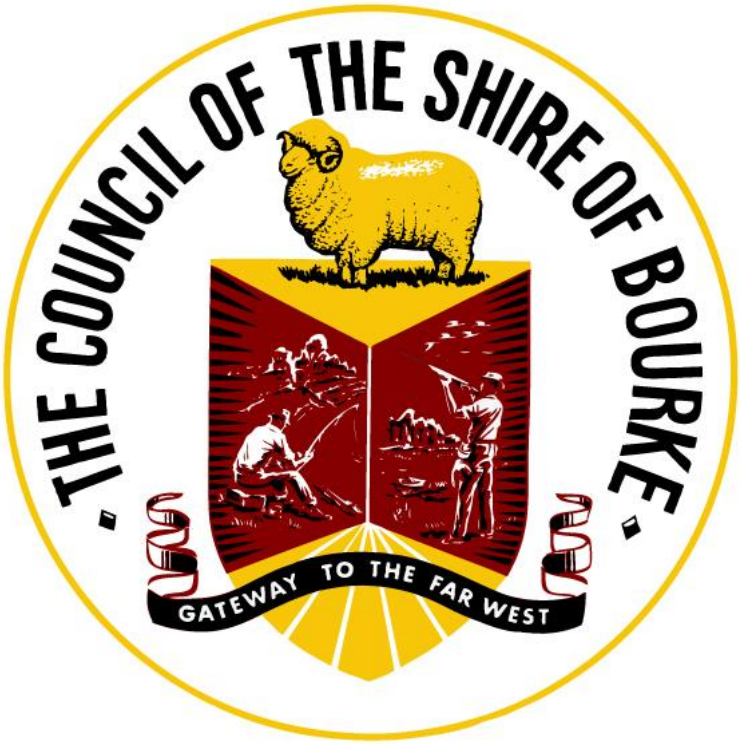

Bourke Shire Council
Agenda
Monday, 27th July 2015

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Council Chambers at Bourke Shire Council Offices at 29 Mitchell Street, Bourke, commencing at 9.00am for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda

General Manager: Ross Earl

AGENDA

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1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Remembrance**
3. **Apologies**
4. **Declaration of Interest (**Forms included with Business Papers)
5. **Mayoral Minute**
6. **Starring of Items**

A number of items have been starred for discussion.

The Mayor will receive requests to star additional items to be discussed.

Recommendation:
That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 27th July 2015 be adopted.

7. **Confirmation of the Minutes**

Recommendation:
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd June 2015 and Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, 9th July 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

8. **Business Arising**

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	007/2015	Business Arising	9	Notation

9. **Engineering Services Department**

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	107/2015	Fuel Excise Change a Boost for Local Roads	14	Adoption

10. **Environmental Services & Development Department**

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	2015	Nil Reports for July		

General Manager

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	332/2015	Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales	16	Consideration
	333/2015	Donations to Schools – Presentation Ceremonies	16	Adoption
	334/2015	Graffiti Removal Day	17	Adoption

11. Corporate Services Department

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	447/2015	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances	18	Notation
★	448/2015	Investment Report as at 30th June 2015	19	Notation

12. Tourism & Development

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	2015	Nil Reports for July		

13. Delegates and Councillors Reports

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	6/2015	Nil Reports for July		

14. Committee Minutes

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	7/2015	Nil Reports for July		

15. Policies

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	807/2015	Stock Grids	22	Adoption

16. Précis of Correspondence

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	916/2015	Community Contribution – Outback Arts	26	Consideration
★	917/2015	Community Contribution – "Ronny Gibbs 7's"	26	Consideration
★	918/2015	Murray Darling Association Conference 6th – 11th September 2015 "It's In The Balance"	26	Consideration
	919/2015	Graffiti Removal Day 2015	27	Adoption

17. Activity Reports

	Report	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	107/2015	Engineering	2	Notation
	207/2015	Environmental	9	Notation
	307/2015	General Manager	11	Notation
	407/2015	Corporate Services	31	Notation
	507/2015	Tourism & Development	33	Notation

18. Closed Session

	Report	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	108/2015	Sale of Land at North Bourke - CONFIDENTIAL	42	Closed Session
	109/2015	Potential Development Opportunity - CONFIDENTIAL	42	Closed Session

10.00am - Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council

- Kylie Pennell & Troy Gordon – Bourke Public School – Update

11.00am - Darling River Local Area Command - Update

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month/Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2015				
July	14th – 17th		Northern Basin Tour	
	17th	9.30am	GMAC	Dubbo
	27th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers
	31st	9.30am	OROC Meeting	Cobar
August	24th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers
	25th	2.00pm	Traffic Committee Meeting	Conference Room
September	28th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday Mayoral Elections	Council Chambers
October	11th – 13th		Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales	Rosehill Gardens Race Course
	26th	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers
November	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4th Monday	Council Chambers

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST

Information which has been sent out to Councillors since the last meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd June 2015.

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Email/Fax	Post	Précis
17/06/2015	Pecuniary Interest Returns		Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett	✓
17/06/2015	Bourke Arts Council Meeting Advice	Arts Council Publicity Officer	Councillors MANEX		
19/06/2015	Local Government Weekly	LG NSW	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
22/06/2015	Invitation to the Liquor Accord Meeting	Phillip Parnaby, Chair	Councillors		
22/06/2015	Invitation to the Graduation for the Yes I Can - Aboriginal Literacy Campaign	Mary Edwards	Councillors		
23/06/2015	Media Release Delivering Infrastructure to Grow Regional NSW - John Barilaro	John Barilaro	Councillors MANEX		
23/06/2015	Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 22nd June 2015		Councillors All Staff	Councillors	
23/06/2015	MEDIA RELEASE - Play away from powerlines these holidays	David Crough Essential Energy	Councillors All Staff		
23/06/2015	Farmers welcome commitment to regional infrastructure	Fiona Simpson NSW Farmers	Councillors		
23/06/2015	Media Release Delivering Infrastructure to Grow Regional NSW - John Barilaro	John Barilaro	Councillors All Staff		
23/06/2015	NSW SES Flood Bulletin Paroo River No2 240615		Councillors All Staff		
25/06/2015	LG NSW Annual Conference 2015 Program		Councillors	Cr Bennett	
26/06/2015	Government News		Councillors		
26/06/2015	ALGA NSW		Councillors		
26/06/2015	Media interview of water tender		Councillors All Staff		
30/06/2015	Government News		Councillors		
30/06/2015	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	Councillors		

01/07/2015	Media Release – Water Allocations for Barwon-Darling Water Users	Office of Water	Councillors		
01/07/2015	Memo – Roads to Recovery Funding	GM	Councillors MANEX		
07/07/2015	LG Weekly	LG NSW	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
07/07/2015	Invitation to attend a Public Meeting Regarding Senate Inquiry into the Murray Darling Basin Plan	Emma Bradbury CEO, Murray Darling Association Inc.	Councillors MANEX		
07/07/2015	'CEO's Report to the Regions - June 2015'	Murray Darling Association	Councillors MANEX	Cr Bennett	
0707/2015	Agenda for the Extraordinary Meeting of Council, Thursday, 9th July 2015	GM	Councillors MANEX		
10/07/2015	Media Release – Federal Gov to turn Food Bowl into Coal	NSW Farmers	Councillors		
10/07/2015	Outcomes of meeting with Niall Blair MLC	GM	Councillors		
10/07/2015	Drought Communities Programme (DCP)	Warren Truss MP Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development	Councillors		
14/07/2015	Media Release – NSW Farmers say "Go West"	NSW Farmers	Councillors		
14/07/2015	Press Release – Barham community meeting to discuss the Senate Inquiry into the MDB Plan	Murray Darling Association	Councillors		
14/07/2015	Response from Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner MP, Re: Birthing Unit at Bourke	The Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health	Councillors		
14/07/2015	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	Councillors All Staff		
14/07/2015	Survey The Future of Australia's Federation: What Do You Think?	LGNSW	Councillors		
16/07/2015	Outback Archies Entries Open	Outback Arts	Councillors	Cr Bennett	

16/07/2015	Media Release - Tread carefully with inland rail	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
16/07/2015	Media Release - Consultation with farmers a priority in native veg reform	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
16/07/2015	Media Release - Farmers seek to unify grains representation	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
16/07/2015	Media Release - Local Land Services lacking	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
16/07/2015	Media Release - NSW Farmers demand action over Shenhua Watermark coal project	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
16/07/2015	Media Release - Farmers leader ready for the battle ahead	NSW Farmers	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
20/07/2015	Issue 10 : The Solar Energy eXchange Initiative newsletter - July 2015	Matt Parmeter	Councillors	Cr Bennett	
20/07/2015	Council Circular 15-28 Joint Organisation Pilot: Progress and upcoming consultation	Marcial Doheny Chief Executive OLG	Councillors	Cr Bennett	

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 22ND JUNE 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 – 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.	• No public submissions received • Progressing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
• That Council monitor the development of a midwifery model to support the antenatal and post-natal needs of the community	• *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*
• *Council endorse sending of a letter to the Minister of Health, the Hon. Jillian Skinner, MP and the Member for Barwon, MP strongly objecting to any proposal to dismantle the Birthing Facilities at Bourke Hospital*	• *Letters sent*

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

96/2015 – Ledknapper Wild Dog Action Group (LWDAG Inc.)
Responsible Officer: MES

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council approach the appropriate agencies seeking their assistance in carrying out a microchipping and desexing program with dogs around the Enngonia area and that landholders be encouraged to undertake effective dog controls.	No funding available through NSW Health Investigate other funding streams with Agencies for Desexing/Microchipping Program

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	Ongoing

it is able to support emergency vehicles and pedestrians	

207/2015 – Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCMS)
Responsible Officer: MS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
That Council adopt the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy (IWCMS) as part of Best Practice subject to following changes • Page 16, Point 4.3.4 Drought Management Plan, second paragraph addition wording is added – "It is expected that this bore will have sufficient capacity to supply the town's potable needs at a reduced rate". • Page 20, Table 5-2: BAU Actions – Bourke Potable & Non-Potable in the section Business as Usual solutions to issues, point 1 is removed "NOW and Bourke Shire Council have agreed that weir maintenance is the responsibility of Council".	Completed

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

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Mayor and General Manager at the Annual Conference of Local Government NSW to be held in October 2015 2. That any proposed motions be tabled at the July meeting for endorsement by Council 3. That any Councillors who wish to attend the conference register their interest at the July Meeting.	1. Mayor & GM registered to attend

211/2015 – Economic and Social Impacts of Water Buy Backs on Bourke
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. The Council avail itself to the opportunity to meet with the Minister for Environment the Hon. Greg Hunt, MP should it arise. 3. Council continue to seek an evaluation of the economic and social impact of the water buybacks on the communities along the Barwon Darling River.	Meeting held with Bob Baldwin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment

213/2015 – Councils Policy in relation to the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
1. Advertise the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors. 2. That after the expiration of the statutory advertising period the Council consider any submission received during the period of public exhibition. 3. That Council make any changes resulting from the consideration of submissions and then adopt the policy.	1. Advertising completed 2. Advertising closes 17th August 2015 3. To be adopted 24th September 2015

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

217/2015 – Fit for the Future Proposal to be Submitted by Bourke Shire Council
Responsible Officer: GM

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
• That Council not submit a "Fit for the Future Proposal" at this time. • That Council staff Continue to work through the requirements of the "Fit for the Future" Template Three for Rural Councils with a view to identifying opportunities for ongoing productivity and service delivery improvement and efficiency. • Council continue to be involved in the ongoing discussions relating to the development of the Far West Initiative.	• See General Manager's Report

221/2015 – Local Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA) Agency Information Guide
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Forward the Agency Information Guide to the Information Commissioner for approval	Completed

222/2015 – Service New South Wales Agency Agreement
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Council authorise the fixing of the Seal of Council to the amended agreement with Services NSW.	Completed – Seal not required

225/2015 – Précis of Correspondence - Community Contribution – Australian Indigenous Team to Tour France
Responsible Officer: MCS

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
Contribute of $100 per person towards the cost of travel and accommodation for Jalen Rose, Clinton Edwards and Connah Elwood to represent Bourke High School, Bourke and Australia in the Australian Indigenous Team to Tour France in November 2015	Completed

236/2015 – Plant Hire - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer: MR

DECISION	*ACTION TAKEN*
That Council accept the tenders as detailed, Attachment (a) for the Plant Hire Tender for the 2015/2016 financial year.	Letters sent to the successful tenderers

Recommendation:
That the information in the Business Arising as presented on Monday, 27th July 2015 be received and noted.

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

File No:	**R7.6,R7.6.1**
Report: 107/2015	**Fuel Excise Change a Boost for Local Roads**
Responsible Officer:	**Mark Gordon Manager of Roads**

Introduction

Councils across Australia will receive an extra $1.105 billion over the next two years from the Australian Government for local road and street works following the reintroduction of Consumer Price Index-linked fuel excise.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Hon. Warren Truss, MP said every cent of the extra $23 billion revenue raised through the excise over the next decade and beyond will be invested in roads infrastructure.

“The Government has reached agreement with the Labor Party for the passage of the fuel excise indexation legislation, an important element in our Budget repair plan,” Mr Truss said.

“As part of our ongoing commitment to road infrastructure, we will provide an additional $1.105 billion specifically for the Roads to Recovery Programme over the next two years.

“This popular roads programme was introduced by the Howard/Anderson Government. Since coming to Government, we have expanded it and made it permanent to give Local Government and their communities the surety they need that local roads will be future-proofed.

“What today’s decision means is that Local Governments across Australia will receive an extra $300 million in 2015-16 under Roads to Recovery, on top of the $700 million they are already receiving – a $1 billion cash injection in local roads over the next 12 months.

“In 2016-17, Local Government will receive an extra $805 million in addition to the $350 million they were already scheduled to receive under Roads to Recovery – $1.155 billion next financial year.

“Since the programme began in early 2001, councils have used the funding provided to repair and upgrade more than 45,000 local streets and road locations, making it the largest investment in Australia's local roads ever undertaken.

“Today we are ensuring many thousands more will be built and repaired.”

Tying the indexation of the fuel excise to changes in inflation will provide the Australian Government with a predictable and guaranteed source of revenue to build the infrastructure Australia needs.

"For a motorist who consumes 50 litres of fuel each week, the impact amounts to just 40 cents, an impact that will be minimised through congestion-busting road infrastructure," Mr Truss said.
"Importantly, the Roads to Recovery Programme allows Councils to directly fund local road projects based on local needs, with local knowledge playing a major role in the programme's success."

The fuel excise will increase twice a year in February and August, in line with movements of the Consumer Price Index.

The extra $1.105 billion being pumped into Roads to Recovery will be paid to Councils under the usual formula as part of their regular quarterly payments without any requirement for Councils to match the extra money.

Updated Available Funding for Bourke Shire

Roads To Recovery Funding for 2015 to 2019			
2015/16	**2016/17**	**2017/18**	**2018/19**
$2,402,131.00	$2,774,060.00	$840,838.00	$840,838.00

Recommendation
That Council accept the proposed R2R projects for the financial year 2015/2016.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

File No:	**L8.3**
Report: 332/2015	**Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
As discussed at the previous meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd June 2015, Council was advised that the Third Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales will be held at Rose Hill Gardens Racecourse in Sydney from Sunday, 11th October 2015 to Tuesday, 13th October 2015.

Any other interested Councillors are now asked to register their attendance to ensure that their registration and accommodation can be confirmed.

Recommendation:
That interested Councillors nominate at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 27th July 2015 to attend the Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales to be held at Rose Hill Gardens Racecourse in Sydney from Sunday, 11th October 2015 to Tuesday, 13th October 2015.

File No:	**D5.2**
Report: 333/2015	**Donations to Schools – Presentation Ceremonies**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:

- Historically, Council is requested by most local schools for donations towards end of year speech ceremonies.
- Council routinely donates $100 to each school.

Financial Implications:

- The funds would need to be attributed to the Community Contributions vote.
- Total commitment: $800

Recommendation:
That Council donate $100 to each school in the Bourke Shire as a contribution towards their Presentation Day Ceremonies at the end of this school year, with funds attributed to the Community Contributions vote.

File No:	**G5.1**
Report: 334/2015	**Graffiti Removal Day**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

Background:
The Graffiti Removal Day which was held for the first time in 2013 and was coordinated on a state wide basis by Rotary Down Under, who will again undertake that role in 2015.

Graffiti Removal Day for 2015 will be held on 18th October 2015.

The Graffiti Removal Day has been successful in Bourke in the past and coupled with the efforts of Council has seen a reduction of this mindless vandalism in our community. It is a great opportunity for community groups and individuals to make a significant impact on the appearance of the town. Bourke Rotary will again be assisting with the coordination locally.

Current Situation:
Councils support in terms of co-ordination, planning promotion and management of the day is seen as critical to the success of the day.

With Council having already dedicated additional resources to Graffiti removal within Bourke the Graffiti Removal Day would seem to provide an ideal opportunity to build upon that work and work towards the elimination of this mindless form of vandalism within our community.

Financial Implications:
There will be no significant cost to Council, with much of the material being required being made available through corporate sponsorship

Recommendation:
1. **That Council again participate in the Graffiti Removal Day in 2015**
2. **That Council promote the day within the Shire**
3. **That Council enlist the support of other community groups and individuals to assist on the day.**

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	**F1.1**
Report: 447/2015	**Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services**

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2015

Balances as per Bank Statement	$1,316,694.63
Plus: Deposit not shown	$26,906.49
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$34,879.39
Less: Unpresented Auto Pays	$1,582.20
Balance as per Cash Book	**$1,307,139.53**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30th June 2015

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$7,371,532.55	200,000.00
Water	$2,922,259.36	
Sewer	$1,337,346.58	
Trust	$182,726.28	
Total Funds	**$11,813,864.77**	

Investments as at 30th June 2015

National Australia Bank	$600,000.00	3.48 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,000,000.00	3.20 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$610,860.00	3.20 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$500,000.00	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$977,711.19	3.00 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,237,417.16	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,017,588.20	3.05 %	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,058,529.89	2.85 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,436,656.81	3.00 %	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$705,436.99	2.85 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$362,525.00	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
Total Investments	**$10,506,725.24**			

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

Reconciliation at 30th June 2015

Balance as per cash book	**$1,307,139.53**
Investments	**$10,506,725.24**
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	**$11,813,864.77**

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th June 2015

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31st May 2015		**30th June 2015**
General Fund	$7,263,513.52	$107,989.03	$7,371,502.55
Water Fund	$2,144,667.58	$777,621.78	$2,922,289.36
Sewer Fund	$1,999,460.00	-$662,113.42	$1,337,346.58
Trust Fund	$139,525.36	$43,200.92	$182,726.28
Investments	-$10,487,309.43	-$19,415.81	-$10,506,725.24
Totals	**$1,059,857.03**	**$247,282.50**	**$1,307,139.53**

Balance of all Funds as at 31st May 2015 **$1,059,857.03**

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$259,767.47
(b) Other Cash	$2,297,262.04
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	$2,290,331.20
(b) New Investment	$19,415.81
Balance as at 30th June 2015	**$1,307,139.53**

Recommendation:
That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th June 2015 be noted.

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

File No:	**F1.1**
Report: 448/2015	**Investment Report as at 30th June 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 2014/15 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $315,000 which represents an estimated return of 3.68%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cashflow requirements.

   The market value of Council's Investments held as at 30th June 2015 is $10,506,725.24.

   Investment income earned as at 30th June 2015 is $340,896.06.

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

Investments as at 30th June 2015

National Australia Bank	$600,000.00	3.48 %	180 Days	A1+
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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	$1,058,529.89	2.85 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,436,656.81	3.00 %	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$705,436.99	2.85 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$362,525.00	3.00 %	180 Days	A1+
Total Investments	**$10,506,725.24**			

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%
Average Investment Yield 3.057%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by $19,415.81 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.

Recommendation

1. **That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30th June 2015 be received and noted.**
2. **That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.**

POLICIES

File No:	**P4.1.4**
Report: 807/2015	**Policy review of Policies - Stock Grids**
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 Policy relating to Stock Grids the following policy 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 Stock Grids Policy labelled 3.6.1(v3) as presented to the Ordinary meeting of Bourke Shire Council on Monday, 27th July 2015.

SECTION 3 Asset Management
PART 3.6 Roads

POLICY NO:	3.6.1(~~v2~~)3
POLICY TITLE:	Stock Grids
DATE ADOPTED:	27/07/2015
RESOLUTION NO:	
SUPERCEDES:	Policy No: 3.6.1(v2) Adopted: 28/05/2012 Resolution No: 241/2012
PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	28/05/2016

POLICY

Council's policy is to progressively eliminate stock grids throughout the road system maintained by Council, thereby;

- increasing the safety for road users,
- increasing the efficiency of Council road repairs and maintenance,
- reducing Council costs of maintenance and
- reducing liability

Council facilitates this goal by encouraging fencing of road corridors, including, within Council's priorities and annual budget considerations, Council making a financial contribution to one or more neighbouring landholder(s) prepared to remove a grid and replace it with fencing. Any such contribution is to be in accordance with the associated procedures.

In special circumstances approved in advance by Council, a landholder may install a new grid of Council's choice at the landholder's expense, provided that any ongoing repairs and maintenance costs are paid by the landowner. If the repairs or maintenance is undertaken by Council, and the costs are not paid within a specified time, then Council has the right to remove the grid from Council's road network. This shall be documented in a statutory agreement signed by the landholder and Council.

GRIDS AND THEIR MAINTENANCE

- ~~The structure of a Stock Grid is part of the road and will be maintained by Council on Rural and Regional roads.~~
- ~~Where a landholder requests maintenance work to be done on a Stock Grid invoking the Council's existing self-help program, these requests are to be given a high priority where possible. If the landholder is prepared to assist Council with the costs associated with the Stock Grid Maintenance, then Council will give sympathetic consideration to working with the landholder to have the work carried out.~~
- Where a stock grid requires maintenance all costs associated will be as per Bourke Shire Councils Fees and charges if Council undertakes the works.
- Maintenance may be undertaken by the landholder by engaging a certified contractor to complete works. All costs will be the responsibility of the landholder all Work Health and Safety requirements are to be adhered to.

PROCEDURES for REPLACEMENT of GRIDS with FENCING

Relating to State Roads

- Council will liaise with the Roads and Maritime Services encouraging fencing rather than repairing Stock Grids on State roads.

Council contribution towards Fencing on Regional and Rural Roads

- Where a landholder is prepared to consider the option of fencing a section of road, Council will give priority to approving a financial contribution towards fencing costs.
- ~~The standard fence Council shall contribute to, is to be a standard stock fence constructed of five (5) plain wire and one barb wire with either timber or metal fence posts.~~
- ~~If a landholder desires to upgrade, then the upgrade shall be at the landholders expense.~~
- The cost contribution by Council shall be a maximum of $5,000 for replacement of ~~single~~ all grids. ~~(4m wide) with fencing, and $10,000 for replacement of double grids (8m to 10m wide) with fencing.~~

Application approval priorities

Council has a limited budget towards the replacement of grids with fencing and will have a priority system in place.

Priority 1. An application to remove a grid and erect fencing in a section of road that has safety implications (damaged/failed structure).

Priority 2. An application to remove a grid and erect fencing in a section of road on a Regional Road.

Priority 3. An application to remove a grid and erect fencing in a section of road on a local Rural Road.

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: 07/07/2015

Policy adopted by Council:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GRIDS (CAPS)

Refer to attached stat declaration

The Council of The Shire of Bourke

29 Mitchell St, Bourke, N.S.W 2840
P.O. Box 21, Bourke, N.S.W 2840
Telephone (02) 6830 8000 Fax (02) 6872 3030
Email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au
Web: http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au

Please address all communications to the General Manager

Agreement to install single grid.....

Agreement between landholder & Bourke Shire Council:

Name of property: _____

Owned By: _____ Ph: _____

Grid Location: _____

I hereby agree to permit _____ to install a single stock grid on the _____at the above location.

Conditions of Installation

1. The stock grid is to be installed in special circumstances as applied for by _____ of _____ to _____ that Council approve construction of a grid across a local road subject to the landholder being responsible for all costs associated with construction, repairs and maintenance. If the costs to repair or carry out maintenance are not paid within a specified time then Council has the right to remove the stock grid from Council's road network.
2. The grid installed is to be an RMS approved grid.
3. The grid is to be installed by Bourke Shire Council or a registered Bourke Shire Council contractor at the landholders cost.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Property Owners Signature: _____

Address: _____

Date: …… /…… /20……

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL REPRESENTIVE SIGNATURE: _____

Position: *Manager of Roads*

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the people listed below.

Mark Gordon- *Manager of Roads* PH 0419849517

PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

File No:	**A9.1-D5.1-D5.2**
Report: 916/2015	**Community Contribution – Outback Arts**
Author:	**Jamie-Lea Hodges, Development Coordinator - Outback Arts**

Requesting a donation in the amount of $500-$1,200 to host the Annual Exhibition "The Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines". Any sponsorship provided by Bourke Shire Council would be used for prize money for the winners in categories including painting, photography, sculpture and most outstanding Indigenous Artist. It will also be used to cover the additional costs of touring the exhibition and marketing to raise the profile of artists from the region.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

File No:	**D5.1-D5.2-P1.5**
Report: 917/2015	**Community Contribution – "Ronny Gibbs 7's"**
Author:	**Jarrad Linton Harland, Programs & Development Officer** **Far West Academy of Sport**

Requesting in-kind support in the amount of $700 to conduct the running of the Ronny Gibbs 7's, including the hiring of the Davidson Oval.

A member of Council has been requested to be in attendance for the presentation and throughout the day.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

File No:	**R6.9.1**
Report: 918/2015	**Murray Darling Association Conference 6th – 11th September 2015 "It's In The Balance"**
Author:	**Sandra Adams, Executive Assistant, Murray Darling Association Inc**

The Murray Darling Association 71st Annual General Meeting and National Conference is being held September 9th ,10th and 11th 2015. This year the Conference is being hosted by Berrigan Shire and will be held in Tocumwal and Barooga, NSW.

Attached is preliminary information. MDA will distribute the program and full registration package as soon as they are completed.

"Don't miss this chance to be involved ahead of the Senate Inquiry into the Basin Plan".

Recommendation: For Council's consideration

File No:	**G5.1**
Report: 919/2015	**Graffiti Removal Day 2015**
Author:	**Brendon Thomas, Deputy Secretary** **NSW Government - Justice**

Advising that Graffiti Day will be held on Sunday, 18th October 2015 and is being coordinated by Rotary Down Under Incorporated. Council support is critical in terms of coordination, planning, promotion and management of the day.

Recommendation:
That Council nominate the Manager of Tourism & Development, Phil Johnston as Council's contact for the Graffiti Removal Day 2015.

OUTBACK ARTS
building creative communities

19th June, 2015

To Ross Earl,

Following the past 4 years of continued success, Outback Arts plans to once again host the annual exhibition *'The Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines.'* The exhibition aims to foster and promote local artistic talent in the areas of photography, painting and sculpture. Many Bourke Shire based artists have been successful in the exhibition in past years. David Pickard (Bourke) won the sculpture category in 2013 with his wood-burning 'Ode to Malala' and Fiona Somerville (Louth) was selected for the touring exhibition with her painting 'A Humpy Seen from the Verandah' in 2014.

To further develop our ongoing relationship with Walgett Shire Council and its efforts to provide opportunities and development in the region, Outback Arts would like to invite Bourke Shire to be a sponsor for the 2014 *'Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines'*.

The exhibition will be held at the Outback Arts Gallery from September 7 to October 2 with the formal opening and announcement of winners on September 11. A subsequent tour of the winning works following the Coonamble exhibition will occur across a number of surrounding communities including Bourke Exhibition Centre, Dubbo Fire Station and an exhibition at the NSW Parliament House.

The artworks exhibited would be from the two arts areas of: Outback Arts (shires of Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren) and Orana Arts (shires of Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid-Western Regional Council, Narromine and Warrumbungle).

As the Regional Arts Development Officer for Far Western NSW, I believe the Outback Archies presents a fantastic opportunity to build on our existing partnership and further highlight and promote the opportunities available in our community. This will in turn showcase the diversity of artistic skill and expression in rural and regional NSW.

Your sponsorship would be used to provide prize money for the winners in categories including painting, photography, sculpture and most outstanding Indigenous artist. It will also be used to cover the additional costs of touring the exhibition and marketing to raise the profile of artists from the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Jamie-Lea Hodges
Outback Arts
Regional Arts Development Officer

OUTBACK ARTS
building creative communities

About: Outback Arts is the regional arts development organisation servicing the Far West NSW region (the shires of Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble Walgett and Warren). Outback Arts is a not-for-profit arts organisation that assists in building arts and cultural capacity across the regions communities by directly supporting, facilitating, promoting and contributing to the arts and cultural life of the region.

Background: The Outback Archies was developed in 2011 as an opportunity for artists living in regional, rural and remote regions to exhibit their work. As the only major exhibition and competition of its type in Far Western NSW the competition is both a resource and an opportunity for organisations and artists to promote their work. In 2014 the Outback Archies received 81 art entries of which 54 were exhibited. With entries from Bourke, to Mudgee and up to Lightning Ridge the exhibition is a showcase of regional artists and their work.

Proposal: An art exhibition focusing on promoting artists living within rural, regional and remote NSW. In keeping with highlighting the excellence of artistic practice within the community the art exhibition will have first and second prizes based around the three primary categories as well as People's Choice Award and Most Outstanding Indigenous Artist.

Community Reach:
The project will involve two regional arts boards in NSW. These would include Outback Arts (shires of Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren) and Orana Arts (shires of Dubbo, Gilgandra Shire, Mid-Western Regional Council, Narromine Shire and Warrumbungle Shire).

Sponsorship:
- All press releases and the exhibition promotional material through Outback Arts and Orana Arts regarding the Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines to acknowledge Bourke Shire Council as a sponsor (Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze) of the exhibition. This will include the Outback Arts and Orana Arts website as well as our quarterly magazine 'Artbark', e-bulletin, flyers and any other published material applicable to the exhibition.
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship to be displayed on the night
- Official prize/prizes to acknowledge sponsors support

Budget Summary:
In order to have a greater amount of choice we invite Bourke Shire Council to select a form of sponsorship that would best suit their budget requirements.
The five options below are for your due consideration:

Platinum	$1200
Gold	$750
Silver	$500
Bronze	$350

*figures not including GST

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

Name of applicant organisation:	Outback Arts
Postal Address:	PO Box 28, Coonamble, NSW, 2829
Contact person:	Jamie-Lea Hodges
Position:	RADO – Regional Arts Development Officer
Phone number:	02 6822 2484
Mobile number:	0419 629 818
Fax number:	02 6822 4159
Email address:	admin@outbackarts.com.au

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

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

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

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

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

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

Outback Arts is the regional arts development organisation servicing the Far West NSW region. The service regions include the shires of Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren. We assist in building arts and cultural capacity in our regional communities, through supporting, facilitation and contributing directly to the arts and cultural life of the region.

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

If no, where is it located?
We are located in Coonamble but service the Bourke Shire.

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 6 staff members. 8 board members.

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

Following the past 4 years of continued success, Outback Arts plans to once again host the annual exhibition *'The Outback Archies of Landscape, Legends and Lifelines.'*

The exhibition will be held at the Outback Arts Gallery from September 7 to October 2 with the formal opening and announcement of winners on September 11. A subsequent tour of the winning works following the Coonamble exhibition will occur across a number of surrounding communities including Bourke Exhibition Centre, Dubbo Fire Station and a Sydney exhibition.

Your sponsorship would be used to provide prize money for the winners in categories including painting, photography, sculpture and most outstanding Indigenous artist. It will also be used to cover the additional costs of touring the exhibition and marketing to raise the profile of artists from the region.

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

The exhibition aims to foster and promote local artistic talent in the areas of photography, painting and sculpture. Many Bourke Shire based artists have been successful in the exhibition in past years. David Pickard (Bourke) won the sculpture category in 2013 with his wood-burning 'Ode to Malala' and Fiona Somerville (Louth) was selected for the touring exhibition with her painting 'A Humpy Seen from the Verandah' in 2014.

The Outback Archies presents a fantastic opportunity to build on our existing partnership and further highlight and promote the opportunities available in

our community. This will in turn showcase the diversity of artistic skill and expression in Bourke.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: Bourke Shire annual Regional Arts Development Program fee to Outback Arts. $10,061.75
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? No
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant
Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details: n/a
Property for which rates donation is sought:
Council's Rates Assessment Number:
Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	$1,200 or $500	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	
If yes, please quote your ABN If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	30 005 203 518 9874711	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

To be completed for "in kind" support:-
(Please arrange appointment with appropriate Council staff to obtain a quote where necessary)

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

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

Name of applicant organisation:	Far West Academy of Sport
Postal Address:	PO Box 409 Warren NSW 2824
Contact person:	Jarrad Linton Harland
Position:	Programs & Development Officer
Phone number:	(02) 6847 3638
Mobile number:	0427 658 828
Fax number:	(02) 6847 3651
Email address:	programs@fwas.com.au

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

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

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

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

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INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

The Far West Academy of Sport (FWAS) is one of eleven regional academies of sport throughout NSW. The FWAS was established in 1997 so that developing athletes in the Far West have a stepping stone to higher representative honours and to provide services to athletes in their local communities to assist with their development. The FWAS currently runs seven sport programs – Netball, Rugby League, Tennis, Golf, Football (Soccer) and two Lone Star programs. In addition the Academy conducts talent ID camps including swimming, clay target and gala days such as the Ronny Gibbs 7's.

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

If no, where is it located?

Warren – Although the FWAS services athletes in the Bourke Shire

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? *The Academy services approximately 150 athletes through its squad programs and a further 550 athletes through talent ID camps and the Ronny Gibbs 7's.*

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

The FWAS is asking for the support of the Bourke Shire Council to mark out the fields/courts for the 2015 Ronny Gibbs 7's as an in kind donation. We would require two rugby league fields (ie two half fields) and two netball courts. The grounds will be used for the rugby league and netball competitions.

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

The event will attract schools from around the district including – Cobar, Nyngan, Warren, Gilgandra, Coonamble, Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Goodooga, Brewarrina, Wilcannia, Cunnamulla and Bourke. There will be over 350 school children, teachers, officials and support staff in attendance who will spend their money in the Bourke Shire. In addition there will be more than 10 staff involved with the event staying in Bourke for a minimum of one night. The council will be recognised as a supporter of the event and will be mentioned and thanked in all media releases and presentations. We would like to extend an invitation for a council member to be present at the presentations and throughout the day.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: *The Bourke Shire Council provided in kind support to the 2014 Ronny Gibbs 7's through field marking.* *The Bourke Shire, schools and community agencies have been positive supporters of the FWAS since its inception in 1997.*
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? No
If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant N/A
Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-
Property for which rates donation is sought:
Council's Rates Assessment Number:
Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	$	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No
If yes, please quote your ABN If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	12 164 817 458	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

To be completed for "in kind" support:-
(Please arrange appointment with appropriate Council staff to obtain a quote where necessary)

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total ©		$700 (Approx.)
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		$700

This is the Activity Report for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 27th July 2015 in the Council Chambers at 9.00am

NSW GOVERNMENT Justice

Office of the Deputy Secretary
Justice Strategy and Policy
160 Marsden Street, Parramatta
Locked Bag 5111
Parramatta NSW 2001
Tel 02 8688 7777
www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au

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

File No:14/2841

Dear Mr Earl

I am writing to you regarding the involvement of your Council in Graffiti Removal Day 2015. Graffiti Removal Day is a day when the whole community can take part in cleaning up and removing graffiti vandalism in their local communities.

Graffiti Removal Day will be held on Sunday 18 October 2015 and is being co-ordinated by Rotary Down Under Incorporated. As with previous years, Council support is critical in terms of co-ordination, planning, promotion and management of the day. Please contact Louise Pilkington, Council Co-ordinator, Graffiti Removal Day on 1300 665 310 or email louise@graffitiremovalday.org.au to nominate a suitable Council contact for the day.

Please find attached a Graffiti Removal Day information sheet that contains all key details of the event.

I would like to thank you in advance for the support of your Council in ensuring the success of Graffiti Removal Day 2015.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Thomas
Deputy Secretary

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Graffiti Removal Day 2015

Information Sheet for Councils

Overview

Graffiti vandalism costs councils millions of dollars each year. The New South Wales Government is committed to reducing graffiti vandalism by encouraging local communities to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. To support this goal the Government has established a state wide graffiti removal and prevention day known as "**Graffiti Removal Day**".

The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to highlight the problem of graffiti and encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. The Day will complement and not replace existing volunteer graffiti removal programs.

Last year nearly 2000 volunteers removed 20,900 square metres of graffiti from over 275 sites in 56 local government areas in New South Wales.

To deliver and promote Graffiti Removal Day 2015 the NSW Government has partnered with Rotary Down Under. This year Graffiti Removal Day will take place on **Sunday 18 October 2015**.

Council involvement

It is hoped Councils will help make Graffiti Removal Day 2015 a success by working with volunteers from Rotary and its partners to:

- Identify potential clean-up sites;
- Promote the Day;
- Collect bagged rubbish at the conclusion of the day;
- Encourage staff to volunteer to participate in Graffiti Removal Day and
- Supply green screening such as trees and shrubs, as required.

How it will work

Volunteers will work with local councils, property owners, government agencies, community groups, businesses and other members of the public to; identify, remove and prevent graffiti.

Rotary Down Under (Rotary) will be responsible for the organisation, management, training and insurance of all volunteers. To facilitate this Rotary will appoint one trained co-ordinator for each Local Government Area and one supervisor for each clean-up site.

People can get involved in Graffiti Removal Day by completing the volunteer registration form which is available on the website www.graffitiremovalday.org.au. They can also choose to help by promoting the Day or nominating a site. All volunteers will complete on-site training prior to starting work.

Anyone can nominate a clean-up site which has been vandalised by graffiti through the Graffiti Removal Day website www.graffitiremovalday.org.au. Nominated sites will be assessed by Rotary in consultation with the local council and property owner to determine if a site is suitable and safe. The aim is to select at least three clean-up sites in each Local Government Area. Each clean-up site will also be individually listed on the Graffiti Removal Day Website.

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Promotion

To promote and encourage participation in Graffiti Removal Day 2015, Rotary Down Under in consultation with Flagship Communications will undertake a comprehensive marketing and media campaign.

The media campaign will focus on promoting the Day through major and local media outlets as well as online through social media.

To support the main media campaign it is hoped Councils will alsc promote the day on their websites and social media profiles.

Template media releases, brochures and posters will be available on the website from 31 July 2015.

Material and Equipment

The following material and equipment can be supplied upon request, **at no cost**:

- Graffiti removal liquid;
- Equipment to apply graffiti removal and prevention materials;
- Paint;
- Painting equipment and
- Personal protection equipment including: gloves, eye protection equipment, disposable overalls.

Orders for material and equipment must be either emailed to info@graffitiremoval.org.au or posted to Graffiti Removal Day, PO Box 779, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Orders for material and equipment must be received no later than 5pm Friday 2 October 2015.

Further Information

For further information contact Louise Pilkington, Council Co-ordinator for Graffiti Removal Day on either 1300 665 310 or louise@grafffitiremovalday.org.au.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

File No:	**A11.1.5 – V1.6**
Report: 108/2015	**Sale of Land at North Bourke - CONFIDENTIAL**
Responsible Officer:	**Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism and Development**

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

Recommendation:
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.

File No:	**T4.7**
Report: 109/2015	**Potential Development Opportunity - CONFIDENTIAL**
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.

Recommendation:
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.

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORT

ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	**E7.1**
Report: 104/2015	**Works Completed**
Responsible Officer:	**Scott Parnaby / Roads Supervisor**

The following information outlines works completed from the 29th June to the 14th July 2015.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Dennis Tiffen, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Highway 7 North	Widening in Progress
Highway 7 North	Shoulder Grade in Progress

2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR – John Reed, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Highway 7 North	Widening in Progress
Highway 7 North	Shoulder Grade in Progress

3. TRANSPORT SECTOR – Jack Wielinga, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Highway 7 North	Widening in Progress
Highway 7 North	Shoulder Grade in Progress

4. BITUMEN MAINTENANCE SECTOR – John Bartley, Team Leader

Location	Work Carried Out
Bourke Township	Town Patching

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 Prepare grounds for Graduation
Renshaw Complex	Grounds facilities cleaned and maintained Prepare grounds for Bourke Public School Horse Sports
Coolican Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare for Junior Soccer
Davidson Oval	Mow and Maintain Oval Prepare ground for Bourke Junior League and Little Athletics Prepare grounds for St Ignatius Schools Athletics Carnival that was postponed
Central Park	Skate Park- regular mowing and maintenance carried out General graffiti removal
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	Grave 4th June Grave 11th June Grave 22nd June
Rest Areas	Weekly cleaning and rubbish removal and cleaning road side
Staff Training	Nil
General	Backhoe North Bourke Sub Division Clean blocks in Mitchell Street Cut out gutter at Caltex so water will drain away Mow old Pre-School block Deliver sand to North Bourke New Sub Division Take old power pole to Expo Centre Erect 2x bollards skate park Take away rubbish from new Pre-School Sand footpaths ongoing Remove Syringe from footpath at Western Herald Remove Syringe in main near café

	Remove car from Yanda Street Erect more bollards Skate Park Bobcat and truck 80km Cobar Road clean up from caravan fire Knock out gutter Yambacooma Street for drive way Pick up cotton trash for expo Take aggregate to Mertin Street Sewer Well Road marking Richard Street for shop Prune tree's Court House Crane Mertin Street Sewer Well Relieving Garbage truck Pick up old fridge first rest area Cobar Road Town drainage rain 15-16 June Pick up 4 x Syringe packs corner of Becker and Short Streets Crusher dust police drive way North Bourke Poison main Street pavers Clean out storm water pit Mertin Street old Women's refuge Clean out storm water pit Tarcoon Street with sweeper Clean wash bay depot Bobcat new Pre-School dig hole Pull out posts wharf
Sundry Debtors	Sand 919934 Gravel 919935 Crane 919935

7. WORKSHOP – Neil Driscoll, Plant Foreman

Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
131	AY22KL	2008 Caterpillar 12M	Change oil & filters Replaced studs in exhaust manifold
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950 H	2000 hr service
140	AK24LO	Caterpillar 12 H	12500 hr service, Fit Anderson plug
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar 12 M	2000 hr service, Fit Anderson plug
22	YCJ60C	2015 Mazda BT 50	Engine service & replaced rear canopy glass
35	COR74B	2013 Mazda BT 50	80,000 km service
41	YCJ49T	2014 Mazda BT 50	25,000 km service
50	CQS20T	2013 Mazda BT 50	60,000 km service
90	CB73JP	Isuzu D/Max	15,000 km service
204		Hyster	Replace battery & alternator Bleed fuel system
52	K46880	1997 Traffic Signal	Replace orange light
92	CA52JC	2014 Western Star	Fit air hose reel system for AdBlue
237	N77487	1988	Repair revolving light mud-flaps, weld cracks & replace rocker bushes Weld water manifold & repair valve
44	R71381	2007 Moore Roadtrain Dolly	Replace brakes, brake drum, rocker bushes, side lights & mud flaps

47	R71368	Moore Tipper	Replace brakes, brake drum, rocker bushes, side lights & mud flaps
76	P95814	2004 Moore Roadtrain Tipper	Replace brakes, 2 x brake drum, radius rod bushes & mud flaps
171	BN04EY	2002 Isuzu	Repair PTO wiring circuit
48	AZ90ZJ	2009 Freightliner CL 120	Repair airline under cab Adjust brakes & replace LHR chamber Replace batteries 400,000 km service
78	CA80TI	2014 Isuzu 400 NPR Twin Cab	Fit Anderson plug to truck, 40,000 km service
97	YUB437	2003 Isuzu 900 F3 FTR	170,000 km service
17	YCJ49S	2014 Mazda BT 50	10,000 km service
61	CQG23T	2014 Mazda BT 50	40,000 km service
216	YZH349	2004 Hino	Repair revolving light
218	BR67WH	2012 Hino	Repair bin lifter grease lines
51	AB97TB	2004 Isuzu400 NPR 400	15,000 km service
10	CA17WX	2015 Holden Colorado	15,000 km service
13	CRL70H	2014 Mazda BT 50	40,000 km service
49	BZQ74Z	2011 Mazda BT 50	85,000 km service
9	BW31YX	2013 Holden Commodore	70,000 km service
34	BPV02A	2010 Mazda BT 50	90,000 km service, Repair two way electrics
18	CHP24W	2012 Mazda BT 50	75,000 km service, check seat belt
101	10640-C	2010 Kubota	Replace centre bearing housing & all blades
109	07615-C	2011 Toro	Replace blades, deck wheels & weld deck cracks
138	10370-D	2012 Toro	Replace deck wheels & blades
144	AH13CI	Franna	Repair heater control & reseal front windscreen
65	BG97LI	2010 John Deere	Replace all hydraulics coupling on rear of tractor
77	AY40UT	2008 Case	Replace hydraulic hose on bucket
86	N85143	2002 Snorkel	Check brake linings
116	P17060	Safety Trailer	Check all lights & service
26	AO79AH	Isuzu 450	190,000 km service
27	BD40GF	2009 Isuzu 450	Repair gearbox neutral switch wire
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Service both engines
303	COR74R	2013 Mazda BT 50	35,000 km service
305	CC38VZ	2012 Mazda BT 50	55,000 km service
310	BY01TB	2014 Caterpillar	500 hr service

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	July 2015, Next Service	
Reservoir cleaning	5 years	2020	Ongoing
Reservoir inspection	24 months	2017	Completed

Water & Sewerage system planned maintenance

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

WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SYSTEM UNPLANNED MAINTENANCE – 2015			
Main breaks repaired for June	13	Sewer chokes for June cleared:	12
Annual Main Breaks	78	Annual Sewer Chokes	72
Raw:	59	Boundaries replaced:	0
Potable:	19		
Year to date: 2015 Water Meters			
Faulty Meters replaced	0		
New Connections	0		
Total Replacements in 2014	103		

BOURKE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT EPA LICENCE COMPLIANCE

Record of Effluent Analysis

POLLUTANT	UNIT OF MEASURE	LICENCE 100 PERCENTILE CONCENTRATION LIMIT	Dec 2014 TEST	Jan 2015 TEST	Feb 2015 TEST	Mar 2015 TEST	Apr 2015 TEST	May 2015 TEST	June 2015 TEST	July 2015 TEST
Oil & Grease	***mg/L***	10	<2	2	n/a	<2	<2	<2	4	
pH		*6.5-8.5*	9.3	9.1	n/a	8.9	8.7	9.1	9.2	
Nitrogen (total)	***mg/L***	*40*	7.8	11.2	n/a	11.1	11	7.9	7.9	
Phosphorus (total)	***mg/L***	*10*	0.78	0.84	n/a	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	
Total suspended solids	***mg/L***	*65*	40	76	n/a	84	76	57	54	
Biochemical oxygen demand	***mg/L***	*55*	11	27	n/a	39	16	14	12	

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)May	USAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)
Bourke potable		33	179	1.1	1.6
Bourke River	3500	155	852	5.1	5.6
North Bourke village raw	750	35	153	1.1	1.1

Rainfall in Bourke for June 2015 period: 110mm

Recommendation:

That the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 27th July 2015 be received and noted.

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:	**D3.2**
Report: 207/2015	**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 2015/0024	Lot B, DP 31 Oxley Street, Bourke	Change of use of building from Class 5 to Class 6 building, operation of hairdresser salon
Delegated	DA 2015/0022	Lot C, DP 409400 62 Tudor Street, Bourke	Demolition of existing structures (2 x outbuildings), tree removal and construction of five (5) bedroom single storey dwelling

Total value of Approved works for June 2015 =$455,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for June 2015 = 2
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for June 2015 = 0

File No:	**A11.1.1**
Report: 207/2015	**Building Services Report**
Author:	**Paul Faulkner, Environmental Coordinator**
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	Install New A/C unit Monthly check and test Emergency Generator
Cemetery	General maintenance – Watering ,Mowing and fill in holes Trim and remove trees
1 Tudor Street	Adjust roller doors
Grandstand	Commenced repair works
Wharf	Install bollards
Louth	Completed cladding of external walls
Airport	ARO Inspections
Contractors	Repairs to exit lights - Renshaw Repair to pump station

File No:	**A8.1**
Report: 207/2015	**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	11	0
Seized	11	10
Surrendered	1	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	**23**	**10**
Euthanased	9	10
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	4	0
Re-housed	0	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	10	0
Total	**23**	**10**
Micro-chip Implantations	4	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	280	
Shopping Trolley Impounded	0	

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

Recommendation
That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 July 2015 be received and noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	**G2.1**
Report: 307/2015	**"From the GM's Desk"**
Responsible Officer:	**Ross Earl, General Manager**

18th June 2015

The visit to Bourke and District by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC. DSC and Mrs Hurley was extremely well received and appreciated by all those who had the opportunity to meet with them. Both were extremely approachable and were very interested in finding out about the town and the people within the town.

The first function that The Governor and Mrs Hurley attended was the ceremony to mark the involvement of people from the Byrock village in the Australian Armed Forces in both World War I and World War 11 and the very distinguished service of the men from this area and the remarkable demonstrations of bravery that saw three Victoria Crosses awarded and a number of other high awards. Thanks to the President of the Local RSL Sub Branch, Victor Bartley for his role in the coordination of the ceremony. It was great to have Cecily Hampton to be able to provide a welcome to country as part of the ceremony with two (2) of her Uncles amongst those who enlisted from Byrock and are recognised on the wall of remembrance.

At the Vice Regal Reception hosted by Government House Mrs Hurley joined the Bourke Choir for a song and she obviously is a keen singer and her participation was very much appreciated by the members of the choir and those in attendance.

The Mayor hosted a small dinner at the Back O' Bourke Centre on the Thursday Night for the Governor and Mrs Hurley which was catered for by the Bourke High School Year 11 Hospitality class and the meal presented was excellent. The students led by their teacher Kristie Hibbotson not only cooked the meal but also prepared the table settings, served the meal and cleaned up all of which they did in a very professional manner and they are certainly a credit to the school. The opportunity to cater for such a distinguished guest is something that they will remember and the Governor and Mrs Hurley assisted in the preservation of that memory by having their photograph taken with the students.

Council has received advice that the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for the Environment, Bob Baldwin will be visiting Bourke in July as part of his Tour of the Northern Section of the Murray Darling Basin and Mr Baldwin will be accompanied by the Member for Parkes Mark Coulton. The Tour was initially scheduled in May but the devastating storms that hit the area north of Newcastle resulted in the tour being cancelled as that area forms part of Mr Baldwin's electorate and Mr Baldwin rightly determined the welfare of his constituents should take precedence.

The 39th Annual Bourke Pro-Am Golf Tournament was held last weekend and again attracted a good field and the local Golf Committee have already it seems started planning for the 40th Pro Am to be held in 2016. I was interested in learning that the Bourke Pro Am is the longest continuing running Pro Am in Australia which is certainly a significant achievement for such a small community and a credit to those who have assisted in running and sponsoring the event over that period.

Work is continuing to rectify the fault in the electronic componentry that resulted in the PV Jandra being out of action for the past couple of weeks. It is unfortunate that due to the age of the vessel and the electronics within the vessel, that the sourcing of replacements has proved quite difficult. In an era when there are very rapid changes in technology it is an issue that will face all sectors of our community. The days of changing elements in jugs which people from my era will remember and getting things like small appliances repaired are basically a thing of the past as we move into greater mass production and into what has become a throw-away society.

Together with the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis, his wife Lorraine and I represented Council in attending a function held last Thursday night to acknowledge the fact that the National Australia Bank, including its predecessors, has provided 150 years of continuous service to Bourke and District which is a remarkable achievement and in a time when many Banks seem to be withdrawing or reducing their services in many rural areas is very much appreciated.

The Bank was represented by Senior Staff from both Orange and Dubbo.

The Mayor, Cr Lewis presented the Bourke Branch with a plaque to mark this significant milestone.

It was interesting to note that for all this period the National Australia Bank had provided banking services to the Murray Family from Louth and Mr Dermott Murray was a special guest for the occasion and spoke on the long association that his family had enjoyed.

The next meeting of Council will be on Monday, 22nd June 2015 commencing at 9.00am as usual. A Public Forum will be held at 10.00am on the day and anyone with an issue that they would like to bring up to Councillors are invited to attend. Council encourages anyone who may be attending to present at the forum to contact the Executive Assistant, Kai Howard-Oakman on 0268308000 so that, if required, arrangements can be made for any computer presentation or additional information sought.

Council continues to make representations in relation to the economic and social impact that the water buy backs have had on our community both economically and socially and have written to the Minister for the Environment the Hon. Greg Hunt, MP questioning the

announcement of another round of buy backs prior to any substantive evaluation of the impact of the previous decisions to reduce the availability of water for irrigation and other agricultural purposes in the region.

New South Wales Farmers have arranged a meeting with the NSW Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. John Barrilaro, MP to discuss the effects of the drought and in particular its effects on Small Business. The meeting is a follow up on the meeting held recently in Dubbo. Representatives from Walgett, Brewarrina and Coonamble Councils will also attend. Mayor, Cr Lewis attended the meeting in Dubbo and Council continues to advocate strongly for the impact of the drought within our communities to be recognised.

The guidelines for funding to be provided by the Drought Stimulus Package announced late in May to assist communities impacted by drought are close to being finalised and looking forward to their release so that a number of projects can be submitted for funding.

The Cuttaburra Bridge no. 3 on the Wanaaring Road is taking shape with the pylons having already been put into place. The contractors are hopeful that the bridge will be finalised before the end of June.

Remember booking for all Council facilities are to be made through Councils Engineering Department to ensure that we do not have multiple uses on the one day and also to ensure that they are properly prepared.

I received a number of positive comments regarding the condition of the road to Hungerford from people who travelled out for the Field Days and it is good to get such positive comments. As I have mentioned before it is extremely difficult to maintain a road network as large as we have with the limited funding available. Council strives to maximise the value for the dollars spent. The co-operation of residents and visitors in minimising the use of the unsealed road network during wet weather and adhering to the road closure notifications is appreciated and significantly reduces the damage to the road surface.

Thought for the week!

Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration – Thomas Edison

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25th June 2015

Mayor, Cr Lewis and Manager of Tourism and Development, Phil Johnston are in Sydney today for a meeting with the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP to discuss the impact of the drought. The meeting has been organised by NSW Farmers and will include other interest groups such as the CWA. Cr Lewis and Phil will join

representatives from Coonamble Shire and will also be speaking on behalf of the Brewarrina and Walgett Shires.

The focus on the meeting will be the effects of the drought on the communities and in particular its effects on small business.

A number of the sporting grounds had to be closed last weekend due to the wet conditions. The closures were put in place to ensure the safety of participants and protect the playing surfaces. Council is appreciative of the cooperation and understanding of those sports which were affected.

At the Council meeting held on Monday, 22nd June the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis officiated over a Citizenship Ceremony for Johnathon, Elizabeth and Elijah Hoffman. Following the ceremony all the family joined Council for lunch.

Monday's Council Meeting was attended by Ken Harrison who is a Local Engagement Officer with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office.

Ken was able to update Council on the role of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and his address was well received by Council and he provided the opportunity for Council to ask questions in relation to the water issues.

The recent rain was very welcome and although different falls were recorded across the Shire and in surrounding Shires it was very beneficial and welcome by all. The rain resulted in wide spread closure of the unsealed road network across the western part of the state.

There were a few people who were either unaware of the closures or chose to ignore them and found themselves bogged.

All Councils within the West of the state are very good in supplying advice regarding road closures and this advice is relayed to the adjacent Council and also placed on their websites.

Following a lead from Cobar Shire Bourke Shire will include a link from its website to the neighbouring Councils to make it easier to access the road condition updates.

Included in the reports to Council on Monday was the suggestion that Council should again evaluate the option of building additional weir capacity for Bourke and that could take the form of raising the height of the existing weir or the possible construction of a new weir. Council had a preliminary report in relation to both options undertaken some time ago and will now seek to update that report so that it has the required information to hand should funding opportunities become available.

The generosity of the Bourke Community never ceases to amaze me with a number of fundraisers recently held reaching over the $8000.00 dollar mark and apart from these major fundraisers there were a number of others which also raised significant funds.

Speaking of fundraisers the "Tour de OROC' was so successful in 2013 involving a pushbike tour through all twelve (12) of the members of the Orana Regional Organisation of Council (OROC) Local Government area that the event will again be held in October 2015 and will raise funds for Macquarie Homestay. This is accommodation being built for patients or family of patients having treatment at Dubbo Hospital and will to enable them to stay close to the hospital. A number of people from this area will no doubt benefit from the availability of the accommodation.

I think Bourke raised the most of any of the communities visited in 2013 as part of the Tour de OROC which is again testimony of the generosity of the people within the town of Bourke. Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis was joined by several local riders including Mark Gordon and John Bartley in completing the ride through part of the Shire and no doubt will again be in solid training for October. Former Bourke High School Deputy Principal, Geoff Michelle undertook the ride from boundary to boundary and it is hoped to have someone available in 2015 to undertake the same role. There a couple of keen riders at the High School and they may be encouraged to undertake the role this year.

The parts required to repair the Jandra have arrived and it is hoped to have the vessel operational as soon as possible. The unfortunate breakdown has resulted in a number of tourists being unable to enjoy the river cruise and also resulted in a loss of revenue for Council in one of the peak tourist periods.

Council staff will be undertaking additional work on behalf of the Roads and Maritime Services on State Highway north of Enngonia. The advice of the work was certainly very welcome by Council and provides both Council and a number of local contactors the opportunity to ensure that their plant is fully utilised.

Council staff members are evaluating the suitability of a number of new computer systems for utilisation for its accounting and other functions. Council's current system is very dated in computer terms and while it is being maintained is not updated at all. Council has been looking at the options for an upgrade for some time now and whilst over the past few years there have been limited options a number of suppliers are looking at the smaller sized Councils with a view to catering for this market. There are a number of other Councils in the region who are also in a similar position as Bourke and the opportunity for a joint purchase has been one of the possibilities being discussed.

Work on the Cuttaburra Bridge was disrupted by the recent rainfall but the contactors have been on site and completed much of the work and subject to any additional rainfall should be completed over the next two (2) weeks.

There is no further news on the re-establishment of an air service for Bourke save for the fact that the evaluation process is still continuing which in itself is a positive. Expressions of interest from airlines interested in providing the services to Bourke and Walgett closed in April.

The end of the financial year is a challenge for all those in business with everyone ensuring that accounts relating to 2014/2015 and received or issued so that can be properly accounted for prior to the roll over to 2015/2016. Council asks all those who have outstanding accounts for goods and services purchased by Council to send them in for payment.

Following the receipt of all the necessary building materials work has commenced on the repairs to the grandstand at Davidson Oval and it is hoped to have the work finalised by the end of July.

The recent rainfall has seen the ground tank at Byrock receive a much needed inflow with around two (2) metres flowing into what was previously a dry tank. Carting of water continued whilst the run off had time to settle and hopefully there will be enough water in the tank to last for at least the next two (2) months subject of course to future rain fall being received.

Council at the meeting held on Monday, 22nd June resolved not to submit a "Fit for the Future" proposal at this time. For the eight (8) Councils in the Far West Initiative the submission of a proposal was optional and Council's decision not to submit a proposal was consistent with the decision of the other seven (7) Councils. Council will continue working through what is known as "template Three" for Councils who meet the criteria for a Rural Council and will be looking at service delivery and in particular ways to improve efficiency and productivity

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The erosion of services from rural NSW has been an ongoing concern of mine for a number of years. We have seen a contraction of services to a number of regional centres to the detriment of the communities of a number of the smaller centres. The loss of one or two jobs may not seem to be significant but when the cumulative impact of these and similar job losses is considered they have major impact on the town and our economy.

Whilst things such as economy of scale must be considered the access to essential services particularly those provided by government agencies should something that is available all people not just those along the eastern seaboard.

The concept of the "sandstone curtain" is often quoted and refers to the Great Dividing Range and quite often you speak to people on the other side that have little understanding of the lack of services and distances required to be travelled in this part of the state.

Thought for the week!

A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new- Albert Einstein

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2nd July 2015

Mayor, Cr Lewis and Manager of Tourism and Development, Phil Johnston joined representatives from Coonamble Shire and representatives from NSW Farmers in a meeting with the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. John Barrilaro, MP at Parliament House last Thursday to discuss the impact of the drought on the communities in this part of the state.

The meeting was very positive with the Minister gaining further understanding of the issues impacting on the communities which have been impacted by drought.

Bourke Shire Council has been a leading advocate for assistance for those landowners and businesses who have felt the financial impact of the extended dry conditions. Whilst we have had good rain over the past month it doesn't suddenly stop the impact of long term drought conditions with the recovery period for those impacted by drought likely to be quite long.

The work in repairing the Jandra has taken a little longer than anticipated, however the works should be completed and the vessel boat is back in operation later in the week.

Bourke Shire Council was one of a number of Councils in New South Wales who submitted an expression of interest in relation for funding under the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Program -Airports and were successful in being selected to proceed to the second stage of the selection process.

Council's Expression of Interest related to improvements to both the runway and lighting system at the Bourke Airport. The applications for the second stage close in August and Council will be required to supply a much more comprehensive submission in an effort to maximise its opportunity to be able to secure a share of the available funding which has increased from $50 Million to $94 Million in recognition of the high standard of the proposals submitted.

A briefing session for the Councils selected for the second round was held in Sydney on Monday and Bourke was represented by Phil Johnston, Manager of Tourism and Development. The purpose of the briefing was to more fully explain what was expected in the second round proposals.

The Annual Enngonia Race meeting has had to be cancelled for the fourth time in six (6) years due to wet weather which is astonishing given we have experienced drought conditions for much of that time.

The wet weather at Enngonia had initially meant that the meeting would be transferred to Bourke Race Track which was still in great condition following the Back to Bourke Race Meeting.

However, the heavy rain received on Monday night meant that the Bourke track was also far too wet for plans to continue which was obviously very disappointing for the committee who had worked so hard to host the race meeting.

There has been a significant change to the way in which Workers Compensation Premiums for larger businesses are to be calculated from 2015/2016. Council's Worker's Compensation Insurers, StateCover, ran a number of seminars across the state, Dubbo for the Councils of this area to explain the changes. Due to a number of reasons Bourke Shire Council was unable to attend as were a number of other Councils in the area. Bourke Shire has arranged for StateCover to visit Bourke to run through the changes and Bourke Shire will be joined by Walgett, Brewarrina and Cobar Shires with a couple of other Councils still to confirm.

Council has accepted an invitation from Services New South Wales to provide a slightly increased range of services on their behalf. Councils adopted a recommendation from staff to accept that invitation with Council resolving at the meeting on 22nd June 2015 to provide services relating to Birth Deaths and Marriages in addition to some work for the Department of Fair Trading and the Seniors Card.

The introduction of the new services will take place over the next few months once staff have received the required training and any additional facilities installed.

Included in the proposal is the possible installation of a self-serve kiosk that will enable people without internet connection at home or work to be able to process transactions. The concept of Service New South Wales has been rolled out by the State Government over the past few years and involves the ability for Services New South Wales Offices to be able to process payments and enquiries for a number of NSW government Departments and not just the RMS.

There a number of grant opportunities currently available and most of the grants are allocated on a competitive basis. If Councils are to be successful in their applications they should ensure that the applications lodged are of a high standard and meet all the appropriate guidelines.

Transport New South Wales conducted a seminar in Dubbo last week aimed at ensuring all Councils were aware of the criteria and guidelines for grant funds allocated by that Department and both Mark Gordon the Manager of Roads and I took the opportunity to

attend. The course was beneficial and provided some important insights into ways submissions can be improved to maximise the chances of success. One of the concerns of all smaller Councils is the ability to be able to dedicate both the staff and financial resources to the wide range of applications. It is important that we focus on those grants which we feel have the best chance of success.

Like most businesses in Australia, Bourke Shire will be undertaking the end of year processing including the finalisation of the accounts for 2014/2015 and commencing the 2015/2016 Financial Year.

The end of year involves a considerable amount of additional work including the production of group certificates, finalising and acquitting grants, payment of creditors to reflect the correct year, calculation of depreciation and then culminating with the preparation of the Annual Financial Reports.

The wet weather has been certainly welcome in the far west of the state with a number of areas receiving very good falls of rain which would have been extremely welcome by landowners who have been struggling with drought conditions for an extended period.

The wet weather has also resulted in significant closures of the unsealed road network right across the far west as Councils took action to limit traffic on these roads in an effort to ensure that there was no damage to the road surfaces or significant damage caused by deep wheel marks. Generally the travelling public act responsibly but there a few who think it is okay to cause damage to roads and reserves and do not think of the work that goes into repairing the damage they cause and the significant costs incurred.

I have noticed that Sydney press have shown an increased focus and interest on the Local Government Reform Process with the prospect of amalgamations in the Sydney area being the focus of a number of newspaper articles.
It would appear that there has been some talks and possible agreement between some Councils in the metropolitan region relating to merger proposals.

The 144 Councils who had to submit “Fit for the Future” proposals had to do so by Tuesday, 30th June and the bulk of those will no doubt appear on the websites of the respective Councils.

The proposals will be assessed by IPART who have indicated that they will have their report completed in mid- October 2015.

Council has joined with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in increasing public awareness in relation to the need to cover loads of rubbish to Waste Management Facilities. There are penalties for failing to cover loads and the while this should in itself be a deterrent there should also be an understanding of the potential environmental damage that rubbish that is incorrectly disposed of can cause coupled with the impact it has on the appearance of the landscape.

The Legislative Council has asked the General Purpose Standing Committee No 6 to inquire into and report on local Government in New South Wales in relation to a number of aspects of the current Local Government Reform Process.

The committee will conduct a public hearing at Cobar on the 17th August 2015. Bourke Shire Council will be drafting a brief submission to the committee and forwarding it by the closing date which is this Sunday 5th July 2015.

Thought for the week!

> *"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen".*
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> *Winston Churchill*

9th July 2015

Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and Manager of Tourism and Development, Phil Johnston and I joined representatives from Coonamble, Brewarrina and Walgett Shire in Brewarrina to follow on the meeting with the Minister for Regional Development, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP regarding the impact both socially and economically of the extended drought conditions which have plagued our respective shires over the past three or four years.

The initial representations to Minister Barilaro were coordinated by NSW Farmers who have been strong advocates for assistance to be provided to the impacted communities.
Following the initial meeting the Minister requested additional details so that consideration of assistance could be further progressed.
The type of assistance is still being determined but will need to be available to both the business sector and the rural sector.

While recent rainfall has seen the lessening of those drought conditions the impact of three or four years of substantially reduced income is not overcome over-night.

One of the significant impacts of drought conditions is that many employees whose income is directly related to the strength of the rural economy are forced to travel elsewhere to find work and in many instances this move often becomes permanent. Bourke Shire faced this dilemma during the drought in the early 2000s and has yet to fully recover from that event.

The lack of water for irrigation has meant that cotton production has fallen significantly over the past four years. With the fall in production it has also meant a decrease in the number of employees required and a decrease in inputs to the local economy.

As detailed last week the work required to have the PV Jandra operational has been completed and the vessel is once again fully operational. The numbers on the boat have been good since it restarted operations and it is hoped that this increase in patronage will continue to make up for the numbers lost whilst repairs were being affected.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to ensure that the downtime was minimised.

Whilst on the Jandra, it forms one of the major tourist attractions for Bourke and District as we strive to make Bourke a "Destination" as opposed to merely a stopover.

The Jandra, coupled with the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre, Crossley Engine, Outback Show, Town Tours, Poetry on a Plate, good quality accommodation and caravan parks, good hospitality, friendly faces and great food at the local hotels, club and restaurants, art galleries, shopping centre, Mount Oxley, the historical features of Bourke and its place in Australian folklore are combining to achieve that goal with the intent that the visitation period for each of our tourists will be extended and this will only serve to strengthen the contribution of tourism to the local economy.

If you have not previously visited any of the attractions in town or it has been some time since the last visit why not take the time to reacquaint yourself with what the town has to offer. Each resident has the opportunity to be an ambassador for the town and in doing so play their part in the promotion of the town.

Some of the recent comments received from tourists at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre include:

- Great walk through history
- An awakening to Australia's existence
- Excellent

Nominations are now open for the Australian of the Year Awards. The awards are in four categories: Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (65 years and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30 years) and Australia's Local Hero.

Further details can be obtained at Councils Offices. Nominations close on the 3rd August 2015.

Nominations are also being called for the "Hidden Treasures Honour Roll".

Hidden Treasures acknowledges the important volunteer roles women play within NSW Rural Communities. It is not an award but provides a platform to pay tribute to rural women volunteers who donate their time and energy to help others. Nominating a rural woman for the Hidden Treasure Roll is a great way to celebrate rural women from across New South Wales who give so much of their time to improving our communities and neighbourhoods.

Further details are available from Council offices or emailing rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close on 31st July 2015.

Council had submitted an application for funding under the Mobile Phone Service Black Spots Programme, however, were unfortunately unsuccessful. While extremely disappointed we will continue to lobby for improved services to our community in relation to mobile service and continue to highlight the fact that mobiles are an essential part of life and those without the service are at a significant disadvantage. The town of Wanaaring has no service at all which comes as a major surprise to many tourists who rely on the connection to the internet via mobile service for maps and information not to mention any emergency situations.

The villages of Louth, Enngonia and Byrock whilst having some mobile service it falls well short of community expectations and in some instance relies very much on exactly where you are standing and often fades in and out. The quality of the service to all sectors of our community was mentioned in our submission. We are often told by our mobile service providers that 98% of the population is able to have mobile reception; however, percentage of the land mass that is adequately covered is almost the reverse, given the high density of population along the eastern seaboard in particular.

In great news Council received notification during the week that the Roads to Recovery Funding had been significantly increased for the next two years. Council's allocation over the past has been $840,838 and it had previously been advised that amount would double for the 2015/2016 financial year.

However, earlier this week Councils across Australia were notified of a significant increase for 2015/2016 with Bourke Shire's allocation going to $2,402,131 and the allocation for 2016/2017 being $2,774,060 before returning to the normal allocation in 2017/2018.

Council will now identify projects which can be undertaken with the additional funding as it strives to improve the vast road network for which it is responsible. There are number of projects throughout the shire which have been possible from Roads to Recovery funding and its implementation has been a tremendous assistance to Council.

The Back Of Bourke Race Club has again been allocated Easter Sunday as their Race Day date for 2016. No doubt the allocation of the date reflects the hard work done by the committee in staging the 2015 meeting and the huge attendance on the day. The Race Day will be one of the features of the activities being discussed by the Back to Bourke Reunion Committee as they discuss the options for next year's activities.

It is good to see the increased usage of Renshaw Oval Complex and the cooperation shown amongst user groups. Hopefully, with a combination of resources, the successful lodgement of grant applications and the ongoing support of Council the transformation which has taken place at Renshaw Oval can continue.

I note that some local businesses have recently changed hands and would wish the new proprietors of the North Bourke Store, Denise, Sandi and Judi all the best for the new venture whilst Dan and Stephanie have recently taken over the Mitchell Caravan Park and

again I wish them well with their new business. It is good to see the ongoing confidence in the town.

Remember shopping locally keeps employment local. If it is not on the shelf or on display ask if it can be ordered in!

Support the businesses that support the town!

Remember also whilst the utilisation of online payments may be convenient it can come at a cost of local jobs and the availability of local service. If there is an agency in town why not pay locally!

The Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for the Environment will be in town next week and will be accompanied by our Local Member for Parkes Mark Coulton. Mr Baldwin will meet with members of Barwon Darling Water as well as Council where the discussion will heavily focus on the socio-economic impact of the water buybacks on the towns along the Barwon Darling system and in particular Bourke.

Thought for the week!

"Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." - John F. Kennedy

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16th July 2015

Mark Sunday, 18th October in your diary as it will be the date of the 2015 Graffiti Removal Day. Graffiti Removal Day is run by Rotary Down Under with the support of a wide range of community organisations including, Scouts, Girl Guides and the Australian Men's Shed Association. The day is sponsored by the NSW Government, Rotary Down Under, Dulux, Selleys Smart Graffiti and Brookfield Johnston Controls.

The Graffiti Removal Day has been successful in Bourke in the past and coupled with the efforts of Council has seen a reduction of this mindless vandalism in our community. It is a great opportunity for community groups and individuals to make a significant impact on the appearance of the town. Bourke Rotary will again be assisting with the coordination locally.

The North Bourke area has received a real boost with the four (4) new homes built for police residences being complimented by the new homes being constructed on the blocks released by Council with a number of other homes being considered for the area.

The next Council meeting of Bourke Shire is scheduled for the 27th July 2015 and will be held in the Council Chambers, 29 Mitchell Street Bourke commencing at 9.00am. A public forum

is held at 10.00am and anyone who wishes to address Council is invited to do so at that time. To enable any information to be available it is advantageous if persons wishing to speak advise the Executive Assistant, Kai Howard-Oakman of their intention to attend.

Representatives from Campaspe Shire, based in Echuca visited Bourke to look at the way Bourke caters for the tourist Industry and exchange a number of ideas. A considerable amount of the visitation to Echuca revolves around the Murray River with Echuca located on the banks of that famous water course.

There are some similarities to Bourke in that regard and whilst obviously Echuca is a much larger centre than Bourke the importance to both communities of tourism is obvious and something that will continue to be fostered.

The Back to Bourke Committee who organised the highly successful events last Easter is again back in full swing looking at 2016. The group is relatively small but extremely hard working and would appreciate hearing from those that wish to organise events for the 2016 Reunion. The Back to Bourke Weekend was very much a whole of community event and it is important that the support of the whole of the community is provided to the committee. Why not volunteer to help with one of the activities planned for the weekend and share the load.

The Councils of Bourke, Brewarrina, Walgett and Coonamble continue to demonstrate a strong cooperative approach in seeking support for both the rural sector and the commercial and retail sectors of their communities who are experiencing difficulties as result of the extended drought conditions.

The Councils have adopted a regional approach in their endeavours and it is good to see this collective approach to a problem evident across all four (4) shires. As I have mentioned before the recent rainfall has been extremely welcome and whilst it increases a level of confidence it does not translate into immediate income for the community and the impacts of the drought will be felt for some time yet and the recovery time for some will be several years.

I will be travelling to Dubbo for a meeting of the General Manager's Advisory Council (GMAC) to the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) on Friday. GMAC provides advice to OROC on a number of matters as well as coordinating a number of projects aimed at both fostering regional cooperation and instituting costs saving initiatives for the member Councils. Some of the more recent examples were the joint tender for the supply of electricity across the region and the appointment of a joint Code of Conduct Reviewer Panel with each producing savings in terms of advertising and assessment together with ongoing costs.

OROC will meet in Dubbo on the 31st July and included on the agenda this meeting is a visit by the President of Local Government New South Wales, Keith Rhoades and the Chief Executive, Donna Rygate. With the current Local Government reform process under way no doubt both Keith and Donna will be able to provide some insight as to what they think may be the expected outcome of this process.

Whilst in Dubbo Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and I will also meet with Ian Scott the Community Affairs Manager for the National Broadband Network regarding the role out of the fixed line NBN in Bourke which is scheduled to occur over the next twelve (12) months.

The announcement that Bourke was to receive the NBN was welcome news when it was first announced and hopefully this meeting will shed light on the exact details relating to the area to be covered and anticipated timetable.

Council has received the first two instalments of the 2015/2016 Financial Assistance Grants which is a welcome boost to our finances. There are a number of factors which are considered in the determination of these grants including the increase or decrease in population of each Local Government area.

Council always welcomes the opportunity to discuss matters with both the State and Federal Members and in this regard we are fortune to regularly have visits from the Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries and the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton.

Kevin was in town last week whilst Mark made a visit earlier this week. Kevin has by far the biggest electorate in the New South Wales Parliament whilst Mark has the biggest Federal Electorate in NSW and one of the larger ones in Australia. With electorates being determined on a population basis and the rapid increase along the eastern seaboard we will see an ongoing expansion of the rural electorates. Perhaps one of the criteria to stand for the election for these areas is the holding of a pilot's license.

Council has been invited to lodge an expression of interest for funding Under Restart NSW funding for regional infrastructure projects to go towards clearing a backlog of projects in country towns affected by ongoing water quality and sewer problems. The projects eligible for funding are those previously remaining in the Country Towns Water Supply and Sewage Scheme with Council having three (3) projects eligible including an upgrade of the water treatment plant. Council has the NSW Department of Public Works developing plans that will accompany the expression of interest for funding to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant. With the use of improved technology and improved automation it is hoped that the new plant will result in some costs savings.

Council staff have also commissioned reports in to a number of the village water supplies with a view to having "shovel ready" projects available should funding become available to upgrade these supplies. Most of the village water supplies have bores attached to them and

funding may be available to increase the capacity of the bores, many of which are quite old. The village of Byrock currently doesn't have a bore and relies on local run off into the open catchment, if funding became available and a successful bore could be drilled in that area it would negate the need for water carting which is what is required during the dry periods at considerable expense.

The Louth races are a little over three (3) weeks away and the village is preparing for this huge annual event. I was looking at the advertisement for the races and couldn't help but notice the great support that the event has attracted which is evidence of a hard working committee, the generosity of the sponsors and their confidence in the success of the day. This is no doubt coupled with the excellent reputation that the Louth Race meeting has throughout the wider racing fraternity and the region generally.

Annette and I took in the Outback Show on Saturday along with a number of visitors and Luke and Karen together with their team of trained camels, bullocks, horses and dogs put on a very enjoyable show. With his sense of humour and ability to recite a number or poems verbatim Luke had the crowd engaged for the entire show with one lady sitting in front of us having tears from laughter streaming down her face.

At the end of the show Luke dedicated a few minutes detailing the other attractions of Bourke and certainly proved a great ambassador for the town recognising the need to provide our visitors with an "experience" and not restricting their visit to one or two of the attractions in Bourke.

Quote of the Week

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now". – Chinese Proverb

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23rd July 2015

Council has continued to receive requests from residents asking Council to obtain further information relating to the provision of maternity services in Bourke. With the decision not to reopen the Birthing Unit being officially announced on the 9th June 2015 and the other suggestion of a Midwife Led Maternity Service not getting any support the maternity services were to be confined to both ante and postal natal support. The details of this service have yet to be communicated to the community and although the service is already provided through Community Health it was indicated that the services would be enhanced.

The Barwon Darling Zone of the NSW Rural Fire Service which incorporates the Councils of Bourke and Brewarrina will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 12th August 2015. The meetings are coordinated by Chris Favelle the Manager of the Far West Team and aim to increase the level of preparedness for the forthcoming bushfire season. While at the moment we have been experiencing some cold and wet conditions the reality is that this will lead to a

significant increase in fuel across the two shires and planning needs to take place well in advance so that every opportunity is taken to mitigate the potential of fire.

A number of residents have been placing additional bin(s) out for collection on a regular basis and as a result have received notification that they will be receiving a charge for that additional bin(s). If you have been notified that you are to be charged for an additional bin and do not want the additional service you should notify Council's Rates Officer and the additional charge will be removed.

Council's adopted fees and charges provide a charge for each 240 litre capacity bin, with additional bins available for the additional charge.

If you would like to save yourself the trip to the Waste Management Facility and arrange for an additional service you can contact Council's Rates Officer.

While on garbage collection residents are asked that they put the bins out the night before as collection times can vary. To reduce the likelihood of bins being knocked over they should be placed on level ground and have the lid closed.

Council meets next Monday, 27th July 2015 at 9.00am in the Council Chambers with the Public Forum being held at 10.00am for those who wish to take the opportunity to raise any issue with Council.

Council staff will this week commence the work on the grading of the roads around Louth in preparation for the Louth Races.

Graders are currently on Main Road 68, Louth-Tilpa East Side below Louth and will cross over to Rural Local Road 10, Tooralé when they arrive in Louth and work back down to the boundary of Central Darling Shire. Main Road 407, Louth-Cobar Road will receive a grade as well as both sides of the river from Louth to Bourke. Work will be completed in time for the race meeting.

The Shire works crew completed the work on State Highway 7, North of Enngonia last week.

Bourke Shire Council in conjunction with the NSW Heritage Council, offers small grants on a $ for $ basis to private home owners for restoration and repair work. Conserving places of historic value is important to the whole community.

This is a good opportunity for owners of old houses to look at repairing or repainting their home. Some of the work that has received assistance in the past includes repairing verandas, re-stumping floors, new fences to suit the style of the house and roof repairs.

If you think you have a project that might qualify for these funds, or wish to make an appointment with Council's Heritage Advisor, please phone Carolyn Crain on (02) 6830 8000.

Application forms can be downloaded from Council's Website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au.

Applications are to be submitted to Council by **4.00pm, Friday, 7th August 2015.**

The Manager of Tourism and Economic Development Phil Johnston will travel to Broken Hill later this week to attend the Annual Conference of Inland Tourism. The conference will also feature the presentation of awards.

This year one of the features of the Annual gathering will be a one day workshop aimed at providing training and information to operators in the region. This workshop replaces the Symposium format but will feature a range of speakers providing best practice information in the fields of digital technology, marketing advice, events and the topic of visiting friends and relatives.

The networks provided at this forum and the relationships that are formed are important to our year round marketing efforts as we continue to partner with others in the region to highlight the attractiveness of visiting the area.

For all Pet Owners
Identification/Microchipping – Once dogs and cats reach 12 weeks of age, they MUST be microchipped.

Microchipping is the placement of a small chip (about the size of a grain of rice) between the shoulders of your pet. The chip has 15 digit number inside that is read by a scanner.

The microchip number is entered into the NSW Companion Animals Register, along with the animal's details, and your name and address, enabling Council officers to identify who owns the animal.

If you sell/give away a dog or a cat that is less than 12 weeks old, it is required to be microchipped before being sold/given away.

Microchipping can be done at your local Veterinary Surgery.

Lifetime Registration – When your pet reaches six (6) months of age, it is required to be lifetime registered.

Current fees to have your pet registered are:

Non desexed	$192.00*
Desexed	$52.00*
Pensioner (Animals MUST be desexed)	$21.00*

Recognised Breeder	$51.00*
Assistance Animal	Free

*Please note these fees generally increase on 1st July each year.

If you are claiming the reduced registration for fee for de-sexing, you must provide a letter, certificate or clear receipt from a Vet or a statutory declaration from the owner.

If you are claiming the reduced registration fee for a pensioner, you must provide proof of de-sexing of the animal (see above) and a current pensioner concession card.

Once your animal is registered, it is now registered for life, as long as it remains in NSW.

Registration of your animal can be undertaken at any local Council.

Rotary held its Annual Changeover on Monday night which marks the changeover of office bearers for the ensuing twelve months. I have been elected President for 2015/2016 with Charlotte Finch as Secretary and Lisa Crothers continuing as Treasurer. Phil Johnston the retiring President is to be congratulated on the work he put into the club during his period at the helm.
Due to a number of factors membership of many service clubs has dwindled and Bourke has seen in the past very strong active Apex, Rotary, Rotaract and Lions Clubs, however, like many towns Bourke has seen the demise or significant reduction in member numbers in these clubs. Rotary has seen highs and lows of membership and in turn the ability to undertake community service over the years. Over the next twelve months we will be striving to gain an increase in membership which will in turn enable much more service work to be undertaken.

Volunteerism plays a very important part in developing the social fabric of towns whether that be participation in the School P &C, kids sporting groups, Rural Fire Service, Hospital Auxiliary, Meals on Wheels or the myriad of other organisations within the town. If you have a bit of spare time I am sure that there will be a number of organisations who will make you welcome.

Quote of the Week

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." *Winston S. Churchill*

Ross Earl
General Manager

Recommendation:
That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27th July 2015 be received and noted.

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	**L4.1**
Report: 407/2015	**Library Report**
Author:	**Jodi Hatch, Library Manager**
Responsible Officer:	**Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services**

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

1. Circulation statistics for June 2015:

Audio Visual	376
Adult Fiction	233
Non-Fiction	97
Junior Fiction	190
Magazines	92
Interlibrary Loans	4
Total	**992**

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

Audio Visual	302
Adult Fiction	268
Non-Fiction	150
Junior Fiction	241
Magazines	110
Interlibrary Loans	4
Total	**1075**

2. Other statistical information:

New Members	6
Internet/Word Processing	130
Wireless Tickets	14
Number of Visitors	2748
Scans	20
Information Requests	69
Technical Assistance	8
Faxes	26

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

New Members	8
Internet/Word Processing	87
Wireless Tickets	14
Number of Visitors	1872
Scans	4
Information Requests	38
Technical Assistance	7

3. Children's craft and story time this month had 13 children attending.

4. Lego Club this month had six (6) children attending.

5. Know Your Standards Week was held this month. The library had a display throughout the week, which was popular with customers. We also held a morning tea with games, which five (5) people attended.

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

Jodie Hatch
Library Manager

Recommendation
That information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27th July 2015 be received and noted.

TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	**T4.3**
Report: 507/2015	**BOBEC and VIC June 2015 Activity update**
Responsible Officer:	**Phil Johnston, Manager Tourism and Development**

June has been a busy time at the Visitors Centre and Back O' Bourke with school holidays and better weather in June meaning that queries and bookings have been high. Like April and May, June has seen a record number of visitors to the Visitors Centre for the same period as last year. Almost 16,000 people came through the visitors Centre doors for the period to June 30th.

The Outback Show started a little later this year but has also been busy even though we have had a higher number of wet days so far this season.

While numbers to the Exhibition Centre are slightly down for the month of June they are about 10% higher than in 2014 for the first six months of the year.

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

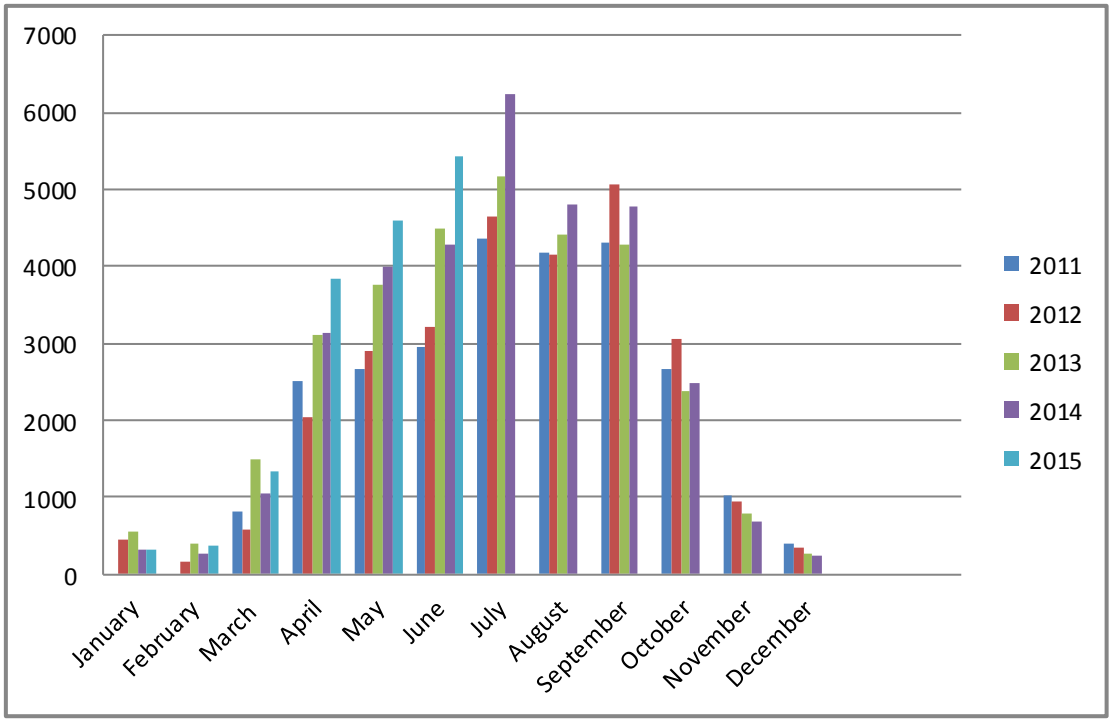

Table showing number of visitors to the Tourist Centre by month

	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	
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	
November	1012	930	789	671	
December	386	347	254	242	

Visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

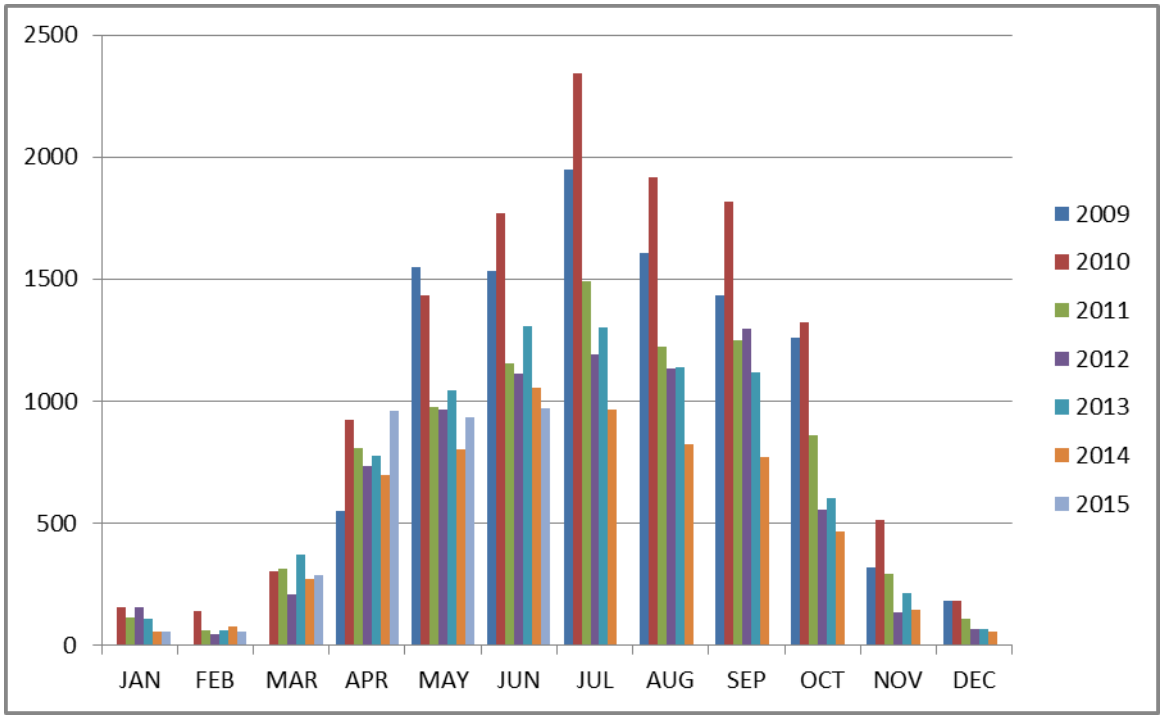

Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

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

Table showing visitation on board the PV Jandra

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

The PV Jandra was out of action as a result of the breakdown of the variable speed drive which controls the paddle. The Jandra was under repair for just over three (3) weeks throughout June reflecting the poor numbers for the month. Since being underway again the Jandra has enjoyed good numbers.

Early in July the Jandra was inspected by Roads and Maritime Services with no faults being recorded.

Work is continuing on the development of a new marketing initiative which will be known as Back O' Bourke Loop Trails. Six (6) loop trails have been developed which are designed to showcase the greater area outside of Bourke with a mixture of loops between one (1) and

six (6) days. The initiative is designed to make the most of visitors that are seeking to go off-road in and around Bourke, acknowledging that they may not have a lot of time.

Recommendation
That the information in the Tourism and Development Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 27th July 2015 be received and noted.

Phil Johnston
Manager of Tourism & Development