residents to be "water wise".

As I mentioned in last week's column the dry weather is making things extremely difficult for road maintenance activities and grading has been restricted in some areas to shoulder grading, although the generosity of local landowners in supplying water has allowed some maintenance to continue.

The Bourke Shire Council staff Union picnic day will be held tomorrow, Friday, 30th October 2015 and all Council offices and the Library will be closed for the day. Council will have staff on call for any emergency situation that may arise and can be accessed by calling 0419722055.

The Waste Management Facility will be operating as normal.

The 2016 Australia Day awards are open and can be lodged at Councils Offices. Bourke has a great number of volunteers who give unselfishly of their time for the benefit of the community and the awards are an ideal opportunity to acknowledge that contribution. Volunteers and award recipients can come from a across wide range of areas and there are a number of categories to reflect the diversity of the contributions.

The Louth celebrations for the sesqui- centenary of the village are on this Saturday and there a number of events planned. Why not take the opportunity to travel down to the village and enjoy the festivities to be held on the day.

The Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and Manager of Tourism and Economic Development gave evidence to the Senate Select Committee on the Murray Darling Basin Plan at the inquiry held in Griffith on Tuesday. The Inquiry is looking at both the positive and negative impacts of the Murray-Darling Basin Plan and associated Commonwealth programs on regional communities. Representatives from Warren Shire and Griffith Shires were also in attendance to detail the impacts on the plan to their respective communities and surrounding areas.

While it involves a considerable amount of travel the attendance at these Parliamentary Hearings and Inquiries is essential if our Council is get the community's message across to the decision makers.

The Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and I will be travelling to Lightning Ridge this afternoon to attend the Meeting of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) and much of the discussion will focus around the IPART report and the push by the State Government for mergers.

Of the twelve OROC Councils, only Dubbo was deemed to be "Fit for the Future" as a standalone entity, whilst Coonamble, Bogan, Warren and Gilgandra were deemed "Fit for the Future" under the Rural Council Model.

Narromine, Wellington and Warrumbungle Shire Councils were not deemed "Fit for the Future" whilst Bourke, Cobar, Brewarrina and Walgett are all part of the Far West Initiative.

Paul Mann, General Manager of Gilgandra won't be attending the OROC meeting as he is participating in the Cooee March Re-enactment which involves walking from Gilgandra to Sydney together with a group of equally dedicated and committed souls. Well done Paul!

The town is looking good at the moment, with the spring flowers and the grass greening up nicely.

You cannot but notice the transformation of the grounds of the Probation and Parole building (People may recall it as the old DMR building) at the corner of Mitchell and Glenn Streets over the past few weeks and the lift it has given to that area.

Bourke will be visited by a group of Rotary Members who are also motorcyclist enthusiasts who will be taking part in a ride which will commence in Cobar on Monday, 2nd November. The group will be hosted in Bourke for lunch at the Bourke Men's Shed with the lunch to be supplied by Bourke Rotary Club.

I will be attending a meeting of the Regional Leadership Group which will be held in Dubbo on Tuesday, 3rd November 2015. The group brings together the General Managers across the Region together with the Regional Directors of the various government Departments. Guest for this meeting will be our Local Representative in the House of Representatives Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MLC.

There has been strong interest in the blocks of land that Council have for sale at North Bourke with eight (8) already been sold and interest expressed in a number of others. These are ideal lifestyle blocks each of which has an area of 2000 Square metres, or half an acre.

The news that Bourke should have an air service operating once again next year has certainly been welcomed by the Bourke community and surrounding district. The ability of people to be able to fly in and out of town will have a significant positive impact on all sections of our community, and in particularly the ability to enhance tourist visitation.

The quarterly meeting of the Local Emergency Management Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd November at the Rural Fire Services Offices and will bring together all the Emergency service organisations within Bourke plus representatives throughout the region. The meetings are a valuable forum for all agencies to familiarise themselves with the other services and their capabilities to respond to incidents locally. It also fosters a high degree of cooperation.

Our friendly Breakfast Announcer on 2WEB, David Sharp is now an Australian Citizen following a naturalisation ceremony held during Monday's Council meeting. Congratulations to David!

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment have sought input from the relevant agencies in relation to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for the abattoir Proposal. The SEARS is a listing of requirements that should be addressed by the proponent when preparing the Environmental Impact Statement that needs to accompany the Development Application in respect of the Abattoir construction. The Department of Planning will be the consent authority in respect of the Abattoir proposal as it has been deemed a State Significant project.

Quote of the Week!
"Sometimes you need those bad days to help you appreciate the good ones"

5th November 2015

Neil Andrew, the new Chair of the Murray Darling Basin Authority was in Bourke on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning as part of a familiarisation Tour of the Murray Darling Basin Region. He also visited Brewarrina and Walgett during the trip.

Neil was accompanied by the Executive Officer of the Northern Basin Frank Walker, Geoff Wise from the Northern Basin Advisory Committee, Diana Gibbs a Board Member of MDBA and Rebecca Thornbury from the MDBA Staff.

He met with Community representatives from lunchtime on Tuesday and then hosted a dinner that night for invited guests representing various sectors of the community.

The group was hosted on a brief tour of the area by the Chairman of Barwon Darling Water, Tony Thompson and Executive Officer, Ian Cole. Both gentlemen had earlier given the group a presentation on the impact of water entitlement losses to the Bourke Community.

All available Councillors also met with the group over breakfast on Wednesday morning to raise issues that council has been advocating for some time now. Council understands the need to ensure that the impact the Murray Darling Basin Plan over the entire Murray Darling Basin area was considered but highlighted the particular impact on Bourke.

All locals were very impressed with the openness of the new Chairman and his genuine desire to ensure that the outcomes achieved are the best for all sectors of the Murray Darling Basin.

The Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Social Issues is holding an inquiry into service coordination in communities with high social need in Bourke today. Council will have the opportunity to bring its concerns to the attention of the committee as will a number of other local organisations.

The committee has chartered a plane and will spend the whole day in Bourke and it is great to see the members of committees such as this visit the remote areas of the state to hear and see firsthand the issues impacting on service delivery and effectiveness.

Together with my colleagues from the other Councils in the Far West of the State whose Councils are subject to membership of the Far West Initiative, I took part in a teleconference hosted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Office of Local Government to detail the next steps available to those Councils who undertook the "Fit for the Future" process and the funding available to them should they elect to enter into a merger situation with one or more other Councils.

Annette and I travelled to Louth last Saturday to join those celebrating the sesqui- centenary of the town and I would like to acknowledge the work that was put in by the organisers. The history exhibition was very good and there was a considerable amount of memorabilia from the various parts of the town's history and organisations. The exhibition of the wedding dresses was a hit with the women and in particular the dress which was 140 years old and still in excellent condition.

Patsy Duncan who helped host the history display gave the proceeds of donations that they had received from people visiting the display to be added to the funds raised locally for Tour de OROC. These funds are to be allocated for the construction of Macquarie Home Stay which is accommodation to be built on the grounds of the new Dubbo Hospital for patients and families of patients, including those from the west of the state utilising Dubbo Hospital. It was a welcome surprise to receive the funds on behalf of this worthy organisation.

The Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and Manager of Tourism and Economic Development, Phil Johnston gave evidence to the Senate Select Committee on the Murray Darling Basin Plan at the inquiry held in Griffith on Tuesday. Both indicated that the trip was worth the effort and the Senators were genuinely interested in what they and the other Councils had to say.

The Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and I travelled to Lightning Ridge on Thursday, 29th October for the Meeting of Orana Regional Organisation Councils (OROC) on Friday. All members of OROC were in attendance and those present were able to hear presentations from the NSW Wales Department of Planning which focussed on the Regional Plans being developed, The Regional Manager of Essential Energy who detailed the impact of the Australian Energy Regulator and the financial impact on Essential Energy leading to the impact on both the levels of services and expenditure and the number of staff.

Jeff Caldbeck, Chief Executive Officer of the Central West Rural Financial Services was also in attendance and he outlined the changes that have been brought about by the changes to the Rural Counselling Service Australia wide including the calling for tenders for a new Northern Region which will include Bourke and Brewarrina and the fact that the reduction of funding will also mean a reduction in the number of counsellors to service the region.

This meeting also incorporated the Annual General Meeting of OROC and following the calling of nominations Cr Bill McAnnally, Mayor of Narromine was re-elected unopposed as Chairman with Bourke Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis being re-elected as Vice-President and he will be joined by Cr Rex Wilson, Mayor of Warren Shire.

Another guest at the OROC meeting was Kevin Humphries who was able to update those present on a few issues, including the imminent release of the second round of the Murray Darling Structural Adjustment Funding. As expected Mr Humphries was also subject to a number of questions in relation to the outcomes of the IPART report in relation to their assessment of the various Council's "Fit for the Future Submission"

There were around 20 members of a touring Rotary motorcyclists group that visited on Monday and all seem to be impressed with Bourke and the hospitality shown. The group were hosted in Bourke for lunch at the Bourke Men's shed with the lunch to be supplied by Bourke Rotary Club. Mathew McCorkle a keen motorcyclist himself acted as a tour guide for the group's brief stopover and my thanks go to Mathew.

I attended the quarterly meeting of the Regional Leadership Group held in Dubbo on Tuesday, 3rd November. The group brings together the General Managers from Councils across the Region together with the Regional Managers of the various Government Departments. The main topic for consideration was the recently release State Government Priorities Paper.

The news that Bourke should have an air service operating once again next year has certainly been welcomed by the Bourke community and surrounding district. The ability of people to be able to fly in and out of town will have a significant positive impact on all sections of our community, particularly the ability to enhance tourist visitation. The return of the air service will mean that Bourke is only two to three hours from a population base of eleven million people.

Kevin Humphries the Member for Barwon was in Bourke yesterday to meet with various members of the community and Council had the opportunity to meet with Kevin to raise a number of issues.

It was certainly great news that there has been an upgrade of the mobile phone services to Louth and it has been something that the community of Louth, Council and the Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton have been lobbying for some time. Whilst the village of Louth now has adequate service several other sections of the shire have limited or no services and Council will continue to lobby hard in this regards as a mobile phone services should be available to at least all urban centres. As I have said previously whist mobile services is available to 98% of the population it really covers far less than 10% of the land mass.

The Bourke Business Group met on Wednesday evening to discuss upcoming Christmas promotions and the development of the abattoir project. Also on the Agenda was a discussion about summertime promotions and the proposal to upgrade the mainstreet.

Quote of the Week!

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do!"

12th November 2015

Council will continue working with the Far West Initiative Advisory Committee (FWIAC) to develop a new model of governance and service delivery for this part of the state. The next meeting of the FWIAC is scheduled for Bourke on the 7th December 2015. The Committee is chaired by John Williams who was previously the Member for Murray Darling based in Broken Hill.

Bourke will be hosting the Quarterly Meeting of the Regional Emergency Management Committee on 24th November at Diggers on the Darling. The Committee is chaired by Geoff McKechnie the area Police Commander and brings to the table all the agencies potentially involved in a Regional Emergency situation. These include Rail Operators, Transport, Health, Primary Industries, Local Government, Police and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards are open and can be lodged at Council's Offices. Bourke has a great number of volunteers who give unselfishly of their time for the benefit of the community and these awards are an ideal opportunity to acknowledge that contribution. Volunteers and award recipients can come from across a wide range of areas and there are a number of categories to reflect the diversity of the contributions.

Councillors and staff had the opportunity to catch up with Kevin Humphries the Member for Barwon on Wednesday night and discuss with him a range of issues including, the return of air services to Bourke. The next round of the Murray Darling Diversification Funding, Health Services in Bourke, updates of the status of various grant applications and opportunities and water security.

The Bourke Business Group met last Wednesday night and there was possibly the best attendance I have seen at the meeting for some time. There were many issues raised and included was the proposed summer time promotion for Bourke focusing on the benefits of our very warm climate. There was a great deal of interest in the current status of the planning and approval process for the proposed small stock abattoir and also the reintroduction of the air service for Bourke.

Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaMS) will take over the provision of medical services at the Darling River Medical Centre from the 30th November 2015. At this stage everything is on track for a seamless transition.

I have previously mentioned the amount of time taken by Councillors in undertaking their civic duties and this is particularly the case with those holding the Office of Mayor.

Despite the fact that he lives 90 kilometres from Bourke and travels extensively for his own business, over the past two (2) weeks Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis has attended the meeting of Council on the 26th October then travelled to Griffith for the Tuesday hearing of the Senate Inquiry on the MDBP (Murray Darling Basin Plan) was in town on Thursday for a teleconference before travelling to Lightning Ridge for OROC. On the 2nd November he attended the Western Lands Advisory Council in Cobar as a Local Government Representative. On Tuesday he was back in town to meet with the Chair of the MDBA (Murray Darling Basin Authority) then on Wednesday evening met with the local member Kevin Humphries. Thursday saw him appear before the Upper House Inquiry into the Delivery of Social Services on Areas of high Need. On Saturday he travelled to Cunnamulla to represent Bourke Shire at the "Mayor's Challenge" which was held as part of the Cunnamulla Fella Festival. A bull rider is selected to represent each of the neighbouring Councils of Paroo Shire, the winning Mayor wins the right to hold the miniature of the famous Cunnamulla Fella Statue for the ensuing twelve months.

The trip to Cunnamulla was made very worthwhile with the Bourke Shire rider being the winner of the Bull Ride.

The quarterly meeting of the Local Emergency Management Meeting was held last Tuesday and brought together members of the Emergency Services within Bourke. The meetings as I have said provide the opportunity for each of the organisations to familiarise themselves with the operations and capabilities of the other plus develop a understanding of each other which is important in the case of emergencies.

The Long Table Dinner which was hosted by the hospitality class at Bourke High School last Thursday provided those in attendance an excellent meal, the deserts being exceptional! There were around 50 people in attendance and I am sure that everyone would have not only enjoyed the meal, but also the entertainment provided. Well done to all involved.

The Legislative Council of NSW Standing Committee on Social Issues visited Bourke on Thursday. The Committee has been tasked with undertaking an Inquiry into service coordination in communities with high social needs.

The Membership of the Committee is as follows:-

The Hon. Bronnie Taylor, MLC	*The Nationals*	Chair
The Hon. Gregg Donnelly, MLC	*Australian Labour Party*	Deputy Chair
The Hon. Shayne Mallard, MLC	*Liberal Party*	
Revd. the Hon Fred Nile, MLC	*Christian Democratic Party*	
The Hon. Dr. Peter Phelps, MLC	*Liberal Party*	
The Hon Penny Sharpe, MLC	*Australian Labor Party*	

Along with a number of groups within the Community Council had the opportunity to meet with the committee. After making an opening address to the Committee, the Mayor and Staff in attendance then had the opportunity to respond to a number of questions raised by the committee members.

Unfortunately the charter flight bringing them from Sydney was delayed due to bad weather which put additional pressure on the committee to stay within what was already a relatively tight time frame; however they were able to complete the round of scheduled consultations.

To provide the opportunity for residents to rid their homes and yards with unwanted rubbish prior to Christmas a "Fee Free Day" will be held Saturday, 5th December 2015. All domestic rubbish will able to be deposited free of charge on that day. There are some minor exceptions, with a charge still applying to tyres, asbestos, chemicals, liquid waste, building and commercial waste.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will be joining with the Office of Local Government with a series of Stakeholder meetings to detail the concept of the Far West Initiative more fully to the communities of the eight (8) Councils involved.

As part of the Stakeholder meetings they will meet with all Councils and also try and meet with representative groups including business groups, progress associations, social groups and other interested parties. The stakeholder meeting for Bourke will be held on the Thursday, 3rd December whilst Brewarrina will be held on Friday, 4th December. Full details of times and location will be announced shortly.

With the meeting of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee scheduled for Bourke on Monday, 7th December 2015 it will provide and the opportunity to raise issues that Delegates to the Advisory Committee which they in turn table at that meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Staff members have noted that on a number of occasions that events are being advertised as being conducted at Council owned facilities without a booking being made. Whilst generally there is good availability for most facilities the booking of facilities provides the opportunity to ensure that the facilities are prepared correctly, that there is no potential clash and the user/hirer is aware of the requirements for the use of facilities including insurance coverage.

James Price the representative of CAPRA Pty Ltd which is the proponent company of the proposed abattoir to be built north of Bourke will be in Bourke on Tuesday, 8th December 2015. He will join Council in conducting a series of information sessions to provide details to Councillors and various sectors of the Bourke Community further information in respect of the proposed small stock abattoir and the planning and approval process that needs to be undertaken prior to construction. The opportunity will be available for all members of the community to attend one of the sessions. Further details will be provided over the next three (3) weeks.

Quote of the Week!

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard "-Tim Notke

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19th November 2015

The Remembrance Day Service was again well attended with strong representation of school children in attendance.

As part of the Ceremony we saw the dedication of the rose garden which has been established alongside the lone pine. The unveiling of the plaque to mark the opening of the garden was undertaken by the Bourke Public School Captains, Tara Brookman and Bradley Parnaby whilst Manager of 2WEB, Wayne Harrison gave an enlightening address on the significance of the colour of each of the roses, prior to the unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

The recognition of the contribution of the servicemen and women seems to grow stronger as the appreciation of how lucky we are to live in Australia becomes increasingly apparent.

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The meeting of the Far Western Initiative Advisory Committee was scheduled for Bourke on the 7th December 2015 but has now been transferred to Sydney to provide the opportunity for the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Paul Toole, MP to be able to attend.

SafeWork NSW will be visiting some towns in the far West as part of their Safer Community/Safer Towns Days Program. They will be in Bourke on Tuesday, 15th December and Brewarrina on Wednesday, 16th December. SafeWork NSW Inspectors will be in the towns to provide information, guidance and advice on Work Health and Safety, Return to Work and Workers Compensation.

They can also arrange presentations and advisory visits to businesses and their workers after hours and at other locations if people are interested. You will need to contact the Dubbo Office of SafeWork NSW before the visit to Bourke so it can be arranged.

Small businesses who attend the SafeWork NSW site and the presentations may qualify for the SafeWork NSW $500 Small Business Safety Rebate. A Small Business is any business with 0 to 50 employees including Sole Traders, farmers etc.

Further details will be advertised in the local media.

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis was joined by Cr Victor Bartley in representing Bourke Shire at the dedication of a Monument at Hungerford Saturday 14th November 2015. The dedication was coordinated by Bulloo Shire and recognises those from the Hungerford District who saw Service in World War I and World War II.

People travelled from a wide area to attend the ceremony to dedicate the monument which will provide an ongoing reminder of the sacrifices made so that we can enjoy the life we do today.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 23rd November commencing at 9.00am in the Council Chambers at 29 Mitchell Street. A Public Forum will be conducted at 10.00am and whilst not essential it would assist to provide a response if notification of your attendance could be given prior to the day.

The recent rainfall has provided a boost to many of the ground storages within the shire as well as minor inflows to the Darling River. The groundwater storage at Byrock is looking a lot healthier with an additional metre being recorded on the gauge, which is good news for the residents of Byrock in the lead up to the summer period.

Annette and I travelled up to Cunnamulla last Friday staying overnight and visiting the various attractions around the district including making a trip out to Eulo. We were impressed with the friendliness of both towns and the presentation of the parks and gardens.

We were also pleased to see that the persons within the tourist industry seem to actively promote a visit to Bourke to visitors with many having a range of Bourke brochures on display. While there is some informal relationships between some businesses in Bourke and Cunnamulla it would be beneficial to both towns if stronger links were established encouraging people to stay a little longer in this part of the Australia.

Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on the 11th November to discuss the current developments in the Local Government Reform Process with the Government advising that those Councils in the Far West Initiative could lodge a merger proposal should they wish to and then potentially access some of the financial incentives that were being offered to the other 144 Councils. There was no obligation, nor any expectation that Councils would lodge such a proposal.

Council reaffirmed its previous decision to remain a standalone Council.

Council also resolved to ask the Minister to give an assurance that all eight (8) Councils earmarked for the Far West Initiative would continue to exist in their current form and

structure, to be able to assist in the development of and operate within any new model for Local Government and Service Delivery within the Far West.

Today is the day that all councils in New South Wales, with the exception of the eight (8) Councils in the Far West Initiative are expected to lodge merger proposal. It will be interesting to see the outcome of that process given that not only do the two (2) or proposed merger Councils have to agree to the proposal but also the Government.

Bourke Public Library will be joining with Wakefield Press in hosting Author, Adrian Mitchell at the Library on Thursday, 26th November 2015. Adrian will present an address and also conduct a book signing. Books will be available for purchase on the night.

Long serving employee David (Croc) Hyland worked his last shift with Council last Thursday and was given a farewell barbeque by his workmates. Croc clocked up 25 years of service with Council and for much of that time started at 5.00am on the Street Sweeper.

I would like to join with the Councillors and staff in offering congratulations and thank you to Croc for his service and wish him all the best for the future.

Visitors to Council offices would have noticed the new signage that has been erected to signify Council becoming an agent of Service New South Wales. Whilst the bulk of the transactions will still be those related to Motor Vehicle Licensing and Registration the other services able to be provided include the provision of Birth Certificates and Boat Licences.

Bourke and Cobar Shires are two (2) of the first such agencies to be commissioned in New South Wales.

Quote of the Week!

"Stop being afraid of what might go wrong and start being positive about what could go right".

Resolution

445/2015 That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015 be received and noted.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried	Unstarred

Ross Earl
General Manager

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	L4.1
Report: 411/2015	Library Report
Author:	Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

The following items for the months October 2015 are presented for your information:

1. Circulation statistics for October 2015:

Audio Visual	376
Adult Fiction	333
Non-Fiction	143
Junior Fiction	204
Magazines	74
Interlibrary Loans	
Total	1130

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

Audio Visual	319
Adult Fiction	255
Non-Fiction	95
Junior Fiction	153
Magazines	96
Interlibrary Loans	0
Total	918

2. Other statistical information:

New Members	15
Internet/Word Processing	109
Wireless Tickets	9
Number of Visitors	2238
Scans	10
Information Requests	64
Technical Assistance	15
Faxes	12

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

New Members	6
Internet/Word Processing	135
Wireless Tickets	2
Number of Visitors	2279
Scans	47
Information Requests	75
Technical Assistance	9
Faxes	14

3. Children's craft and story time this month had eight (8) children attending, and was themed around Grandparents Day.

4. A Colouring for Calmness group was started this month. Four people attended the first session, with more expressing interest in attending further sessions.

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

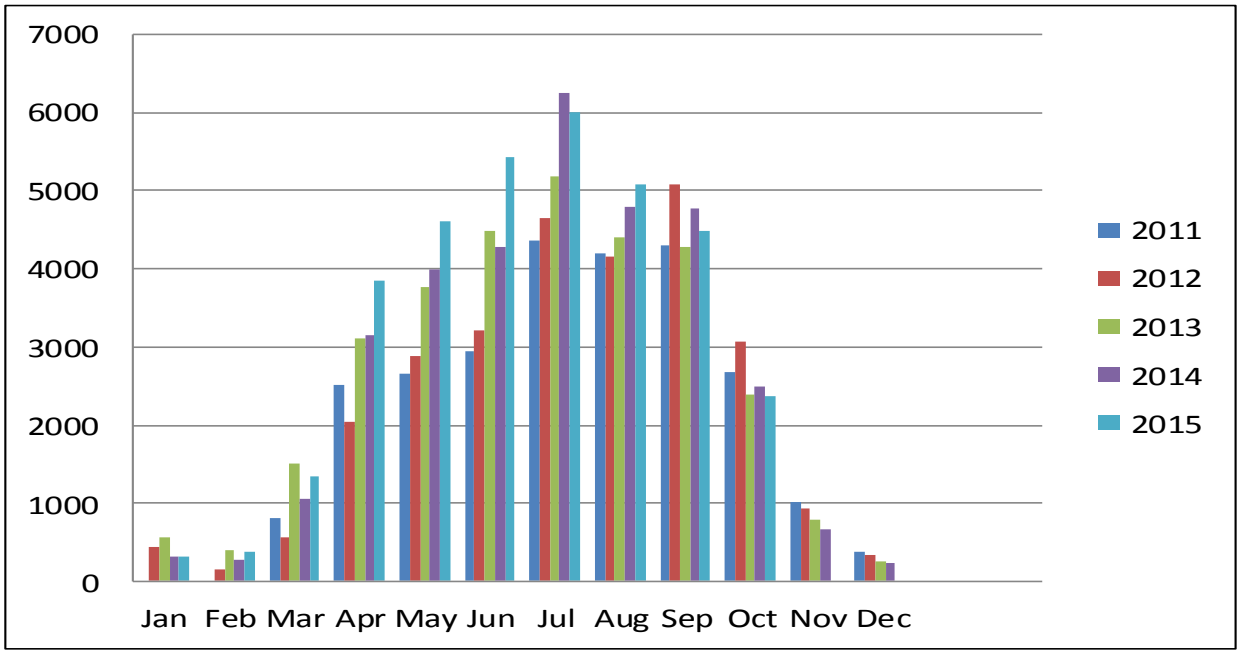
446/2015 That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015.			
Moved Cr Hollman	Seconded Cr Dorrington	Carried	Unstarred

TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	T4.3
Report: 111/2015	BOBEC and VIC October 2015 Activity update
Responsible Officer:	Phil Johnston, Manager Tourism and Development

The month of October has been fairly consistent with visitor numbers based on recent averages. The Visitors Centre was slightly down on numbers for the past two months but numbers for the whole year have been strong. The PV Jandra continued operations until the 22nd of October and has now finished cruising for the year and will return to cruising in March.

Feedback from accommodation providers and retailers highlight this drop off in numbers which is consistent with previous years.



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	4489
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370
November	1012	930	789	671	
December	386	347	254	242	

Visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

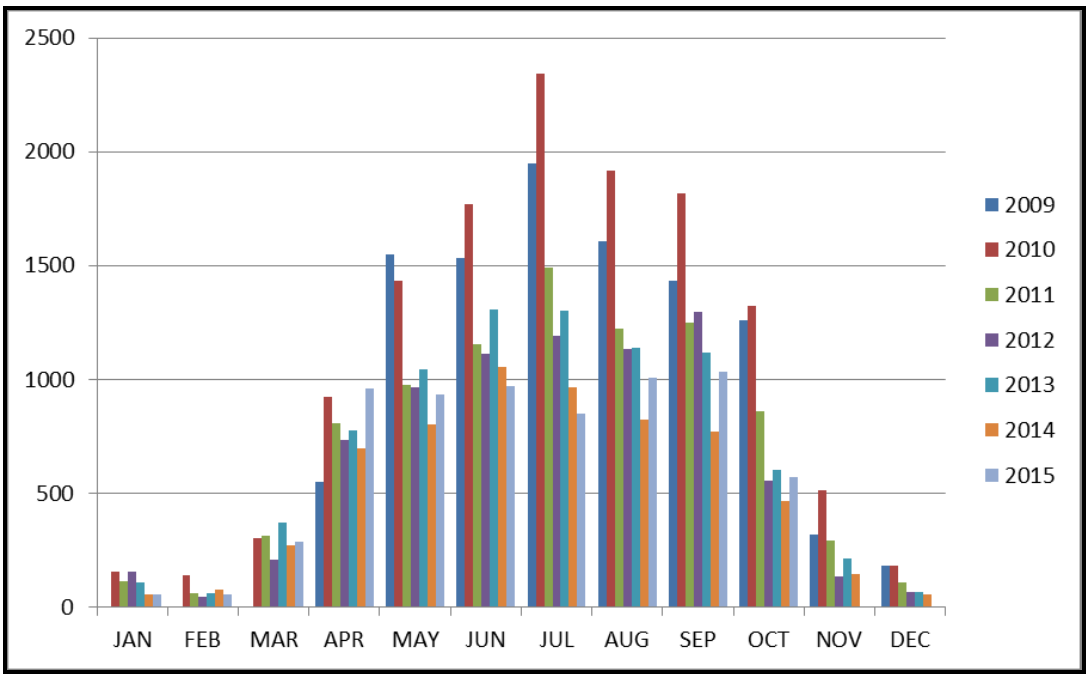


Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

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	1031
October	1259	1325	861	556	601	464	569
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	1099
October	188	1085	760	830	631	To be updated
November	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	423	403	Not Cruising	
December	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	180	20	Not Cruising	
Total	7382	8249	7257	7282	6688	

Once again the summer time maintenance program is underway with work already commencing at the Exhibition Centre and soon to commence on the Jandra. Works are of a minor nature and undertaken mostly by staff.

The hours of operation for the Visitors Centre are now reduced with opening times reduced to six days. This will further reduce in December.

Resolution

447/2015 That Council note the information in the Tourism and Development Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 23rd November 2015.
Moved Cr Hollman Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried Unstarred

Phil Johnston
Manager of Tourism & Development

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

File No:	T3.1
Report: 119/2015	CONFIDENTIAL- 04/1516 Replacement of Len Mallon, Whisky Creek & Cuttaburra #2 Bridges
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

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

Resolution

448/2015 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

File No:	W2.2.12
Report: 120/2015	CONFIDENTIAL- Bourke Water Supply: Emergency Bore Water Transfer System
Responsible Officer:	Peter Brown, Manager Works

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

449/2015 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

File No:	T3.1, T3.3, T3.5, R7.1, R7.5, R8.11.4,
Report: 121/2015	CONFIDENTIAL- Provision of Bitumen Emulsion REGPRO021617
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

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

Resolution

450/2015 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

File:	W1.4
Report: 122/2015	CONFIDENTIAL - NetWaste Tender RFT F1955 Tender for the Collection and Recycling of Waste Tyres for Councils in the NetWaste Region
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

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

451/2015 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman Carried

Cr Davis declared and interest and left the room.

File:	A11.2.21-A11.1.1-A11.1.4
Report: 123/2015	Bourke and District Children's Services- Lease of Premises
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

452/2015 That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Hollman 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 reports, those being report 119/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL- 04/1516 Replacement of Len Mallon, Whisky Creek & Cuttaburra #2 Bridges –, report 120/2015 CONFIDENTIAL- Bourke Water Supply: Emergency Bore Water Transfer System 121/2015 CONFIDENTIAL- Provision of Bitumen Emulsion REGPRO021617- Report 122/2015 CONFIDENTIAL - NetWaste Tender RFT F1955 Tender for the Collection and Recycling of Waste Tyres for Councils in the NetWaste Region and Report 123/2015 CONFIDENTIAL Bourke and District Children's Services- Lease of Premises

No members of the public made representation.

Resolution

453/2015

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 Dorrington | Seconded Cr Hollman | Carried

Resolution at 12.40pm

454/2015 That Council move out of Closed Council and into open Council.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Hollman | 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:-

Report 119/2015 0 CONFIDENTIAL- Tender 04/1516 Replacement of Len Mallon, Whisky Creek & Cuttaburra No 2 Bridges

Resolution

455/2015 That council accepts the tender from Murray Constructions for the design and construction of the three (3) new bridges as detailed.

Report 120/2015 - **CONFIDENTIAL-Bourke Emergency Bore Water Transfer System**

Resolution

456/2015
1. That Council accept the tender submitted by Aquawest Pty Ltd
2. That Council authorise the affixing of the seal of Council to the contact documentation, if, required.

Report 121/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL - Provision of Bitumen Emulsion REGPRO021617

Resolution

457/2015
1. That Council awarded this contract to Downer EDI as a single source supplier to Bourke Shire Council for the Supply and Delivery for the 36 month period 1/01/2016 to 31/12/2018;
2. That a provision be allowed for a twelve month extension based on satisfactory supplier performance, which may take this contract through to 31/12/2019;
3. That if required the seal of Council be affixed to the contract documentation for the Supply and Delivery of the Bitumen Emulsion Contract.

Report 122/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL - Netwaste Tenders for Collection & Recycling of Waste Tyres

Resolution

458/2015
1. That Council adopt the recommendation of NetWaste in respect of the recycling and collection of tyres
2. That if required Council seal be affixed to the contract for the recycling and collection of tyres.

Report 123/2015 - CONFIDENTIAL - Bourke and District Children's Services- Lease of Premises

Resolution

459/2015 That the Report in relation to the Lease of Premises by Bourke and District Children's Services, be referred to the next Meeting of Council and the BDCS be invited to make a presentation to Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45pm.