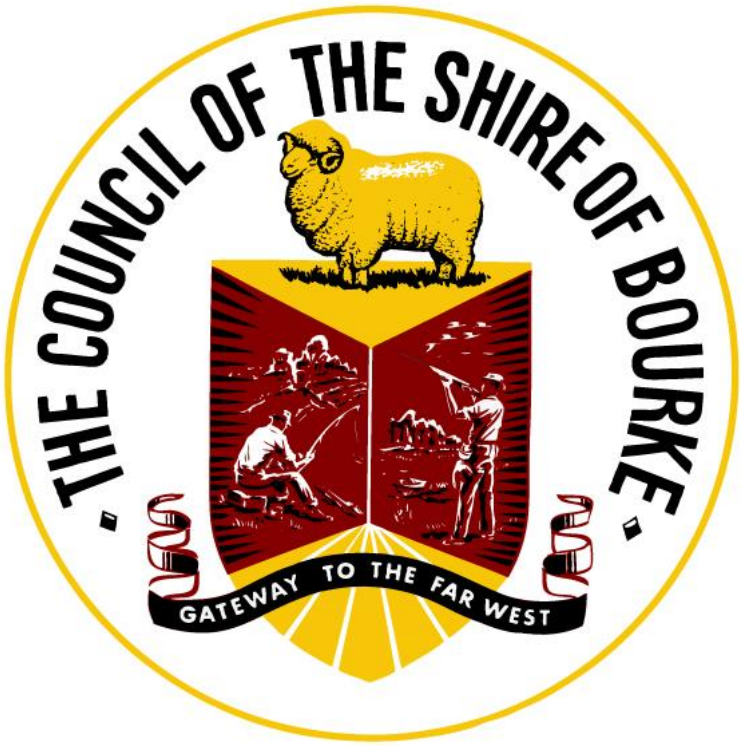

Bourke Shire Council
Agenda
Tuesday, 20th June 2017

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 attached Agenda

General Manager: Ross Earl

AGENDA

C12.1

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 Tuesday, 20th June 2017 be adopted.

7. Confirmation of the Minutes

Recommendation:
That the minutes as amended of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd May 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

8. Business Arising

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	006/2017	Business Arising	9	Notation

9. Engineering Services Department

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
		Nil Reports for June 2017		

10. Environmental Services & Development Department

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
		Nil Reports for June 2017		

11. General Manager

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	331/2017	Western Division Mid -Term Meeting Cobar	16	Consideration
	332/2017	Western Division Councils Meeting with the Hon. John Barilaro, Deputy Premier	17	Notation
★	333/2017	Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy	17	Consideration
	334/2017	Deferment of Fire And Emergency Services Levy (FESL)	19	Adoption
	335/2017	Proposed visits to Bourke by the Hon. John Barilaro, MP Deputy Premier Minister for Regional New South Wales Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business Hon Victor Dominello MP Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Hon Sarah Mitchell MP Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education	20	Notation
★	336/2017	Master Plan For Council Sporting and Recreational Facilities	20	Notation
★	337/2017	Adoption of the Revised Draft Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027	21	Adoption
★	338/2017	Adoption of the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan	23	Adoption

12. Corporate Services Department

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	429/2017	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances	24	Notation
★	430/2017	Investment Report as at 31st May 2017	25	Notation
★	431/2017	Pecuniary Interest Returns	27	Notation
★	432/2017	Delivery Program 2013/2017 and Operation Plan 2016/2017	28	Adoption
★	433/2017	Making of the Rates 2017/2018	31	
★	434/2017	Outstanding Debts Due to Council	33	Adoption
★	435/2017	Loan Program 2016/2017	33	Adopted

13. Tourism & Development

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
		Nil Reports for June 2017		

14. Delegates and Councillors Reports

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	2017	Nil Reports for June 2017		

15. Committee Minutes

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	2017	Nil Reports for June 2017		

16. Policies

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	2017	Nil Reports for June 2017		

17. Précis of Correspondence

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	913/2017	Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2017	34	Consideration
★	914/2017	Water Tower on Morven St & Artist Guido Van Helten	34	Consideration

18. Activity Reports

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	106/2017	Engineering	40	Notation
	206/2017	Environmental	47	Notation
	306/2017	General Manager	49	Notation
	406/2017	Corporate Services	60	Notation
	506/2017	Tourism & Development	61	Notation

19. Closed Session

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
		Nil Reports for June 2017		

10.00am	Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council • Andrew Hull – Local Land Services - Western
11.00am	Darling River Local Area Command – Update

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NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

PURSUANT TO SECTION 451 OF THE NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993
(AS AMENDED)

To the General Manager

I, _____

Declare a Conflict of Interest, being a NON-PECUNIARY Interest.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Reason for Interest _____

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As a result of my non-pecuniary interest, my involvement in the meeting will be as follows:

☐ **Option A** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate and vote.

☐ **Option B** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate but not vote.

☐ **Option C** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and participate in the debate but leave the Chamber for the vote.

☐ **Option D** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and not participate in the debate and vote.

☐ **Option E** – Make a declaration, stay in the Chamber and not participate in the debate and not vote.

☐ **Option F** – Make a declaration, do not participate in the debate and leave the Chamber upon making the declaration. Do not return until the matter is resolved.

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Signature Date

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OTHER THAN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Reason for Interest _____

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Signature Date

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month/ Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2017				
June	2nd	9.30am	Hungerford Field Day	Hungerford
	2nd		OROC Meeting	Dubbo
	20th	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
	22nd	2.00pm	Meeting with Joy Adams & Llison Louden WDLHS – Re: Maternity Services	Council Chamber
	29th	12.30pm	FACS - Jo Lawrence, Wendy Crockett & Teena Bonham	TBA
		3.00pm	Travel to Cobar	
	30th	8.00am	Western Division Mid Term Meeting	Cobar
July	8th	9.00am	Liquor Accord Meeting	Council Chamber
	24th	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
August	21st	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
September	25th	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
	29th	TBA	Police Remembrance Day	TBA
October	23rd	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber
November	7th – 9th		National Local Roads & Transport Congress	Albany - WA
	27th	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chamber

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST

Information which has been sent out to Councillors since 15th May 2017

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Email
17/05/2017	Agenda Business Papers and Confidential Reports	MANEX	Councillors MANEX
25/05/2017	Council Concerns with LGNSW - North Sydney	Ross McCreanor Acting GM Nth Sydney Council	Councillors MANEX
25/05/2017	Minutes – 22nd May 2017	Council	Councillors
29/05/2017	Meeting Reminder – RaRMS, at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 31st May in the Council Chamber	EA	Councillors MANEX
30/05/2017	LGNSW Response to FESL delay	LGNSW	Councillors MANEX
31/05/2017	Meeting Reminder – RaRMS, at 5.00pm	EA	Councillors MANEX
05/06/2017	Essential & Advanced Skills for Councillors	Preferred Training Networks	Councillors
08/06/2017	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	Councillors
09/06/2017	Meeting with Alison Louden & Joy Adams	EA	Councillors
09/06/2017	Message from the President	Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM	Councillors
13/06/2017	Proposed changes to Australian citizenship are unfair and discriminatory		Councillors

BUSINESS ARISING FROM 22ND MAY 2017

KEY: ☐ Action still pending ▒ Action

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

206/2013	Review of Organisational Structure
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	S6.41

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the recommendations in relation to the realignment of any positions be considered prior to the advertising of any vacancies.	In progress
The positions descriptions of positions identified within the report from Local Government Management Solutions as requiring review be undertaken in consultation with both the employee and any union involved.	On hold
That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.	In progress

386/2015 & 315/2016	Return of Air Services to Bourke
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A6.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council provide the successful tenderer with the use of the "Booking Office" at the terminal	Fee structure to be compiled
A report be brought back to Council regarding the possible introduction of a small landing fee to off- set the additional costs involved in the maintenance of the terminal building	Ongoing
That the GM continues to investigate options of potential Airlines who may be interested in providing an air service to the district that includes Bourke.	Ongoing

41/2016	Tourism – Notice of Motion
Responsible Officer	Manager of Tourism & Development
File Number	T4.1

Decision	Action Taken
Report be brought back to Council, as a matter of urgency, setting out the framework for an enhanced tourism function, by involving the local tourism related industries in the planning, coordination and execution of the tourism function.	Initial information contained within MTD activity report May Meeting

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

493/2016	Request for the Extension of the Louth Airstrip
Responsible Officer	Manager of Road Services
File Number	V1.5
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
MRS bring a report back to Council on the request for an extension to the Louth Airstrip.	Report being prepared by AS

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

20/2017	Contribution to Rural Fire Service
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	F2.5
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
1. Thank the Rural Fire Service for deferring the increase in contributions for twelve months. 2. Point out to the Rural Fire Service that increases such as proposed are unsustainable for Councils again. 3. Seek the support of both Local Government New South Wales and the Western Division of Shires in seeking to have the methodology in relation to the Rural Fire Service reviewed again.	Motion submitted to Western Division Local Government NSW continuing to make representations

29/2017	Crown Land Management Bill 2016
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	L5.5
DECISION	**ACTION TAKEN**
Council calls on Local Government NSW for a briefing paper on the impact of the Crown Land Legislation on Local Councils and in particular the financial implications	Motion at the Western Division Conference – awaiting outcome

62/2017	Cross Border Relationships - Bulloo Shire
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	C6.7-T4.1-A3.23
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council advise Bulloo Shire that it supports the cross border initiatives 2. Council coordinate a meeting of the Bourke , Brewarrina and Walgett Shire Council from New South Wales and Bulloo, Paroo and Balonne Shires to look at what initiatives can be employed to promote tourism amongst the six (6) Councils 3. That Council sign the Memorandum of Understanding, subject to any amendments, with Bulloo Shire as the first step to establishing an effective cross- border relationship.	In progress MOU signed, Bullo Shire keen to visit in July or August 2017

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

70/2017	National Local Roads Congress – 7th – 9th November 2017
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	C6.41
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Mayor, Manager of Roads and any available Councillors be authorised to attend the National Local Roads Congress to be held 7th – 9th November 2017 in Albany, WA	Registration to be made closer to the date

96/2017	Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing & Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, the Hon. Pru Goward
Responsible Officer	Mayor
File Number	M2.2
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Mayor to invite the Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing & Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, the Hon. Pru Goward, MP to visit Bourke	Response received indicating a preparedness to visit

97/2017	RMS Road Type Two (2) Road Train Trial
Responsible Officer	Manager of Road Services
File Number	R7.1.2

That Council place the RMS Road Type Two (2) Road Train Trial on public exhibition for community consultation.	To be re-advertised when a request is received

122/2017	Invitation to the Secretary of the Department of Family & Community Services
Responsible Officer	Mayor
File Number	M2.2

Council invite the Secretary of the Department of Family & Community Services to address Council on the sources and allocation of funds directed to community welfare services in Bourke.	Phone conversation with Regional Director, Jo Lawrence – meet GM 29th June

131/2017	Installation of Playground Equipment - Jones Park Reserve
Responsible Officer	Dwayne Willoughby – Manager of Environmental Services
File Number	G4.82-P1.9

That the new playground equipment funded from the Social Housing Community Improvement Fund be installed at Jones Park	Plans completed, discussions ongoing with adjoining landowners

134/2017	Strategic Plan for Western Division
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl – General Manager
File Number	L8.5

Council indicates its willingness to contribute to the funding of the ongoing operation of the Western Division, however, defer a final decision until the finalisation of the Strategic Plan and Confirmation of the future or otherwise of the Far West Initiative	Draft Plan circulated to Councillors for comment – to be finalised in Cobar 30/06/17

156/2017	State Emergency Services – Vehicle Storage Service
Responsible Officer	Peter Brown – Manager of Town Services
File Number	E4.4

1. That Council work with State Emergency Service to find a suitable site for the vehicle storage shed 2. That a report be bought back to Council detailing cost and funding options.	Letter sent Matter raised with Minister for Emergency Services, Troy Grant

161/2017	Notice of Motion – Councillor Thompson
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl – General Manager
File Number	H1.1

Calls on RaRMS to ensure that its doctors refer patients requiring pathology services to Bourke District Hospital only, and for that purpose arranges for Department of Health personnel to staff the blood and specimen collection room at the Bourke Health Clinic.	Meeting held 31st May 2017

180/2017	Planning Proposal to Amend LEP
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
File Number	T5.3

1. "Endorse the attached draft Planning Proposal to enable the amendment of the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include residential accommodation in Part 3 of the RU1 – Primary Production and R5 – Large Lot Residential Land Use Tables and update Part 4 of these Land Use Tables to ensure those forms of residential accommodation that are currently prohibited in the RU1 and R5 zones remain prohibited; and 2. Forward the endorsed draft Planning Proposal to the DP&E with a request for a Gateway determination and proceed to public exhibition subject to advice received; and 3. Request that the Gateway delegate to Council plan making functions under Sections 59(2) and (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, in this instance."	In progress

185/2017	Innovation Fund
Responsible Officer:	General Manager
File Number	L8.20

1. Submit an application to the Innovation Fund for the development, and Improvement of the Human Resources Systems and processes jointly with Walgett and Brewarrina Shire Councils to enable all three (3) Councils ensuring that they are meeting contemporary needs in relation to Human Resources services and are able to meet the ongoing costs of maintain these systems in a cost effective manner.	Application submitted
2. Submit an application for the cost of the implementation of a GPS Tracking System for Council's Plant Fleet noting the benefits that will flow from improved Safety of Council staff and the ability to monitor the operation and service requirements of the individual items of Plant, particularly when the items of plant are working in areas without mobile phone service.	Application submitted

3. That Council submit an application for the provision of software and hardware to be utilised in association with our current plant to provide information relating to Councils Waste Management collection.	Application not submitted due to time constraints

200/2017	1010/2017 - Netwaste Tender F2442 - Tender for the Collection and Recycling of Scrap Metal for Councils in the NetWaste Region
Responsible Officer	Manager of Environmental Services
File Number	W1.3

1. That Council award the contract for the Netwaste Tender F2442 - Tender for the Collection and Recycling of Scrap Metal for Councils in the NetWaste Region to Sims Metal Management, 2. That a Contract be drawn up for the General Manager to execute, in accordance with the tender amount.	To be signed

201/2017	Wild Dog Destruction Programmes
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A8.1.5-L1.1

That BSC write to the Local Land Services (LLS) requesting details of its wild dog destruction programmes and include an invitation to address Council.	Invitation sent Andrew Hull to address June Meeting

202/2017	Western Local Health District (WLHD
Responsible Officer	Mayor
File Number	H1.1

Council write to Western Local Health District (WLHD) requesting information and statistics for births to Bourke women for the period 01/07/2015 to date, including:- 1. Numbers of births 2. Places where born 3. Mother and baby mortality rate 4. Number of induced births 5. Number of forceps – assisted delivery 6. Number of Caesarean sections performed 7. Effects on mothers of giving birth away from Country 8. Results of any patient satisfactory survey 9. Location of Plant & Equipment previously used in Birthing Unit at Bourke District Hospital 10. Details of the model of care in place at present	Meeting to be held on Thursday, 22nd June 2017

203/2017	Letter of Congratulation - Dr Fasiha Sadaf
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A3.3
Council send a letter of congratulations to Dr Fasiha Sadaf congratulating her on being accepted in to the Remote Vocational Training Scheme	Letter sent

204/2017	Letter of Congratulations – Matilda Davis
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A3.1
Council send a letter of congratulations to Matilda Davis on being recognised as Western NSW Local Health District's Midwife of the Year	Letter sent

205/2017	Letter of Congratulations - Bourke Show Committee
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	A3.1
That a letter of congratulations be written to the Bourke Show Committee congratulating them on organising and running such a successful show in 2017	Letter sent

206/2017	Main Street Redevelopment
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	R7.7.1
General Manager progress any negotiations deemed necessary to facilitate the commencement of the Main Street Redevelopment	Negotiations ongoing

Recommendation:
That the information in the Business Arising as presented on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 be received and noted.

GENERAL MANAGER

File No	L8.5
Report: 331/2017 ★	Western Division Mid -Term Meeting Cobar
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Western Division Group of Council have an Annual Conference in late February or early March of each year and then have a Mid-Term Meeting in June or July. The Group often get together at the Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales

Current Situation:

The Mid -Term Meeting of Western Division will be held in Cobar on the 30th June 2017 and the agenda for that meeting has been attached.

The Western Division Group of Councils was a formidable lobby group in years gone past and were strong advocated for the people living in the west of the state.

That Influence has waned over the years but the issues that the Western Division members so passionately advocated on behalf of the residents in the main still exist.

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Western Division of Councils held in Broken Hill on the 4th May 2017 a new Strategic Plan was developed and it will form the basis of the operation of Western Division going forward.

The plan details the functions that would be undertaken by the Western Division Councils which include Intergovernmental Collaboration and Advocacy.

As detailed the agenda for the meeting in Cobar will build on the work which has already been undertaken in developing a strategic plan which will provide a much clearer direction for all concerned. Critical to the ongoing operation of Western Division will the appointment of a new Executive Officer to replace Ruth Fagan who recently resigned and the funding of that position.

Financial Implications

There will be travel and accommodation costs involved which have been provided for in the 2016/2017 Operational Plan

Recommendation:

1. That Council be represented at the Mid – Term Meeting of the Western Division to be held at Cobar on 30th June 2017.
2. That all interested Councillors be encourage to attend.

File No	L8.5
Report: 332/2017	Western Division Councils Meeting with the Hon. John Barilaro, Deputy Premier
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

At the meeting of Western Division Council held in Wentworth the Deputy Premier suggested that the group might like to put an alternative to the proposed Far West Initiative (FWI). The development of the Strategic Plan as detailed in my previous report will go some way to achieving that end. At our meeting in Sydney to discuss the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy the Deputy Premier did make reference to the preparation of that alternative proposal.

Current Situation:

A meeting has been scheduled with the Deputy Premier on the morning of the 27th June 2017 with the Executive Members and The General Managers invited to attend.

The meeting will see the Western Division Councils being able to table and discuss the Strategic Overview and proposed functions and structure and how this would align with any proposed FWI

Financial Implications

The Mayor as a member of the Executive will make the trip and the expenses for each of the Executive Members is met by the members Council and the same would apply if the General Managers were to make the trip. Expensed in relation to the trip would be met from existing budgetary provisions.

Recommendation:

That Council note the attendance of the Mayor and the General Manager at the Meeting with the Deputy Premier, John Barilaro in his role as an Executive Member of the Western Division Councils.

File No	E5.2
Report: 333/2017 ★	Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Bourke Aboriginal Employment Development Strategy was first tabled at a meeting with Local Stakeholders and members of the Local Aboriginal Working Party, Maranguka Community Hub, Darling River Area Command and Bourke Shire Council and was facilitated by Deputy Ombudsman Danny Lester.

It was agreed that employment opportunities need to be provided within Bourke and that opportunities that do exist should take advantage of the labour pool that also exist with the town.

From the initial meeting the agreed next step forward was the involvement of the relevant Ministers in the NSW State Government and it was critical to enlist their support.

The Ministers identified for further involvement at the initial stages were the Hon. John Barilaro, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for

Small Business, the Hon. Victor Dominello MP Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education.

Danny Lester organised for a meeting to be held with the Ministers and the appropriate Staff on the 7th May 2017. In addition to those at the initial briefing it was agreed that with the building of the Abattoir and the employment opportunities this will generate that the owners CAPRA Pty Ltd should be at the table as well as a representative of local business. Daren Jackson of DJ Electrical and James Price from CAPRA Pty Ltd both agreed to participate in the discussion.

Current Situation:

On Wednesday 7th May 2017, Mayor Barry Hollman, Councillor Victor Bartley, Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown joined with Alistair Ferguson representing Maranguka and the Bourke Aboriginal Working Party in meeting with the Hon. John Barilaro, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Victor Dominello, MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education in relation to the proposed Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy. This strategy is aimed at improving employment opportunities within Bourke. Also in attendance at the meeting were Detective Inspector Rod Grant and James Price who representing CAPRA Pty Ltd the owners of the new Abattoir at North Bourke. The meeting was facilitated by Danny Lester Deputy Ombudsman who was also in attendance as were a number of senior Public Servants.

One part of the Strategy is trying to make access to State Government contracts for such things as building maintenance more accessible for local tradespeople. Currently many of the contacts are let on a region wide basis making it difficult for the smaller operators to submit tenders. The "unbundling "of these contacts would allow the smaller operators to submit prices and if successful increase the continuity of work and this continuity of work would in turn allow them to look to employ additional apprentices providing not only careers for many of the young people with the community but also ensuring an ongoing supply of trades people to service the area.

It is early days yet but I think there is sufficient support for the concept which is a local solution to a local problem.

While the project has been termed Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy it will have widespread benefits to the broader community and will hopefully open up opportunities for all students leaving school at Bourke High School in particular those having finished year 12.

Financial Implications

One of the concepts involved in the implementation of the strategy will be the employment of a "Project Officer" to drive the strategy locally and ensure that all agencies are working together. It is envisaged that funding for this Project Officer will come from the State Government. There will be some expense to be borne by Council, however, these includes the provision of office space, access to our website and the supervision and reporting on the project generally. The costs to Council should be absorbed by existing allocations. The benefits of the Strategy, if successful which I am confident it will be, will far outweigh the costs to Council.

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the Report in relation to Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy.
2. That the General Manager be authorised to continue negotiations in relation to the implementation of the Strategy
3. That Council continue to explore funding opportunities to exist with the implementation of the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy.
4. That Council continue to advance the concept of the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy.

File No	E4.1-E4.4-F2.2-F2.6
Report: 334/2017	Deferment of Fire And Emergency Services Levy (FESL)
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) was to be introduced in the 2017/2018 and was meant to ensure that all property owners within New South Wales contributed to the funding of the emergency services within the State not just those who carried insurance. It was deemed that the system was to be much fairer. A sticking point for Local Government was the fact that it was going to be collected via the rates and there were a number of issues that Councils would face including the thought by many landowners that this was another Local Government charge.

Current Situation:

The introduction of the FESL was deferred indefinitely despite the inordinate amount of work that had gone into the project including a comprehensive advertising campaign, the classification of all land which had to be done and advised to landowners months ago, the changing of computer software and the training of staff to handling enquiries which only took place in late May

Financial Implications

As part of pushing the responsibility for the levy and collection on to Local Government an assurance was given that Council would not be out of pocket. Bourke Shire Council is now collating the costs to date so it can forward an invoice to Treasury. It is not expected that any issues will arise in the recoupment of expenses. There will be a number of expenses that will not be able to be recouped which included the administrative time spent by Management Staff.

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the indefinite deferral of the introduction of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy
2. That Staff Continue to liaise with Treasury to recoup all costs incurred in the in preparation for the introduction of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy

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File No	E5.2-C2.4.2
Report: 335/2017	Proposed visits to Bourke by the Hon. John Barilaro MP Deputy Premier Minister for Regional New South Wales Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business Hon Victor Dominello MP Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Hon Sarah Mitchell MP Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

At the meeting in Sydney to discuss the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy the Mayor Issued an invitation to Hon. John Barilaro MP Deputy Premier Minister for Regional New South Wales Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business Hon Victor Dominello MP Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Hon Sarah Mitchell MP Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education to visit Bourke to further advance the Strategy and also provide the three (3) ministers the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the area.

Current Situation:

The Invitation was accepted verbally by all three (3) with the Deputy Premier indicating that he would like to get out to Bourke during the next Parliamentary break in July.

I have since written to each of the Ministers thanking them for their time at the meeting in Sydney and offering to coordinate their visits to Bourke.

I will wait for confirmation from each of their offices in due course, as to the times and dates of the proposed visits.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications for Council

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the invitations to the Hon. John Barilaro, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Victor Dominello, MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education to visit Bourke and the verbal acceptance of those invitations

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File No	S5.1
Report: 336/2017 ★	Master Plan For Council Sporting and Recreational Facilities
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Bourke Shire Council has allocated funds to undertake the development of a Master Plan in relation to the future development of Sporting and Recreational Facilities within Bourke

Current Situation:

Mark Horton from the Department of Sport and Recreation has offered to come to Bourke to facilitate workshops involving the sporting groups and other interested organisations and individuals. These workshops will determine the identified needs and/or expectations of the community in relation to the Sporting and Recreational amenities within Bourke.

The results of the workshops will be the first step in developing the Master Plan for the Sporting and Recreational facilities in Bourke and ensuring that the needs of all groups are considered in the planning process.

The first of the two (2) workshops will be held at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers on Wednesday, 5th July 2017 the second will be held on Wednesday, 19th July 2017.

The workshops will commence at 5.30pm and finish by 7.30pm.

All sporting and recreational groups are encouraged to attend and the workshops are intended to get input from a broad cross section of the community. The younger members of the community are particularly encouraged to attend as it is important that the needs of this section of our community are met. Invitations have been sent to all sporting groups.

It is anticipated that the expectations of the community will be greater than the availability of funds but it is important that we determine the priorities both in the short term and the longer term.

Financial Implications

Provision for the Development of the Strategic Plan for Sporting and Recreational Facilities has been included in the Operational Plan for 2017/2018 with the funding coming from the Infrastructure Reserve.

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the report
2. That Councillors encourage representatives of sporting groups to attend the workshops

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File No	T5.7-P4.4
Report: 337/2017 ★	Adoption of the Revised Draft Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The provisions of Section 402 of The Local Government provides as follows

(1) Each Local Government area must have a community strategic plan that has been developed and endorsed by the Council. A community strategic plan is a plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the Local Government area covering a period of at least 10 years from when the plan is endorsed.

(2) A community strategic plan is to establish strategic objectives together with strategies for achieving those objectives.

(3) The Council must ensure that the community strategic plan:-
(a) addresses civic leadership, social, environmental and economic issues in an integrated manner, and
(b) is based on social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights, and
(c) is adequately informed by relevant information relating to civic leadership, social, environmental and economic issues, and
(d) is developed having due regard to the State government's State Plan and other relevant State and regional plans of the State government.

(4) The Council must establish and implement a strategy (its community engagement strategy), based on social justice principles, for engagement with the local community when developing the community strategic plan.

(5) Following an ordinary election of Councillors, the Council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The Council may endorse the existing plan, endorse amendments to the existing plan or develop and endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.

(6) A draft community strategic plan or amendment of a community strategic plan must be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and submissions received by the Council must be considered by the Council before the plan or amendment is endorsed by the Council.

(7) Within 28 days after a community strategic plan is endorsed, the Council must post a copy of the plan on the Council's website and provide a copy to the Departmental Chief Executive. A copy of a community strategic plan may be provided to the Departmental Chief Executive by notifying the Minister of the appropriate URL link to access the plan on the Council's website

Current Situation:

As required the revised Community Strategic Plan for 2017-2027 was prepared and it was presented to Council on the 26th April 2017 were it was resolved to place the Draft Community Strategic Plan on public exhibition in accordance with Section 402 (6) as detailed above.

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

As resolved the exhibition period went from the 1st of May 2017 to the 5th of June 2017.

No comments were received from the public.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications involved in the preparation of the Community Strategic Plan 2017- 2027, however; the contents of the plan will have a significant impact and benefit on Council in planning for the future. Identified expenditure will be incorporated in future Operational Plans or when funding from other sources becomes available.

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the Draft Community Strategic Plan as presented for public exhibition
2. That Council place the Draft Community Strategic Plan on the Website and a copy be forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government as provided under section 402 (7).

File No	T5.1.2-P4.1
Report: 338/2017 ★	Adoption of the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

There is a requirement for all Councils to prepare a Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Current Situation:

A Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan was prepared and it was presented to Council on the 26th April 2017 were it was resolved to place it on public exhibition.

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

The document was placed on public exhibition from the 1st May 2017 to the 5th June 2017 with the advertisement calling for public submissions.

No comments were received from the public.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications involved in the preparation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, however; the contents of the plan may have a significant impact on Council in planning for the future. Identified expenditure will be incorporated in future Operational Plans or when funding from other sources becomes available

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Disability Inclusion Action Plan as publicly exhibited.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	F1.1
Report: 429/2017 ★	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31st May 2017

Balances as per Bank Statement	$1,779,276.70
Plus: Deposit not shown	$14,463.50
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$51,645.50
Less: Unpresented Auto Pays	$1,555.70
Balance as per Cash Book	**$1,740,539.00**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31st May 2017

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$10,847,764.89	$200,000.00
Water	$3,735,035.70	
Sewer	$1,073,568.08	
Trust	$209,094.58	
Total Funds	**$15,865,463.25**	

Investments as at 31st May 2017

National Australia Bank	$1,104,541.25	2.73 %	273 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$621,750.88	2.70 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,030,308.38	2.65 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,576,881.20	2.65 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,300,876.63	2.57 %	273 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,013,389.05	2.57 %	273 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$740,843.74	2.57 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$380,878.33	2.60 %	275 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,130,383.86	2.57 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,067,028.20	2.50 %	92 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,000,000.00	2.50 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$420,334.65	2.50 %	184 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$651,785.51	2.50 %	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,085,922.57	Flex		
Total Investments	**$14,124,924.25**			

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

Reconciliation at 31st May 2017

Balance as per cash book	$ 1,740,539.00
Investments	$14,124,924.25
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	$15,865,463.25

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st May 2017

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	30th April 2017		31st May 2017
General Fund	$8,253,477.61	$2,594,287.28	$10,847,764.89
Water Fund	$3,422,545.20	$312,490.50	$3,735,035.70
Sewer Fund	$1,060,355.42	$13,212.66	$1,073,568.08
Trust Fund	$221,932.32	-$12,837.74	$209,094.58
Investments	-$12,832,439.42	-$1,292,484.83	-$14,124,924.25
Totals	$125,871.13	$1,614,667.87	$1,740,539.00

Balance of all Funds as at 30th April 2017 $125,871.13

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$437,165.44
(b) Other Cash	$4,265,324.32
Deduct payments for	
(a) Paid since last meeting	$1,795,337.06
(b) New Investment	$1,292,484.83
Balance as 31st May 2017	$1,740,539.00

Recommendation:
That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st May 2017 be noted.

Leonie Brown
MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

File No:	F1.1
Report: 430/2017 ★	Investment Report as at 31st May 2017
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 2016/17 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2.95%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 31st May 2017 is $14,124,924.25.

Investment income earned as at 31st May 2017 is $240,122.95.

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 31st May 2017

National Australia Bank	$1,104,541.25	2.73 %	273 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$621,750.88	2.70 %	182 Days	A1+
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Total Investments	**$14,124,924.25**			

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100 %
Average Investment Yield 2.56%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by $1,292,484.83 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 31st May 2017 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

File No:	C11.10-S6.29
Report: 431/2017 ★	Pecuniary Interest Returns
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background

The purpose of this report is to remind Councillors and designated persons of the necessity to lodge Pecuniary Interest Returns.

A Councillor or designated person holding that position on 30th June in any year must complete and lodge a Pecuniary Interest Return by 30th September in that year.

The returns can be inspected by members of the public and assist in ensuring transparency and accountability in Local Government decision-making. The obligation upon Councillors and others to lodge returns is as much a protection for them as it is to the community.

Information and blank returns will be sent out under separate cover.

Recommendation:

That Council notes the information received in relation to Pecuniary Interest Returns.

File No:	P4.2.10
Report: 432/2017 ★	Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operation Plan 2017/2018
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Current Situation:

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

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

As resolved the exhibition period went from the 1st May 2017 to the 5th June 2017.

No comments were received from the public.

Minor Amendment to Delivery Plan

On review the MANEX team would request that one item be specifically added to the Delivery Programme.

The request for improved lighting to Davidson Oval and to Coolican Oval has been made and is an item that came up several times during the community consultation. The MANEX team would suggest that this be added as a line under the Liveable and Vibrant Community heading. The item should be added to the current line item 'Enhance Parks and Ovals' and can be seen below in red. At this time the MANEX would suggest no change be made to the draft Operational Plan for 2017/ 2018.

Enhance our parks and ovals	BSC	Maintain our parks and ovals to a high standard	MW	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Improve and upgrade lighting to Davidson and Coolican Oval	MW	✓	✓	✓	

Minor Amendments to Operational Plan 2017-2018

1. Interest on Overdue rates and Charges

On the 18th May 2017 Council received a Circular No 17-09 advising the following:-

Maximum interest on overdue rate and charges in accordance with section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, it has determined that the maximum interest payable on overdue rates and charges for 207/2018 rating year will be 7.5%.

2. Certificates Issued Under Sections 603

Under Section 603 of the Local Government Act Council issue a Certificate as to the amount (if any) of rates and charges, etc., due or payable to the Council for a parcel of land. Section 603(2) states

the application must be accompanied by the approved fee. The approved fee for 2017-2018 is determined to be $80.00.

It is proposed that Council adopted the maximum Interest rate of 7.5% and revised fee of $80.00 in respect of Section 603 Certificates.

Financial Implications

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

The Operational Plan 2017-2018 and has a significant financial impact on Councils operation details income and expenditure for the ensuing year.

Recommendation:

1. That Council adopt the Delivery Programme 2017-2021 as exhibited, subject to the inclusion of the reference the lighting facilities at both Davidson and Coolican Ovals as detailed in the report and The Operational Plan.
2. That Council adopt the Operational Plan 2017-2018 as exhibited. Subject to the inclusion of the interest rate for overdue rates and charges being the maximum allowed at 7.5% and the Charge for Certificates issued under section 603 being $80.00

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

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

Recommendation
That Council adopts the Fees and Charges as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018.

Recommendation:
That Council adopt the Loan schedule as presented in the Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018 including the total proposed borrowings of $530,000.

Recommendation:
That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2017/2018 Loan Schedule.

Borrowing Statement:-

Engineering Plant	$530,000
Total	$530,000

File No:	R2.1
Report: 433/2017 ★	Making of the Rates 2017/2018
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

(a) Ordinary Rates 2017/2018
WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Ordinary Rates and that in accordance with S492, S493, S494, S529, S535 and S 543 of the Local Government Act 1993 the following ordinary rates be levied on all rateable land within the Shire for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018:

Type of Rate	Cents in $ Ad Valorum	Base amount $
Ordinary Rate –Residential - Bourke	1.543	124.00
Ordinary Rates – Residential – North Bourke and High Street	1.283	101.00
Ordinary Rates – Residential – Village	3.018	35.00
Mines Ordinary Rate	1.567	498.00
Business Ordinary Rate	1.567	171.00
Ordinary Rates – Farmland – General	0.5070	498.00

(b) User Charges/Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2017/2018
WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Annual and User Charges and that in accordance with S496, S501, S502, S504, S535, S539, S540, S541 and S543 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy on such land on which water and sewerage is connected or able to be connected or serviced in accordance with S552 as follows:

Water:

Town/Village	Minimum	Usage Charge (c/kl)
Water Usage Charges		
Bourke and North Bourke	$30.00	$2.16
Annual Water Access Charges		Charge
Filtered Water Access 20mm		$190.00
Filtered Water Access 25mm		$233.00
Filtered Water Access 32mm		$476.00
Filtered Water Access 40mm		$651.00

Filtered Water Access 50mm		$893.00
Filtered Water Access 100mm		$1,788.00
Raw Water Access 20mm		$491.00
Raw Water Access 25mm		$491.00
Raw Water Access 32mm		$1002.00
Raw Water Access 40mm		$1,550.00
Raw Water Access 50mm		$2,918.00
Raw Water Access 100mm		$4,860.00
Village – Occupied		$707.00
Village – Unoccupied / Vacant		$82.00

Sewer:

Council has adopted a user charge applicable to Residential and Non-Residential.	
Annual Sewerage Charges	Charge
Sewage Access Single	$698.00
Sewerage Access Multi	$698.00

Urban Drainage:

Council has adopted an Annual Charge for the provision of urban drainage.	
Urban Drainage Charge	Charge
Drainage Charge	$160.00

(c) Waste Management Service 2017/2018
Domestic and Other Waste Service Charges
WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Domestic Waste Management (Garbage) Rates and that in accordance with S496, S501, S502, S504, S535 and S543 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council levy a charge for the year 1/07/17 to 30/06/18 as follows:-

Annual Waste / Garbage / Other Charges	Charge
Domestic Waste Charges	$284.00
Garbage Charges	$284.00
Trade Waste Charges	$284.00
Village Tip Maintenance	$98.00

(d) Fees and Charges 2017/2018:-
WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2017 to 30/6/2018 was prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993 S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was given and during the period no objections or submissions have been received in making the Fees and Charges and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council adopt the Fees and Charges for period 1/07/17 to 30/06/18 AND FURTHER that Council, in setting these

charges, examined the criteria detailed in S539 (What criteria are relevant to determining the amount charged).

Recommendation:
That Council formally make the rate and adopt the charges as listed.

File No:	R2.15-P9.3W2.2.17
Report: 434/2017 ★	Outstanding Debts Due to Council
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction
At the February 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council, Council resolved that staff develop a strategy to reduce the outstanding debts due to Council. This report is to detail the strategy developed and detailed outcome for debt recovery undertaken in the preceding month.

The reports for the months of May and June 2017 will be presented to Council at its July 2017 meeting.

Recommendation:
That the report on Outstanding Debts due to Council for the month of May be deferred to the July meeting.

File No:	P4.2.10
Report: 435/2017 ★	Loan Program 2016/2017
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background:
Council has adopted the 2016/2017 Borrowing Program which involves securing the following loans:-

Plant	$611,000
Crib Room	$100,000
Computer Upgrade	$300,000

Current situation
The proposed borrowings have now been arranged for drawdown in June 2017. The loan agreements require the Common Seal of Council to be affixed thereto.

Financial implications
There are no additional financial implications as the loans were approved at the May 2016 Ordinary meeting of Council and included in the 2016/2017 Operational Plan.

Recommendation:
That authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2016/2017 Loan Program.

PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

File No:	L8.3-S1.1
Report: 913/2017	Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2017
Author:	Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, President - LGNSW

The Mayor and General Manager have formally been invited to attend this years' Local Government NSW Annual Conference which will be held from Monday, 4th December to Wednesday, 6th December 2017.

Recommendation:
That Council

File No:	A4.2-A9.2-
Report: 914/2017	Morven Street Water Tower & Artist Guido Van Helton
Author:	John Snelson (Former Bourke Resident)

Suggesting that Council may be interested in investigating the possibility of having the water tower on Morven Street decorated by artist Guido Van Helton in such a way that it would attract tourist to Bourke.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

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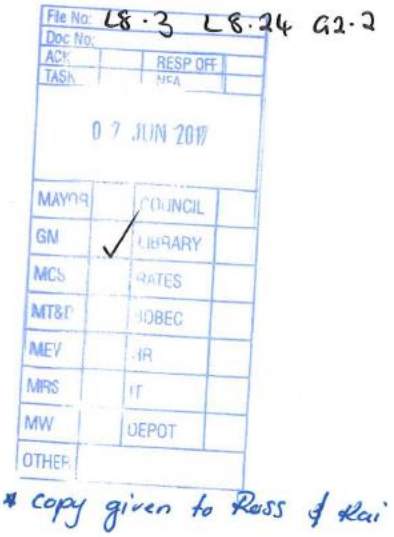

Our ref: R15/0015 Out-26247

2 June 2017

Mr Ross Earl
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
PO Box 21
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Dear Mr Earl

SAVE THE DATE: Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2017

I write to formally invite you to this year's Local Government NSW Annual Conference which will be held from **Monday 4 December to Wednesday 6 December at the Hyatt Regency, Sydney.** Please note this date is later than usual to accommodate local government elections in September.

As you are aware, the Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector where issues are debated and motions put forward for the consideration of delegates. As 2017 is a Board election year, voting for the new LGNSW President and Director positions will also take place at the Conference.

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

Registration – to attend the Conference

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

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

Registration – as a voting delegate

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

Each member (as financial on 9 October 2017) is entitled to a certain number of voting delegates. The formula for calculating members' voter entitlement is prescribed at Rule 23 of the LGNSW Rules. Members will be notified about voting delegate entitlements, for voting on motions and voting for the Board, by Friday 13 October.

The deadline to provide LGNSW with the names of delegates to vote on motions and for the Board is Monday 13 November. Nominations of voting delegates received after the closing date can not be accepted. However a member may substitute the name(s) of its voting delegates, at any time, in line with Rule 34 of the LGNSW Rules.

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Please note the 2017 deadlines for voting on motions and voting for the LGNSW Board.

Deadline	Action
Monday 9 October	Deadline for payment of membership fees (required for your council to be entitled to vote for motions and the LGNSW Board)
Friday 13 October	Members notified of number of delegates that can vote: • on motions • for the LGNSW Board
Tuesday 7 November	Deadline to nominate as a candidate for a position on the LGNSW Board (Note this date is currently subject to confirmation by the Australian Electoral Commission. LGNSW will advise if it changes.)
Monday 13 November	Deadline for members to provide names to LGNSW of delegates who will vote for: • motions • the LGNSW Board

For further information about voting on motions and for the Board please contact Ms Debra Law, Divisional Coordinator – Member Services on 02 9242 4142 or Debra.Law@lgnsw.org.au.

Motions

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

The LGNSW Board is working to help ensure the motions debate centres on advancing the sector wide policy agenda in new ways. Proposed motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions.

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

Accommodation

December is a busy time in Sydney and LGNSW encourages delegates to book accommodation as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

For Conference delegates wishing to stay at the venue (Hyatt Regency) a reduced accommodation rate is available from Sunday 3 December until Thursday 7 December. For group bookings please contact Ashley Markovic, Group Reservations Coordinator, on 02 9290 4812 or Ashley.Markovic@hyatt.com.

A range of alternative hotels are within walking distance of the Conference venue. LGNSW has negotiated a 10% discount for members staying at all Accor Hotels in the immediate area. See the LGNSW Annual Conference webpage.

Outstanding Service Awards

The Outstanding Service Awards will be presented at the Gala Dinner during the Conference. For information about the Awards, including where to apply and eligibility, please check the LGNSW website.

Conference Gala Dinner

The dinner will be held on Wednesday 6 December and all those registered for the Conference may attend.

Further details

Further details about the Conference will be published on the LGNSW website as they become available, including about the Gala Dinner, President's Opening Reception, Conference business sessions, programs and 'early bird' pricing.

I trust the information above is of assistance. We will provide further reminders and updates closer to the Conference.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the Conference in December.

Yours sincerely

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM
President

To

General Manager

Ross Earl

Bourke Shire Council

I was inspired to write this letter after watching Landline on ABC a few weeks ago about an artist called Guido Ven Helten . He has done some art works on silos at Brim in Victoria and Coonalpyn in South Australia and my first thoughts (something like this would look great) on the Water Tower in Bourke as you come into town from Dubbo on Mitchell Highway . It could be used to advertise for local businesses like iconic Rice's Splashe and award winning Morrall's pies, plus you could have a drawing featuring Percy Hobson (one of the greatest sporting stories to come out of Bourke) and maybe the great Fred Hollows as well . You could have a sketch of Henry Lawson with one of his famous poems (about Bourke) written under the sketch , the ideas are endless to what to do there and improve the look of the tower. The cost maybe recovered through more tourism to area like it has for Brim and Coonalpyn and the sale of things like coffee mugs and tea towels with photo of the tower on them (I know I would buy them).

If you Google Guido Ven Helten you can see all his works all over the world that he has done and like most ex- Bourke people we still love the town and want to see it go ahead . I still love coming home now and then and still get the local paper every week to catch up with the town news.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and all the best to the future of Bourke

Yours Truly

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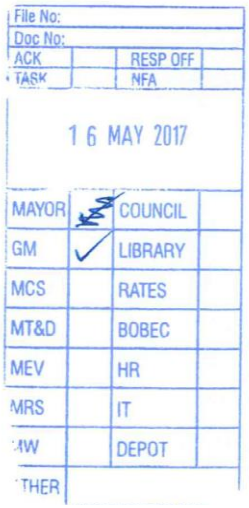

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Tuesday, 20th June 2017

ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	E7.1
Report: 106/2017	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Scott Parnaby - Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from the 28th April 2017 to the 26th May 2017.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 404 Bourke – Hungerford	Top grade completed
MR 405 Cuttaburra Bridge approaches	Re sheet and seal completed
MR421 Bourke – Cobar Boundary	Stage 2 Gaps Widening in progress
2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR – John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Cuttaburra Bridge approaches	Re-sheet and seal completed
MR421 Bourke – Cobar Boundary	Stage 2 Gaps Widening in progress
3. TRANSPORT SECTOR – Jack Wielinga, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Cuttaburra Bridge approaches	Re-sheet and seal completed
MR421 Bourke – Cobar Boundary	Stage 2 Gaps Widening in progress
4. BITUMEN MAINTENANCE SECTOR – John Bartley, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
All State Highways	Patching undertaken
Regional roads	Patching undertaken
All State Highways	Slashing Completed
5.PARKS & GARDENS - Terry Rankmore, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks and sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing and maintenance carried out Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained, Public toilets cleaned and maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities
Small Plant	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant
Works Requests	Actioned and ongoing
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out
Wharf	General maintenance carried out
Renshaw Complex	Grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out, Prepare ground for commencement of Junior soccer
Davidson Oval	Prepare grounds for Tegan's Fitness Group, Senior Rugby Union Training, Senior League Training, Junior League Training and Junior Rugby Union Training
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing and maintenance carried out, graffiti removal Prepare grounds for Community Activity YOTS and playgroup every fortnight
Villages	Mow grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained
Airport	Mowed airstrip
Training	Nil

6.TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Daily
Cemetery	Grave prepared 25/5/2017
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal and cleaning along road side Mow and poison Sydney Road rest areas
Staff Training	Nil
General	Sand footpaths ongoing Tree pruning footpaths ongoing Pick up syringes from footpath in Anson Street Sand for Renshaw Oval for Bourke Show Clean up dirt from trenches at depot for new camera poles Remove dead pig from Monomeeth Street Erect new "KEEP LEFT" signs Oxley Street blisters Pick up "Fit Pack" from Tarcoon Street laneway Replace faded signs top end of town "No Through Roads" Remove dead pig from footpath Mitchell Street Street sweeper clean up from water break Highway signs Sydney Road "Rest Area" and "Truck Stop" ongoing Pick up car Mertin Street and take to tip Highway signs SH7 North Replace broken sign Richard Street Erect sign's at entrance to Sewer Treatment Plant
Sundry Debtors	921133-Crusher Dust 921134-Crane , Cherry Picker

7. WORKSHOP – Aaron Coyne, Acting Plant Foreman			
Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
131	AY22KL	2008 Caterpillar 12M	Replaced air cleaner bracket, repaired radio
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	Carried out 250hr service
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo	Carried out service, replaced gas struts on LH side of engine bay door
140	AK24LO	2006 Caterpillar 12H	Carried out 205 hr service, replaced oil-air and fuel filters, replaced cab and air conditioner filter
24	YCJ99S	2016 Mazda BT 50	Carried out 60,000km service, replaced engine oil and oil filter
205	N92534	2002 Sykes 6" Pump	Repair pump, fit new starter motor
54	CH29FQ	2016 Isuzu D/Max	Carried out 35,000 km service, Changed oil and filter, air cleaner, fuel filter, A/C filter and grease
92	CA52JC	2014 Western Star	Carried out 170,000 km service, changed oil filters and fuel filters, air conditioner filters, air cleaner
238	TB84BR	2016 Moore Tri Axle Tanker	Repair wire hanging down, repair air leak at top of valve on watercart
239	TB85BR	2016 Moore Tri Axle Tanker	Replaced rocker box on rear tanker
59	Z37484	2014 Transtech Quad axle	Make new mounts for engine
68	X50802	2011 Moore Roadtrain B-Double	Replaced Rocker bushes, railing bushes and U bolts
93	CE53WX	2015 Isuzu 300 NPS	Carried out 80,000 km service, Replaced engine oil and replaced oil and air filters
28	YCJ49T	2014 Mazda BT 50	Carried out 60,000 km service, replaced engine oil and replaced all filters
8	YCJ72Y	2015 Mazda BT 50	Carried out 35,000 km service, replaced engine oil and replaced all filters
110	43961D	2015 Toro	Repair split hose in air seat
19	CE73MA	2015 Isuzu D/Max	Carried out service, check fan belt
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Carried out 20,000 km service, replaced engine oil, oil filter and fuel filter
172	CL38AZ	Isuzu 1500 FXY	Carried out 5,000 km service, changed fuel, oil filters, hydraulic filters, air cleaners, straightened jet patcher steering arm and gusset, heat and straighten box arm
18	CJ41HN	Ford Ranger	Carried out 15,000 km service, replaced oil and filters
27	BD40GF	2009 Isuzu 450	Replaced flashing light
46	BX92HR	2013 Hino FC 500	Changed Oil and Oil filters, air filters, diff and gear box
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino Scrab Mistral	Repair air valve, repair tail light, carry out service on both motors

8. Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
Date – May 2017	
8 Wortumertie Street	Dig 100mm raw main repair 25mm service
57 Oxley Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair service
76 Hope Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair service
Culgoa Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
Golf Club	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
Yanda Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
Adelaide Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
10 Wortumertie Street	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
Darling Street North Bourke	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp
Pool	Dig 100mm raw water main repair with clamp turn water off one (1) hr
Pool	Dig 100mm raw water service cap off turn water off two (2) hrs
41 Mertin Street	Dig 225mm filtered main repair service
Charles Street	Dig 225mm raw water main repair with clamp
Enngonia Road	Dig 40mm filtered water main repair with joiner
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Dig 50mm filtered water main repair with clamp
146 Meadows Road	Dig 50mm filtered water main repair with clamp
Sale Yards	Dig 50mm raw water main repair with joiner
Cemetery	Dig 50mm raw water main repair with joiner
Byrock	Flush hydrants
WTP	Install control valves on filters
PCYC	Install new Bubblers
Shire Depot	Install new filtered poly line to town service shed
Enngonia	Install new septic & rubble drain on new public toilet Install reconditioned high lift pump Clear blocked service at 9 Paroo Street
Central Park	Install new sprinklers
6 Tarcoon Street	Install new water meter
2 Moculta Street	Low raw water presser blow out and clear line
Bourke Olympic Swimming Pool	Reconnect 50mm raw service Dig 100mm filtered main repair with clamp
North Bourke Pump Site	Remove filtered tank and old pump shed
Wanaaring	Repair leak on overhead tanks
58b Oxley Street	Repair Leak under sink
54 Tarcoon Street	Repair leaking filtered service
33 Tudor Street	Repair leaking filtered service
84 Darling Street	Repair leaking filtered service
54 Tarcoon Street	Repair leaking filtered service
48 Wortumertie Street	Repair leaking filtered service
3 Oxley Street	Repair leaking filtered service
Warrego Street North Bourke	Repair leaking filtered service
22 Sturt Street	Repair leaking filtered service
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Repair leaking filtered service
Airport House	Repair leaking filtered service
28 Hope Street	Repair leaking filtered service
86 Tudor Street	Repair leaking raw service
Shire Depot	Repair leaking tap

Dog Pound	Repair leaking tap
STP	Replace 100mm valve
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Replace roof on kitchen
86 Oxley Street	Sewer choke
30 Hope Street	Sewer choke
25 Hope Street	Sewer choke
100 Oxley Street	Sewer choke
4 Bloxham Street	Sewer choke
63 Mertin Street	Sewer choke
Anson Street Dump Point	Sewer choke
5 Wilson Street	Sewer choke
1 Cullie Street	Sewer choke
3 Mitchell Street	Sewer choke
Alice Edwards Village	Sewer choke
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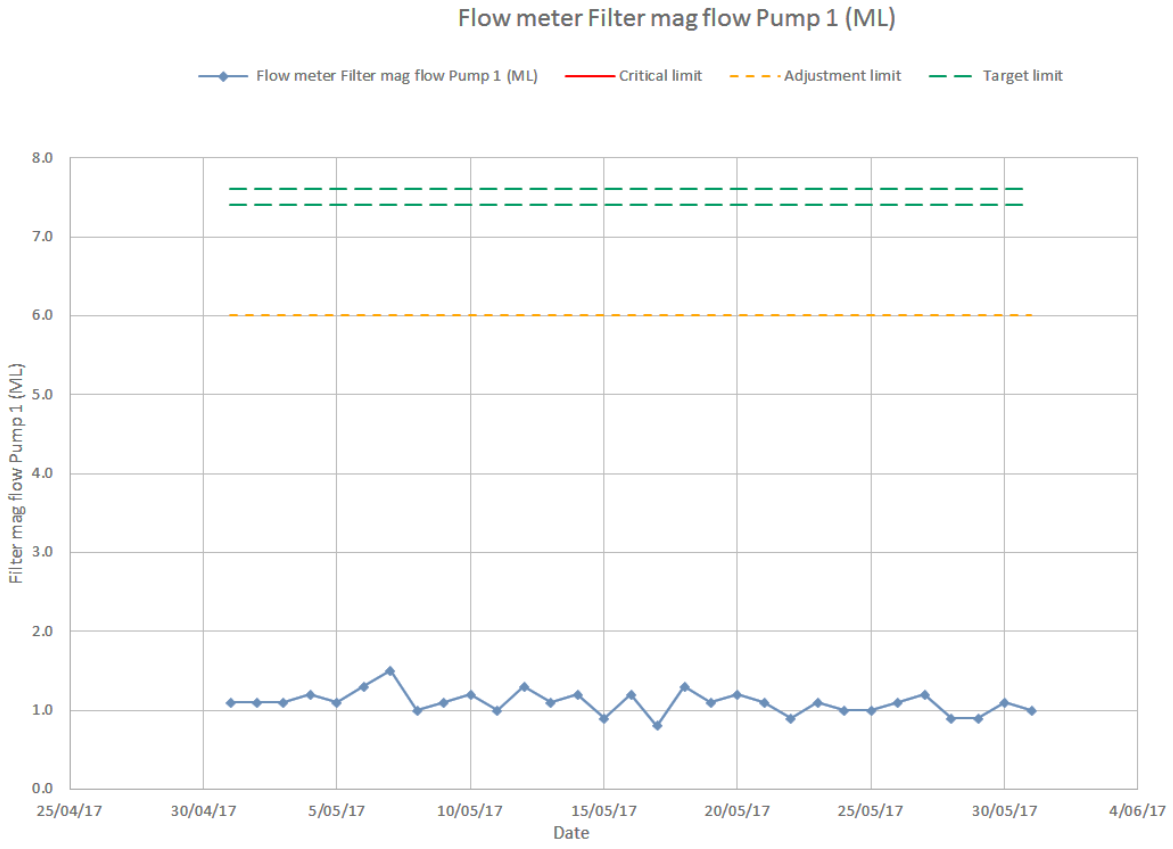

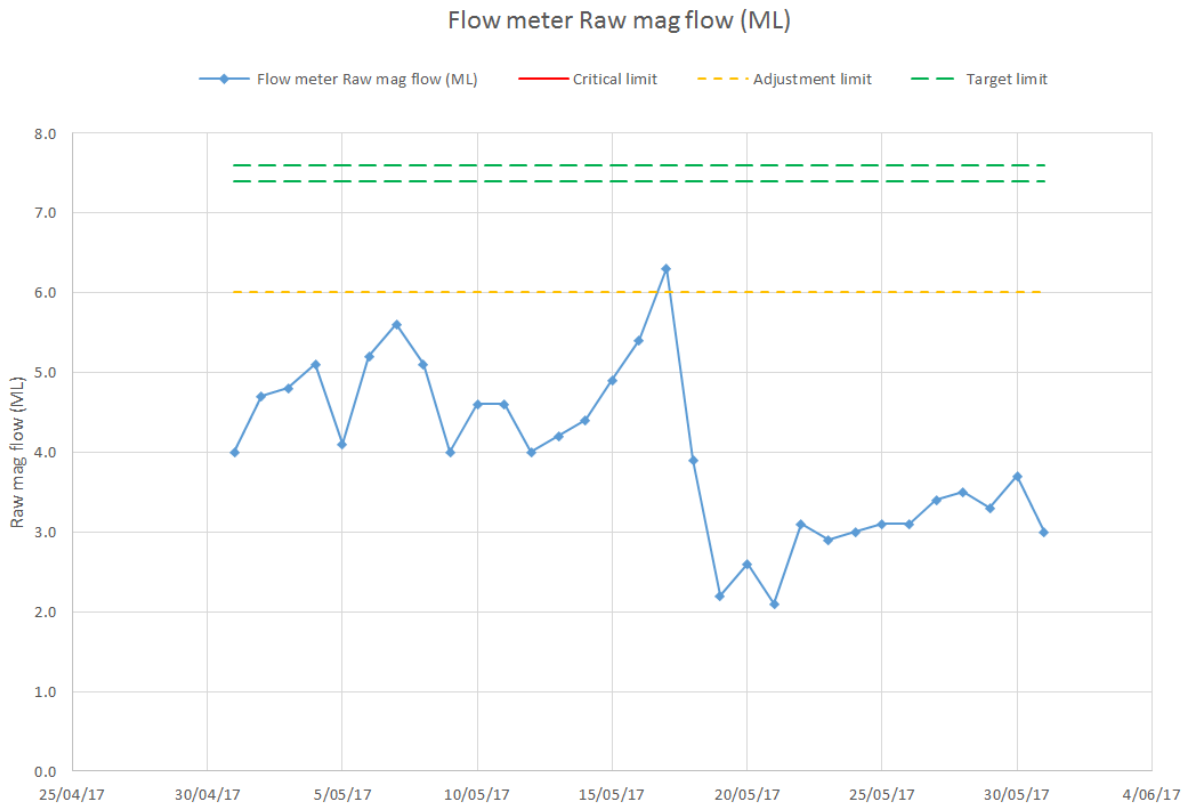
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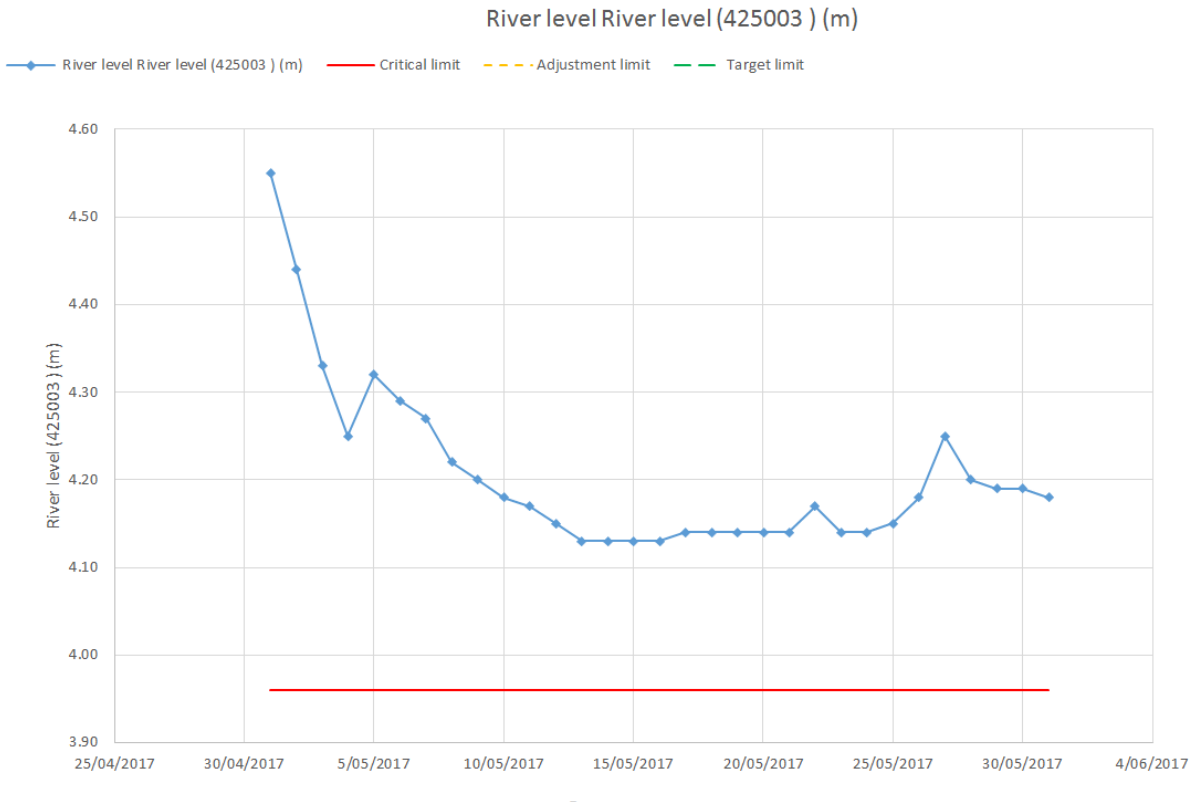
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Bourke Sewerage Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	DEC 2016 Test	JAN 2017 Test	FEB 2017 Test	MAR 2017 Test	APR 2017 Test	May 2017 Test
Oil & Grease	*mg/L*	10	<2	<2	<2	<2	2	<2
pH		*6.5-8.5*	8.14	9.94	9.64	9.22	8.98	9.49
Nitrogen (total)	*mg/L*	*15*	8.5	11.9	23.6	5.9	14.4	10.8
Phosphorus (total)	*mg/L*	*10*	1.7	1.3	2	0.46	1.2	1.3
Total suspended solids	*mg/L*	*20*	42	152	114	38	88	94
Biochemical oxygen demand	*mg/L*	*15*	18	14	25	7	42	22

Record of Water Usage

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

Water usage for January through to December 2017: Yearly totals for 2017

Water Scheme	Annual Allocation (Ml)	Total Usage For The Period (Ml) January	Usage Year To Date (Ml)	Daily Average For The Period (Ml)	Daily Average Year To Date (Ml)
Bourke Potable		52	52	1.3	1.2
Bourke River	3500	224	224	10.8	4.2
North Bourke Village Raw	750	35.2	35.2	0.9	0.6

- Rainfall in Bourke for May 2017 was 8.4ml
- Hottest day for May 2017 was 29.9 degrees
- Coldest day for May was 2.1 degrees

Recommendation:

That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Tuesday, 20th June 2017.

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:		D3.2	
Report: 206/2017		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 2017/0014	Lot 1, DP 910102 59 Mertin Street, Bourke	Construction of Residential Garage
Delegated	DA 2017/0015	Lot 8, DP 757361 Rose Isle Stn Bourke	Change of Use for Farm Tourism, Primitive Caravan Park, Recreational Hunting and Film Making, consisting of primitive Caravan Park and Farm Stay Accommodation
Total value of Approved works for May 2017			= $8,400
No. of Development Application Approvals for May 2017			= 2
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for May 2017			= 0

File No:	A11.1.1
Report: 206/2017	Building Services Report
Author:	Paul Faulkner, Environmental Co-ordinator
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Nil
Office	Monthly check and test Emergency Generator, Fit new A/C unit
Cemetery	General maintenance – watering ,mowing and fill in holes trim trees, Replacement of crosses and labels, Fit new flag pole ropes
Buildings	Repair lights and clean – Railway building Install gate to Renshaw building Replace broken window – Renshaw Cottage Install public toilet- Enngonia
Plant	Fit A/C unit & Fridge – Caravan 126 Fit A/C unit – Enngonia compound
Depot	Install camera poles and conduit
Airport	Daily ARO inspections Mow airside

File No:	A8.1		
Report: 206/2017	Animal Control/Environmental Issues Report		
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	**Dogs**	**Cats**	**Horses**
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	1	1	1
Seized	6	12	0
Surrendered	10	0	0
Dumped	0	0	0
Total	**17**	**13**	**1**
Euthanized	1	12	0
Returned to Owner	0	0	0
Released from Pound	1	0	0
Re-housed	14	1	0
Died in Pound	0	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	1	0	1
Total	**17**	**13**	**1**
Micro-chip Implantations	14	1	0
Infringement Notices	2	0	0
Wandering Stock	0		
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	1182		
Shopping Trolley Impounded	0		

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

Recommendation:
That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 be received and noted.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	G2.1
Report: 306/2017	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

25th May 2017

Richard Stutchbury, the landscape architect who has done much of the work at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre and assisted in the landscape of the Skate Park has been working on preliminary plans for the upgrade of much of the Bourke CBD. Richard presented some of his concept plans to Council last Monday with the general response from all Councillors being positive. Richard has undertaken comprehensive consultation with the business owners over the past few weeks and will continue with that consultation process as the project develops.

The funding for the work has been provided to Council from the Murray Darling Basin Diversification Fund and Council was successful in securing $1.5 million dollars from that fund.

A number of options for the redevelopment are being considered with the finalisation of the plans still sometime away. One of the common themes from members of the public has been the need to try and incorporate trees into the redevelopment and provide for the "greening" of the area.

Whilst the Minister for Police and the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Troy Grant, MP was in Bourke last week he took the opportunity to present a cheque for $37,000 to the Bourke Joeys Soccer Club for the erection of a canteen at Coolican Oval. The funding was made available through the Safer Communities Program and the Committee of the Joeys Soccer Club are to be congratulated on their initiative.

Council will work with the club to assist them with the determination of a suitable site and also be able to connect to the services which will be required.

The Canteen Facilities will be a valuable addition to the existing facilities at Coolican Oval.

Mark Horton from the Department of Sport and Recreation was in Bourke earlier in the week to assist Council staff in the development of a Master Plan for the Sporting and Recreational Facilities in Bourke. Council has allocated $20,000.00 to the project to ensure that the development of the sporting and recreational facilities in town is undertaken in a coordinated manner. In the first instance the plan will be looking at the existing sporting precinct which includes Davidson Oval, the War Memorial Swimming Pool and Coolican Oval. However all sporting and recreational facilities will be included with Bourke boasting a wide range of facilities.

Council has experienced some problems with the lighting at Davidson Oval recently with the some of the wiring possibly due for an upgrade. The replacement of the lights in the future will have to be considered.

The Renshaw Oval Complex will need to be included in the Master Plan with this area also being an important facility for a number of organisations including the Show, Race Club, Pony Club and Gun Club. There has been a significant amount of work that has been undertaken both by Council and the individual users and the area has been vastly improved. Again it is important that all these

works are undertaken in a coordinated manner so that the utilisation of any funding that is available is maximised.

The quarterly meeting of the Far West Regional Emergency Management Committee was held on Tuesday at the Rural Fire Service Facilities at the Bourke Airport. The Meeting saw representatives from all agencies in attendance either in person or via telephone conference.

As I have previously mentioned the meetings of all agencies it is important to determine their readiness to handle any number of emergency situations that could arise within the west of the state is important. The development of plans by the various agencies to handle the situations critical for a prompt, effective and efficient response is also important.

The Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman and I will be travelling to Dubbo next week to attend the Board meeting of the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) on Friday, 2nd June 2017. The Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP will be visiting Dubbo on the day and will be attending part of the OROC meeting and will also be joining members of the Board for lunch.

Former Mayor of Dubbo, Mathew Dickerson has advised Council that there will be another "Tour de OROC" in 2017. Mathew who was instrumental in the development of the concept of the "Tour De OROC" which involves some very dedicated push bike riders cycling around the OROC region to raise funds for Macquarie Homestay which is a residential Complex to be built adjacent to the new Dubbo Hospital to provide accommodation of patients and families of patients utilising the hospital facilities The accommodation is designed to be affordable and provide ready access to people from the wide area that the hospital will service and Bourke is very much with this area.

The 2017 Tour de OROC will commence from Mudgee on Sunday, 2nd October 2017 and finish in Dubbo on Saturday, 7th October. The riders will stay overnight in Bourke on Thursday, 4th October 2017.

Bourke residents have been very supportive of the ride over the last two occasions it has been held and it is anticipated that this level of support will continue in 2017 with the benefits to all outlying communities utilising Dubbo for specialist medical services obvious.

The Lachie Cossor Outback Stockman's Show has commenced in Bourke for the winter visitor season. Lachie is an experienced horseman and entertainer and his Outback Show includes stock handling, storytelling and singing. Lachie has most recently been performing at the Stockman's Hall of Fame and also at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Outback Show is on now and runs six (6) days per week, Tuesday through Sunday at 11am. Tickets are available from the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. The Outback Show has been a big hit with visitors and locals in our region and we welcome Lachie to town.

Council hosted a farewell function for Phil Johnston on Monday night at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre and all speakers at the function spoke on glowing terms of Phil's contribution to both Bourke Shire Council and the broader Bourke Community in many different ways including his involvement in Rotary Bourke, District Children's Services and various sporting and other community groups.

From a personal view I would like to thank Phil for his dedication and support and his contribution to both Council and the community and wish him and his family all the best for the future. No doubt Bourke's loss will be Narromine's gain.

Phil will commence with Narromine Shire Council next week in an Economic Development role.

At the Public Forum held in conjunction with the Council meeting on Monday, local landowner Brian Bambrick addressed Council on the problems being caused to graziers as a result of the increased wild dog numbers. Whilst not a direct responsibility of Council it was acknowledged that the problem has significant consequences for many of the landowners with the Shire and surrounding Shires and that a coordinated effort was required to address the problem. Council has agreed to make representation to the appropriate bodies to see what can be done in a proactive attempt to see the numbers of wild dogs reduced.

The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 20th June and on the agenda will be the consideration of the Draft Community Strategic Plan, The Draft Operational Plan and the Draft Delivery Programme as well as the Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Quote of the Week!

"Things do not happen- things are made to happen" - JFK

1st June 2017

Mark Horton from the Department of Sport and Recreation who was as in Bourke last week has offered to facilitate a number of workshops aimed at providing all members of the community into development of a Master Plan to be developed for the upgrading Sporting and recreational facilities in Bourke. Dwayne Willoughby, Council's Manager of Environmental Services and I accompanied Mark during an inspection of the existing sporting and recreational facilities to ensure that Mark was familiar with the facilities and the opportunities which may be available to build on the existing infrastructure.

Mark has offered to return to Bourke to facilitate workshops involving the sporting groups and other interested organisations and individuals to determine the identified needs and/or expectations of the community in relation to the recreational amenities within Bourke. Mark has undertaken several other workshops of a similar nature across the western region and his expertise is welcomed, and offer very much appreciated.

The results of the workshop will be the first step in developing a strategic plan for the facilities.

It is proposed that the first of the two (2) workshops will be held on Wednesday, 14th June and will be open to the whole community and Mark was particularly keen to get the input of the younger members of our community.

The second of the workshops will be held Wednesday, 5th July 2017.

All sporting groups will be encouraged to be represented at the meetings.

The OROC Board Meeting to be held tomorrow promises to be a very informative meeting with the Premier of NSW, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian agreeing to attend the meeting and she will be accompanied by the Member for Dubbo and Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. Troy Grant, MP.

Also in attendance and making a presentation to the meeting will be the NSW Regional Infrastructure Coordination Team of Ken Gillespie and Don Murray who have accepted an invitation to attend. This team has been appointed by the Premier to identify and rectify any problems associated with the delivery of infrastructure projects.

The sealing of the approaches to the Cuttaburra Bridges was to be undertaken this week and the erection of the guard rail scheduled to be completed prior to the end of the financial year. The completion of these works will mark the finalisation of Council's Bridge Replacement Programme. Bourke Shire is one of the very few Councils in rural New South Wales to have replaced all its timber bridges. The Council's Engineering Department strategic action in planning for the replacement of all bridges and the commitment of the current and previous Council's in supporting the replacement programme has resulted in tangible benefits for the road users within the Shire and funds previously directed to the Bridge Replacement Programme will again be directed to the maintenance and improvement of the road surfaces.

Richard Stutchbury the landscape architect providing Council advice on the proposal to re-develop the Bourke CBD conducted a number of community workshops over the past week to discuss the initial concepts involved in his proposal. Richard had previously made a similar presentation to last week's meeting of Council meeting.

The workshops catered for different sections of the community and there was a large degree of enthusiasm for the concept at all meetings.

Among the suggestions put forward was the making of Oxley Street between Richards and Sturt Streets a one way street which in turn presented the opportunity for additional space to be made available for the planting of trees, which is line with the "greening" theme for the CBD area. This suggestion had overwhelming support and was also seen as a mechanism for not only improving the aesthetics of the precinct but reducing the speed of vehicles utilising the street.

Council was successful in securing $1.5 million dollars from the Murray Darling Basin Diversification Fund to assist with the funding of the project.

It is clear that the work required will exceed the $1.5 million dollars available and the works will need to be prioritised and potentially staged.

The DRAFT drawings in relation to the redevelopment are available for inspection at the Bourke Shire Council Offices and will also be made available at the Bourke Public Library.

Council staff have finished the installation of a new public toilet at Enngonia which is located adjacent to the Enngonia Hall. The new facilities have been welcomed by the Enngonia community and the community have indicated that they will assist in undertaking of the cleaning and maintenance of the facility to ensure they are always clean and tidy. This offer will be of tremendous assistance to Council and will provide a great service to the travelling public.

Bourke Shire Council is pleased to welcome John and Tanya Milgate of Morrall's Bakery as the new operators of the Café at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. With the new Outback Show having commenced last week, the re-opening of the Café in very timely and will provide the visitors to the Centre and the Outback Show the opportunity to enjoy a coffee and a meal and be ready to spend at little additional time in the centre.

The Café provides a very pleasant setting and to date has been very much an under-utilised facility.

The catering for the farewell function for Phil Johnston last week was provided by students from the hospitality classes at Bourke High School under the guidance of hospitality teacher, Kristie Ibbotson. The food was excellent and the polite and courteous manner in which the students served the food and interacted with the guests displayed a maturity and level of professionalism beyond their years and they were a credit to, and very good ambassadors, for the Bourke High School. The willingness of Kristie to provide the students with this valuable practical experience is to be commended and will certainly provide a beneficial addition to their curriculum and the students will be well placed to seek employment opportunities within the hospitality industry.

The office staff at Bourke Shire Council held their own version of the "Biggest Morning Tea" last Thursday with staff members generously donating food for the occasion. Over $270.00 dollars was raised and it will be forwarded to be combined with the other fundraisers within town. The support from Bourke residents for this very worthwhile cause has once again been excellent.

Last month Council engaged contractors to undertake the resealing of all the sealed streets in Wanaaring as part of the annual reseal program. The work has ensured the longevity of the street surfaces and has been welcomed by the residents of the village.

Council has written to the Chief Executive Officer of the Western New South Wales Local Health District seeking information regarding a number of matters relating to procedures and actions which were to be put in place following the "decommissioning" of the "Birthing Unit" at Bourke Hospital. Included in the request was for updated information to the "New Model of Care" that was developed and to be introduced following the closure of the Birthing Unit and seeking information regarding the location of the plant and equipment from the Birthing Unit. Councillors raised concerns that with the closure of the "Birthing Unit" the facilities that provided both privacy and access to amenities, were no longer available to cater for any emergency births at the hospital.

Council also sought to obtain a range of statistical information including the number of births by Bourke-based women since the closure of the "Birthing Unit and the number of these births that would be deemed to be "high risk".

A reminder that if you are going to utilise one of Council's Park Ovals or Reserves you should book the proposed function with Lynette Gooch, Councils Engineering Support Officer to ensure that there is no potential clash and that the facility is presented in accord with your requirements.

Quote of the Week!

"You should never regret anything in life. If it is good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience"

8th June 2017

Mayor Barry Hollman and I attended the quarterly meeting of Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) last Friday along with the Mayors and General Managers of all other member Councils.

The Board of OROC was honoured that the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, MP agreed to join them for lunch with the Premier providing the opportunity for each of the Mayors to raise issues of concern with her in an informal manner. The Premier was very approachable, willing to listen and taking a very genuine interest in all the issues raised.

Mayor Barry Hollman took the opportunity to invite the Premier to visit Bourke and will follow up on that verbal invitation with a more formal invitation this week.

The meeting of OROC was held at Western Plains Zoo with the lunch being held at the Zoofari Restaurant at the Zoo with the meal having a very strong African influence with a number of their traditional meals and condiments forming part of the menu. The meal included both crocodile and camel which was certainly a first for many of the guests including both the Mayor and myself.

Included on the agenda at the OROC Meeting was an address by the NSW Regional Infrastructure Coordination Team of Ken Gillespie and Don Murray who had also joined the OROC Board for Dinner the previous night. The team have been tasked by the Premier to review the delivery of State Government Infrastructure projects within the State. Ken and Don have visited many communities across the state and Bourke and Brewarrina Councils have invited the team to visit our respective communities. The area of the shires and low population base presents particular difficulties for all Councils in western New South Wales and in particular, to ensure that the infrastructure in some of the smaller communities is maintained and upgraded. The provision of amenities such as halls, ovals and water supplies are an essential part of the social fabric of these towns and villages and would have extremely difficult in alternating funding if Cost Benefit Ratios (CBR's) were applied to funding assessments as they are for some other funding opportunities.

A good news story for Bourke is the success of the Learner Driver Program which has been undertaken by Orange based training organisation "Birrang" in association with Bourke based Maranguka. The program has been going for some time and has had excellent success over the past three (3) years in particular. Indicative of that success was the fact that during the past five (5) week block of training delivery there has been 15 people obtain their P1 license, 1 gaining their P2 and a further 21 obtaining their learner's permit. There are also another seven (7) drivers already booked in for the P1 test during the next visit by the RMS licencing officer, who has been kept quite busy with the numbers of people going for their licence. Given the distances involved out in the west of the state the holding of a licence is almost a necessity. The program delivered by Birrang has apparently also resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number of people being charged for offences related to driving whilst unlicensed. The obtaining of a licence has a very positive impact when seeking employment. Well done to instructor Lyndall Robb and the team.

News that the introduction of the proposed Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) was going to be deferred indefinitely took Bourke Shire staff by surprise and no doubt took many other Councils' in the state by similar surprise. A lot of work had gone into the project including the classification of land and the notification of that classification to the individual landowners. Council had to have our software providers make adjustments to our existing programmes to accommodate the change for our rate notices and as late as a few days before the announcement staff were working out details as to how best handle the transactions within the ledger system.

While the concept of ensuring that everyone paid for their share of the cost of emergency services met with widespread support the inclusion of the levy on the rate notices had the potential to cause some issues for Councils with many people of the view that it was going to be another Council charge.

Bourke Shire Council, like all other Councils had reached an agreement with Treasury that all the costs incurred in the implementation of the FESL would be reimbursed by Treasury and Council would be collating details for an invoice for the actual costs incurred prior to the deferral and forwarding it to Treasury over the next few weeks and I am confident that all our costs will be met in full.

Councillors and Staff had the opportunity to meet with the Chief Executive Officer of Rural and Remote Medical Services (RaMS), Shane Hatton and the Regional Practice Manager, Michelle Powell last Wednesday to discuss with RaMS their ongoing operations in Bourke. A number of issues were raised including the ongoing provision of pathology services in Bourke, the provision of Allied Health Services and ongoing difficulties being experienced in recruiting and retaining staff in all health related professions in to rural and remote areas of New South Wales. Council has a strong interest in health services recognising its importance to the community and appreciated the briefing provided. Council will continue to advocate for the retention and ongoing improvement to medical services with the Shire.

Following the request to Western Health District to provide information on the number of births to Bourke based women following the closure the Birthing Unit at Bourke Hospital I have been advised that Joy Adams, Nursing and Midwifery Manager for the District will visit Bourke shortly to present

the information. The prompt response and preparedness of Western Health District to provide the update is very much appreciated.

Yesterday, Mayor Barry Hollman, Councillor Victor Bartley, Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown joined with Alistair Ferguson representing Maranguka and the Bourke Aboriginal Working Party in meeting with John Barilaro, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Victor Dominello, MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property, the Hon, Sarah Mitchell, MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education in relation to the proposed *Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy* aimed at improving employment opportunities within Bourke. Also in attendance at the meeting were local business owner Darren Jackson and James Price who represented CAPRA Pty Ltd the owners of the New Abattoir at North Bourke. The meeting was facilitated by Danny Lester, Deputy Ombudsman and also included a number of senior Public Servants.

I am confident that with a commitment and cooperation from all parties that the opportunity exists for some significant and positive outcomes in relation to the provision of employment opportunities in Bourke.

Whilst in Sydney, Councillors and staff took the opportunity to meet with staff at Local Government New South Wales with whom we deal with on a regular basis and in many instances do not often get the opportunity to meet personally.

One of the areas to be considered as part of the Local Government reform process was the proposed establishment of Joint Organisation of Councils (JOs). There has been considerable discussion and speculation as the proposed format that these will take if in fact they are introduced with details still to be announced. Apparently at a meeting of the CENTROC Councils held at Parliament House in Sydney two (2) weeks ago, a two (2) week timeframe was mentioned for the announcement which should make the announcement imminent. The Boundaries initially proposed for Joint Organisations were very similar to the existing boundaries of the Regional Organisation of Councils (ROCs); however, we will have to see what has been finally determined.

There has been no new information received in relation to the concept of the Far West Initiative (FWI) nor has there been any feedback to Councils or the community regarding the outcome of the extensive consultation process that was undertaken last in 2016. The eight (8) Councils involved are also awaiting feedback from the work done by T-Corp regarding the sustainability assessment or the review by consulting firm Morrison Low regarding the assessment of Councils assets and their condition. Some of this work was undertaken six (6) months ago.

Quote of the Week!

"Don't complain about things you are not willing to change"

15th June 2017

Following the meeting held last Wednesday in Sydney with representatives of the Bourke Community to detail the proposed Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy aimed at improving employment opportunities within Bourke, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Regional New South Wales, Minister for Skills and Minister for Small Business indicated that he would visit Bourke.

He indicated that the visit was likely to take place as early as July, which is great news and will provide the opportunity for Bourke to further advance the strategy and highlight some of the challenges the community faces. This opportunity will also allow the community to showcase our town and the opportunities that exist to further develop the area. Council staff will be liaising with the Deputy Premier's Office to finalise details for the visit.

The Hon. Victor Dominello, MP, Minister for Finance, Services and Property and the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Assistant Minister for Education who were also at the meeting joined with the Deputy Premier in giving an undertaking to visit Bourke.

The contingent from Bourke not only included Council representatives but also Alistair Ferguson, Chair of the Aboriginal Working Party and Chief Executive of Maranguka, Detective Inspector, Rod Grant from the Darling River Area Command and James Price representing CAPRA Pty Ltd the owners of the new abattoir. The Deputy Ombudsman, Danny Lester did much of the coordination and our thanks go to Danny for arranging and facilitating this important discussion.

One part of the Strategy is trying to make access to State Government contracts for such things as building maintenance to be more accessible for local tradespeople. Currently many of the contacts are let on a region wide basis making it difficult for the smaller operators to submit tenders. The "unbundling" of these contacts would allow the smaller operators to submit prices and if successful increase the continuity of work and this continuity of work would in turn allow them to look to employ additional apprentices providing not only careers for many of the young people within the community but also ensuring an ongoing supply of trades people to service the area.

While in Sydney, Council representatives met with staff from Local Government New South Wales including the Director of Advocacy, Kylie Yates, Senior Strategy Manager, Shaun McBride and Senior Policy Officer for Roads and Transport, Richard Connors.

The representatives also met with Kevin Pugh of Treasury who was in charge of the introduction of the proposed Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) prior to the decision to defer the introduction of the Levy. Our discussions with Kevin focussed on the recoupment of the expenses incurred to date by Council for all the work undertaken by staff to date assisting in the implementation of the FESL.

Kevin Humphries, Member for Barwon has announced that he will not be contesting the elections scheduled for March 2019. Kevin has been a hardworking Local Member and each of the Local Government areas within the Barwon Electorate has benefitted considerably from his hard work. Barwon is a large and diverse area and despite the tyranny of distance Kevin has been a regular visitor to all areas and has had regular contact with Councils. We look forward to working with Kevin for the remainder of the term and will no doubt monitor developments in the selection of potential candidates for his replacement.

Mark Horton from the Department of Sport and Recreation has offered to come to Bourke to facilitate workshops involving the sporting groups and other interested organisations and individuals to determine the identified needs and/or expectations of the community in relation to the Sporting and Recreational amenities within Bourke.

The results of the workshops will be the first step in developing the Master Plan for the Sporting and Recreational facilities in Bourke and ensuring that the needs of all groups are considered in the planning process.

The first of the two (2) workshops will be held at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers on Wednesday, 5th July 2017 the second will be held on Wednesday, 19th July 2017.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES

The workshops will commence at 5.30pm and finish by 7.30pm.
All sporting and recreational groups are encouraged to attend with the workshops intending to get input from a broad cross section of the community. The younger members of the community are particularly encouraged to attend as it is important that the needs of this section of our community are met.

Bourke Shire Council will be meeting with the Manager of Nursing and Midwifery Services of Western District Health Services, Joy Adams and Alison Louden also of Western District Health Services on Thursday 22nd June in relation to the provision of midwifery and maternity services to the women of Bourke since the closure of the Birthing Unit in 2015. One of the areas to be discussed is the "Model of Care "that has been developed although not widely disseminated.

The meeting is scheduled for 2.00pm and will be held in the Council Chambers at 29 Mitchell Street Bourke; anyone who is interested in midwifery and maternity services in the District is invited to attend.

A reminder, that Council has reverted back to the 4th Monday for the conduct of its normal monthly meetings. However, the June meeting has been previously changed to Tuesday, 20th June 2017 commencing at 9.00am.

The meeting is an important meeting with Council to consider any submissions in relation to the Draft Community Strategic Plan, the Delivery Program 2017-2021 and the Operational Plan (Budget) 2017/2018. The adoption of all these documents will to a very large degree shape the future direction for Council in the immediate and longer terms.

Also for Councils consideration is the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) which has also been advertised for public comment.

Next Tuesday's meeting will also see Council make the rates for 2017/2018 following the adoption of the 2017/2018 Operational Plan. Whilst the proposed increase in General Rates is capped at 1.5% this figure relates to the total rates levied by Council. Following the revaluation of all properties in preparation for the introduction of the now defunct Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL) there will be some variances on the individual rates assessment depending on whether the increase in the land value was more or less than the average for the rating category.

It is anticipated that the rate notices for 2017/2018 will go out in mid- July.

Mayor Councillor Barry Hollman is generally available between 2.00 pm to 3.00pm of a Monday at the Council Chambers to discuss any issues residents may wish to raise with him. An exception is the 4th Monday of each Month which of course is Council Meeting Day. He is also available by appointment by contacting Kai Howard-Oakman at Council's Offices by calling 02 68 308 000 or by email khoward@bourke.nsw.gov.au

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Bourke Rotary Club will conduct their Changeover next Monday, 19th June and Leonie Brown will assume the role of President, Meredith Thompson Secretary and Lisa Crothers Treasurer. The theme of Rotary International for 2017/218 is *Rotary Making a Difference*". Bourke Rotary Club have a proud history of "making a difference" in the Bourke community and would welcome enquiries from members of the community keen to "make a difference".

The Western Division Councils will hold their mid-term meeting in Cobar on the 30th June 2017. Included on the agenda are the President of Local Government New South Wales, Keith Rhoades who always provides a valuable insight to Local Government on a State wide basis, Azaria Dobson from the Department of Planning who will provide an update on the Far West Regional Plan whilst Ashley Albury from the Department of Premier and Cabinet will also provide an update on Regional Development issues. Annalisa Haskell the CEO of Local Government Professionals will also be on hand to provide an overview of that organisation's Performance Excellence Program.

Quote of the Week!

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not in fighting the old, but on building the new. Socrates

Ross Earl
General Manager

Recommendation:
That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Tuesday, 20th June 2017 be received and noted.

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	L4.1
Report: 406/2017	Library Report
Author:	Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

The following items for the 2016/2017 period are presented for your information.

Item	May 2016	Item	May 2017
Audio Visual	391	Audio Visual	298
Adult Fiction	277	Adult Fiction	282
Non-Fiction	83	Non-Fiction	95
Junior Fiction	398	Junior Fiction	270
Magazines	96	Magazines	62
Interlibrary Loans	3	Interlibrary Loans	5
Total	1248	Total	1012

Other statistical information

	May 2016		May 2017
New Members		New Members	9
Internet/Word Processing	126	Internet/Word Processing	157
Wireless Tickets	14	Wireless Tickets	41
Number of Visitors	1240	Number of Visitors	1284
Scans	10	Scans	20
Information Requests	87	Information Requests	78
Technical Assistance	31	Technical Assistance	63
Faxes	17	Faxes/Laminating	14

- One (1) school group attended this month with 17 children.
- The Library Manager participated in a teleconference this month to discuss the possibility of joining a consortia of libraries to purchase eBooks and e-Audio through Bolinda. This is a great opportunity for us, as it is not possible for us to afford on our own and it would be a valuable service to provide to the community.

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

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Tuesday, 20th June 2017.

TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	T4.3
Report: 506/2017	BOBEC and VIC May 2017 Activity update
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

Strong numbers continued for the Visitors Centre, Jandra and Back O' Bourke Centre for May with the PV Jandra having its best May since the opening of the Exhibition Centre and the Exhibition Centre having its strongest May period since 2010. Since Bourke Shire Council took over the operations of the Jandra over 58,000 visitors have enjoyed the cruise with 2011 the busiest year to date.

The number of visitors to the area can be seen to be increasing with May numbers generally 25% stronger than in April. We have also been fortunate in May to see the introduction of the "Lachie Cossor Outback Show" to the Exhibition Centre as well as have the Back O' Bourke Café open once again. In 2017 the café is being leased by Morrall's Bakery. Both the Café and the Outback Show are important to the Visitor offering in Bourke.

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

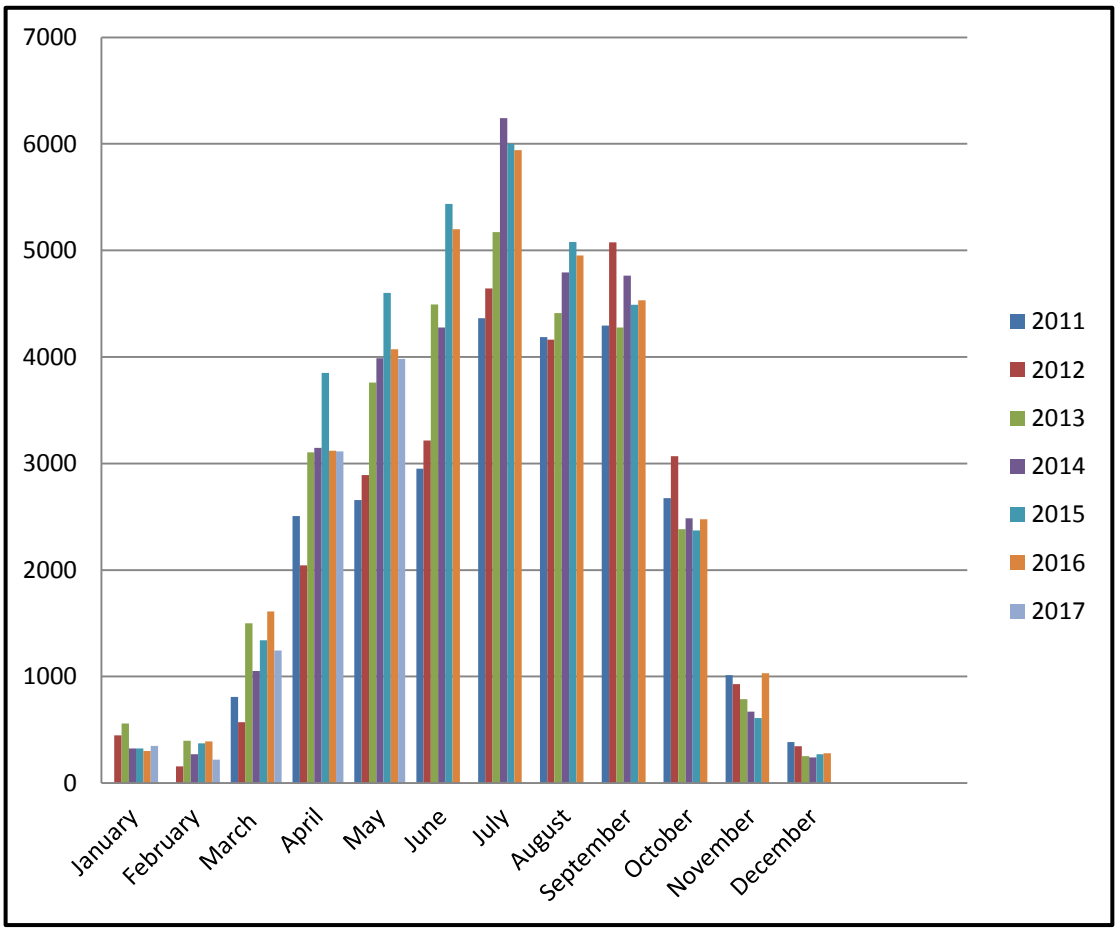

Table showing number of visitors to the Tourist Centre by month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January		448	560	325	326	302	348
February		157	397	271	373	391	220
March	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245
April	2507	2044	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	
November	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	
December	386	347	254	242	272	281	

Visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

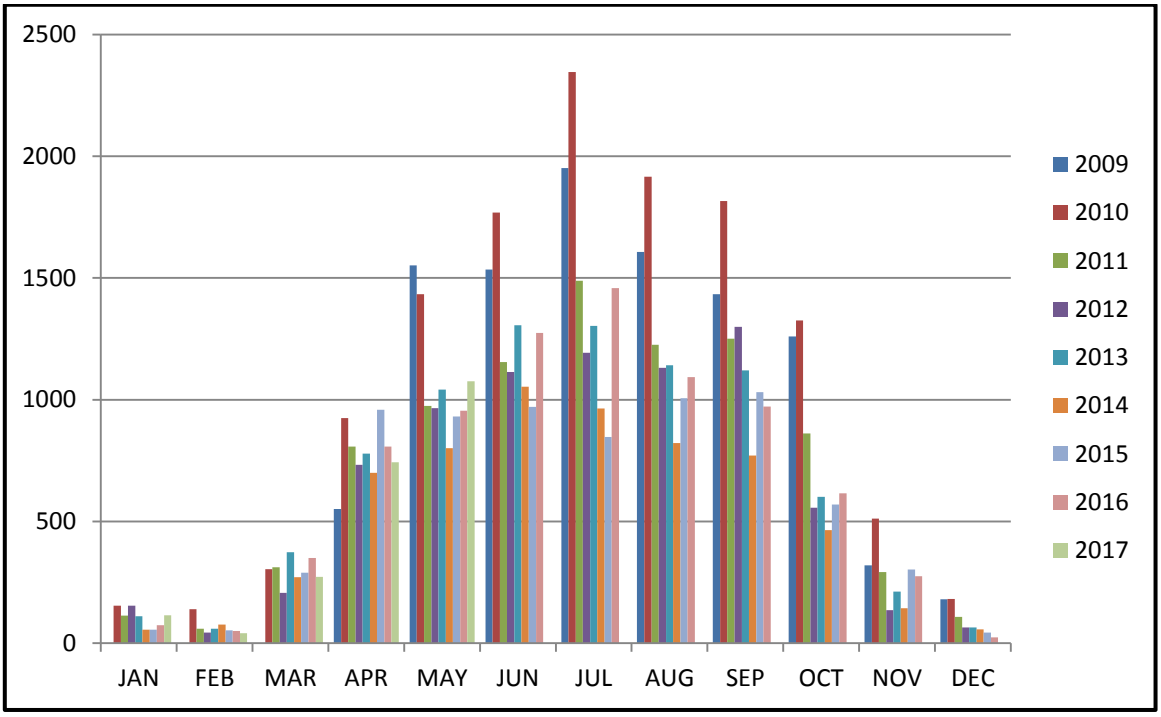

Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January		154	113	154	110	55	56	74	115
February		139	60	44	60	76	53	50	41
March		304	312	207	373	271	289	350	272
April	551	925	807	732	778	699	959	807	743
May	1551	1433	974	965	1042	801	931	954	1076
June	1535	1769	1154	1114	1306	1053	971	1274	
July	1951	2345	1489	1193	1303	964	847	1458	
August	1607	1916	1225	1131	1141	822	1006	1093	
September	1433	1816	1251	1299	1120	770	1031	972	
October	1259	1325	861	556	601	464	569	615	
November	320	512	292	136	212	143	302	275	
December	180	182	108	65	65	57	43	24	

Table showing visitation on board the PV Jandra

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

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

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

Recommendation:
That Council note the information in the Tourism and Development Activity Report as presented to Council on Tuesday, 20th June 2017.

Leonie Brown
Manager of Corporate Services