

Bourke Shire Council  
Agenda  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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

General Manager:

Ross Earl

## AGENDA

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 Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 be adopted.

7. Confirmation of the Minutes

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

8. Business Arising

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
*	004/2014	Business Arising	7	Notation

9. Engineering Services Department

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	103/2014	Water Licences	14	Notation
*	104/2014	Oxley/Wilson Street Drainage	15	Consideration
	105/2014	Performance Monitoring Report Water and Sewer	16	Notation
*	106/2014	Roads to Recovery Program	17	Notation
	107/2014	Closing of Duplicated Public Roads in Bourke Shire	19	Adoption

**10. Environmental Services & Development Department**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
	205/2014	Fishing Reserve Management Plan Adoption	20	Adoption
	206/2014	Swimming Pool Safety Barrier Inspection Program Amendment	20	Adoption

**11. General Manager**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
★	322/2014	Sale of Blocks of Land Passed in at the Sale for Unpaid Rates Held on the 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	25	Adoption
	323/2014	Establishment Of Outback Shires Alliance	26	Notation
	324/2014	Final Submissions in relation to the Final Reports of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Governments Acts Task Force	27	Notation
★	325/2014	Submission in Relation to Air Services	28	Adoption

**12. Corporate Services Department**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
★	426/2014	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances	29	Notation
★	427/2014	Investment Report as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	31	Adoption
★	428/2014	NSW Public Library Funding	33	Consideration

**13. Tourism & Development**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
		Nil Reports for April		

**14. Delegates and Councillors Reports**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
		Nil Delegates Reports		

**15. Committee Minutes**

	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Page No</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
		Nil Committee Minutes		

**16. Policies**

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		Nil Policies		

### 17. Précis of Correspondence

	Report No	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	913/2014	Emergency Water Supply for Bourke & North Bourke	37	Consideration
★	914/2014	Community Contribution – 1984 Bourke Clayton Cup Reunion	37	Consideration
★	915/2014	Community Contribution – Bourke Debutante Ball	37	Consideration
★	916/2014	Community Contribution – Bourke TAFE Diploma of Children Services	38	Consideration
	917/2014	Update from Village Meeting	38	Adoption
	918/2014	Resignation of Chief Executive of LGNSW	38	Notation
	919/2014	2WEB Annual Advertising Package	39	Consideration

### 18. Activity Reports

	Report	Report	Page No	Recommendation
	104/2014	Engineering	2	Notation
	204/2014	Environmental	8	Notation
	304/2014	General Manager	11	Notation
	404/2014	Corporate Services	22	Notation
	503/2014	Tourism & Development	24	Notation

### 19. Closed Session

	Report	Report	Page No	Recommendation
★	108/2014	<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> - Enforcement of Fines on Local Roads	2	Closed Session

**10am - Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Month/Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>2014</b>				
<b>April</b>	18th		Easter Friday – Public Holiday	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Easter Monday – Public Holiday	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00am 11.00am	ANZAC Day – Dawn Service ANZAC Day – March (marshall at Diggers on the Darling at 10.40am)	Central Park Cenotaph
	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>May</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	LRC Meeting	RFS – North Bourke
	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	LEMC Meeting	RFS – North Bourke
	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>June</b>	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>July</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>August</b>	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>September</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>October</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers
<b>November</b>	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Council Meeting - 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Council Chambers

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST**

Information which has been sent out to Councillors since the last meeting of Council held on Monday, 2014.

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Email/Fax	Post	Précis
19/03/2014	Media Release – Closure of Wanaaring Road at Warrego By-wash Bridge due to Bridge Damage	GM	Councillors All Staff Media		
24/03/2014	Circular to Councils 14-06 Information about Rating 2014/15	Ross Woodward NSW Office of Local Government	Councillors All Staff		
01/04/2014	Seminar of Work Place Health & Safety Media Release	GM	All Staff/Councillors/ Media/		
02/04/2014	From the GM's Desk	GM	All Staff/Councillors/ Media/		
04/04/2014	Response following the Senior Management Council visit to Bourke	Chris Eccles Premier & Cabinet	Councillors MANEX		
08/04/2014	From the GM's Desk	GM	All Staff/Councillors/ Media/		
09/04/2014	Response following the Senior Management Council visit to Bourke/ Meeting with Alison Morgan from DCP	Chris Eccles Premier & Cabinet	Councillors All Staff		
10/04/2014	Circular to Council's 14/10 NSW Councillor & Candidate Report 2012	Ross Woodward NSW Office of Local Government	Councillors		
14/04/2014	Resignation of Bill Gillooly AM from LGNSW	Cr Keith Rhoades LGNSW	Councillors All Staff		✓
15/04/2014	From the GM's Desk	GM	All Staff/Councillors/ Media/		

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

KEY:  Action still pending  Action

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

**213/2012 – Plaques – Rest Areas**

**Responsible Officer: MRS**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Plaques to be applied to the three (3) rest areas named for Greens, Gleeson’s and Bowden’s Transport Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plaques erected</li> <li>• Opening to be planned by Manager of Roads</li> </ul>

**206/2013 - Review of Organisational Structure**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council obtain advice from Brewarrina Shire as to their willingness to continue negotiations in relation to a shared appointment of a qualified Engineer in the capacity of a Group Leader or similar.</li> <li>2. That the recommendations in relation to the realignment of any positions be considered prior to the advertising of any vacancies.</li> <li>3. The positions descriptions of positions identified within the report from Local Government Management Solutions as requiring review be undertaken in consultation with both the employee and any union involved.</li> <li>4. That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In progress</li> <li>2. Ongoing</li> <li>3. In progress</li> <li>4. In progress</li> </ol>

**254/2013 – Old Cemetery**

**Responsible Officer: MES**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Environmental staff work with Council’s Heritage Advisor to develop a Plan of Management for the old cemetery	In progress, Heritage advisor drafting Plan for review

**336/2013 – Naming of the Bogan River Bridge at Beemery - CONFIDENTIAL**

**Responsible Officer: MR**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council forward its preferred options for the naming of the Beemery Bridge over the Bogan River to the Roads and Maritime Services for their consideration and approval.</li> <li>2. That on receipt of that approval Council orders the required signage and organises an appropriate naming ceremony.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letter sent to RMS</li> <li>2. Awaiting reply – Manager of Roads to follow up</li> </ol>

**350/2013 – Proposed Amendment of LEP**

**Responsible Officer: MES**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare a planning proposal to have the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BLEP 2012) amended to rezone IN2 Light Industrial land located in the western end of Bourke encompassing that land between Meek, Anson and Church Streets to R1 General Residential.</li> <li>2. That a further report be presented to Council to obtain consent to submit that planning proposal to the NSW Department of Planning.</li> </ol>	<p>Consultant undertaking preparation of Draft Planning Proposal</p> <p>Meeting planned with Department of Planning in May to progress Planning Proposal</p>

**362/2013 – Enngonia Hall Committee**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
GM formalise an agreement with the Enngonia Progress Association in regards to being the caretaker of the hall	In progress

**399/2013 – Review of Noxious Weeds Management in New South Wales**

**Responsible Officer: MES**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
Monitor the proposed changes to noxious Weeds Management and a further Report be tabled after the November 12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Macquarie Valley Noxious Weeds Committee	Submission to Draft Report Lodged



**25/2014 – Community Contribution – Bourke & District Garden Club**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the Garden Competition in the 2014/15 year be considered along with other budget considerations at the budget meeting of Council	Included in Operational Plan

**36/2014 – Closed Session of Council – Development Opportunity in Bourke**

**Responsible Officer: MT&D**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council proceed with the purchase, development and funding of the blocks as outlined in the proposal and;</li> <li>2. That Bourke Shire Council authorizes the use of the Council seal in the execution of documents in regards to the purchase of land from the current owner.</li> </ol>	In process

**37/2014 – Closed Session of Council – Development Opportunity in Bourke**

**Responsible Officer: MT&D**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council endorse the approach taken by staff in regards to the minimum standards to be set with future development at North Bourke in the areas bound by Warrego St, Castlereagh St, Narran St and Macquarie St and confirm that the minimum standard for the roadway should be all weather gravel and that access be from Sid Coleman Drive	Completed

**45/2014 – Fishing Reserve Management Plan**

**Responsible Officer: MES**

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The draft Fishing Reserve Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for comment until Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014</li> <li>2. That a report be taken to the Town and Village Committee to prioritization of such expenditure for Reserves and Parks</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Management Plan on Public Exhibition</li> <li>2. Report being prepared for Town &amp; Village Committee</li> </ol>

**74/2014 – Aboriginal Communities Water & Sewer Program**

**Responsible Officer: MW**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<p>1. Council endorse the submission to undertake the delivery of services on behalf of the New South Wales Office of Water to the Aboriginal Communities with Bourke Shire as part of the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewer Program.</p> <p>2. That if required the seal of Council be affixed to the documents in relation to the provision of the services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taken over operation and maintenance of Alice Edwards Village</li> <li>• Clara Hart Village subject to negotiation</li> </ul>

**91/2014 – Report of the Western Division Councils held at Hillston 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<p>Council write to each of the new Officer bearers congratulating them on being elected their positions following the election of the Western Division Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

**92/2014 – Sale of Land For Unpaid Rates in accordance with section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<p>1. A further report be provided once all costs are received and sales finalised</p> <p>2. Thanks to the Manager of Corporate Services and the Revenue Officer for the work carried out for the 713 Sale</p>	<p>1. Costs still being finalised</p>

**93/2014 – Outback Shires Alliance**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<p>Council continues to ensure that all staff are aware of the proposal to further develop the “Outback Shires Alliance</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

**98/2014 – Revenue Policy**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
Charge a filtered water price of \$2.16 cents/KL for the 2014/2015 rating period while maintaining the set increase of 2.3% in all water access charges	Advertised as part of the Operational Plan 2014/2015

**101/2014 – Revenue Policy**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
Continue to liaise with the Department of Water and Energy in developing a suitable Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing for Bourke and the best possible way for it to be implemented.	In progress

**106/2014 – Loan Schedule**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
Council borrow up to \$1,578,000.00 in the 2014/2015 financial year. The borrowings include \$588,000 for plant replacement, \$300,000 for computer upgrade, \$190,000 for residential land development and \$500,000 for Drainage upgrade	Included in Operational Plan 2014/2015

**107/2014 – Budget**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

DECISION	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council review the Draft Operational Plan for 2014/2015 in line with the provisions of the Delivery Plan 2013/2017.</li> <li>2. That subject to any amendments that Council approve the Draft Operational Plan for 2014/2015 being advertised and the calling of submissions in accordance with Section 405 (3) of the Local Government Act.</li> <li>3. That Council again review the Draft Operational Plan for 2014/2015 and any submissions received be considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.</li> </ol>	Advertised

**110/2014 – Delivery and Operation Plan Timeline**

**Responsible Officer: MCS**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 Consideration and Determination of Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program	Completed
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 Disseminate required public notice calling for submissions on Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program.	Advertised
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 Closing date for receipt of submissions.	
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 Adoption of Operational Plan 2014/2015 and Delivery Program for 2013-2017, after due consideration of any submissions received.	

**113/2014 – Community Contribution – Byrock to Bourke for Beau Cycling Event**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Council be a Gold Level Sponsor for the Byrock for Beau Cycling Event	Completed

**115/2014 – Letter of Appreciation – Wanaaring & District Progress Association**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
Council ascertain the current situation regarding the Nurse Practitioner's position at Wanaaring and when details are at hand and that the information be made available to the Wanaaring community	Meeting to be convened with Western Area Health

**116/2014 – Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
General Manager to authorise up to two (2) employees of Council to attend the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference to be held in Narrandera on 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	Expressions of Interest to be advertised

**117/2014 – Approval of Legal Assistance Canterbury City Council**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b><i>ACTION TAKEN</i></b>
Council pay the amount of \$199.56 to assist Canterbury City Council with their legal costs in relation to easements over community land.	Completed

**124/2014 – Matters from Activity Reports**

**Responsible Officer: GM**

<b>DECISION</b>	<b><i>ACTION TAKEN</i></b>
Council continue in their efforts to attract funding for significant road damage resulting from storm activity	In Progress

**Recommendation:**

**That the information in the business arising as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 be received and noted.**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>W2. W2.2.16</b>
<b>Report: 103/2014</b>	<b>Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance/Management “Managing Water Licences, Project”</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Peter Brown, Manager of Works</b>

**Background**

This report will assist Bourke Shire Council to understand what their current water licences can be used for and whether they can be traded or sold to help the community if possible.

**Report**

The Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance (LMWUA) have employed the services Aither to develop a Water Licensing Plan for Bourke Shire Council so that all licences can be properly managed and all options for the use of those Water Licences explored.

Bourke Shire Council currently holds the following water licences:

<b>Number</b>	<b>New Number (08)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>River / Bore</b>	<b>Pumps</b>	<b>NSW Irrigators</b>
		<b>Surface water licences</b>			
80 SL 039893	BD/85 SL 039893 D	Bourke	Darling	3	3500 ML
80 SL 016395		Wanaaring	Paroo	2	Unknown
80 SL 095450		North Bourke	Darling	3	300ML
80 SL 006388	BD/ 85 SL 006388 D	Louth	Darling	1	Unknown
80 SL 017910	85 AL752936	Back O’ Bourke Centre	Darling	1	Unknown
80 SL 037213	BD /85 SL 037213 D	Golf Club	Darling	1	Unknown
		<b>Bore licences</b>			
80 BL 108828	85 BL 108828	Enngonia	Artesian Bore	1	Unknown
80 BL 238798	85 BL238798	Fords Bridge	Bore	1	Unknown
n/a	n/a	Walkdens	Artesian Bore	1	Unknown
80 BL 025202	85 BL 025202	Wanaaring	Bore	1	Unknown

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the report from on the “Water Licensing Management Project” being developed by the Lower Macquarie Water Utilities Alliance be received and noted.**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>R7.7.1, D6.1</b>
<b>Report: 104/2014</b>	<b>Oxley / Wilson Street Drainage</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Peter Brown, Manager of Works</b>

### Background

Council have had storm water drainage problems in the Oxley / Wilson Street area for a number of years. Inspection of the gutter bridge has taken place numerous occasions and have indentified that the gutter bridge have failed and needs replacement.

### Report

The success of the spoon drains that were installed in Darling and Tudor streets, now give Council the opportunity to install a further spoon drain to relieve the storm water issues of the failed gutter bridge in the Oxley/ Wilson street area. Council received several complaints during the last rain event in February and upon investigation found there is a cause for concern, with water flooding into yards and causing minor damage.

### Financial Costs

Two (2) options have been identified to alleviate the stormwater issue in Oxley/Wilson Street

<b>Replacement of a gutter bridge</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Installation of a spoon drain</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Materials/ Labour	\$17,700.00	M&L	\$8,490.00
Excavation	\$4,650.00	Exc	\$4,650.00
Patching bitumen	\$3,528.00	Patching bitumen	\$3,528.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,878.00</b>		<b>\$16,668.00</b>

### Recommendation

**That a new spoon drain in the Oxley / Wilson Street area be programmed and completed within the 2014/2015 Town Street budget a cost of \$16,668.00**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>W2.1, W2.2, S3.1</b>
<b>Report: 105/2014</b>	<b>Performance Monitoring Report Water and Sewer</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Peter Brown, Manager of Works</b>

### **Report**

An Annual Report has been prepared by the NSW Office of Water and its predecessors since 1986, and presents the key performance indicators for all NSW Urban Water Utilities. This enables each utility to monitor and improve its performance through benchmarking against similar utilities.

The 2012-2013 Report for NSW Water Utilities has been released.

Bourke Shire Council's Water Quality was compliant throughout the report, other notables within the report are as follows:-

#### **Water**

- Chemical water quality compliance 100%
- Microbiological Water compliance 100%
- Water quality complaints less than 5
- Average water supplied per property/ household 1100 KL – **Council have dropped from 1500KL in 2011/2012**
- Operating costs cents per KL – **On par with similar sized Councils**

#### **Sewer**

- Odour complaints –sewerage less than 5
- Compliance with BOD license 35% - **poor**
- Compliance with SS license 28% - **poor**
- Sewer blockages 2010/2011 394 – **poor**
- Green house gas emissions – **good**

**Note:** Bourke Shire Council's Sewerage license was renegotiated in late 2012 and now meets compliance within the annual NSW Monitoring report

The full report will be available at the Council meeting for Councilors if required.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council notes the report on the Performance Monitoring for NSW Water Utilities for Bourke.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>R7.6.3</b>
<b>Report: 106/2014</b>	<b>Roads to Recovery Program</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Mark Gordon Manager of Roads</b>

### **Introduction**

Following an article printed in the Western Magazine in regards to the possibility of the Roads 2 Recovery Program being abolished.

### **Background**

#### **Article in Western Magazine**

*The Roads to Recovery Programme is at risk of being blocked in the Senate, Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, warned, after Labor and the Greens opposed the \$1.75 billion, 5 year funding.*

The legislation to extend the funding for the next five years passed in the House of Representatives, but because it was opposed by Labor and the Greens the funding is at risk of termination.

“If Labor and the Greens vote against the legislation in the Senate, the Programme will terminate.” Mr. Joyce said.

Mr. Joyce said that a lot of local communities cannot afford to lose the funding.

“That's a lot of bitumen for a lot of much needed work on our local roads and streets,” he said. “Our communities cannot afford to lose this vital investment.”

Mr. Joyce believes Labor is playing political games.

“Labor is playing the basest of political games and it is local councils and local road users who will pay the price.” he said.

Federal Member for Parkes, MP Mark Coulton, says local councils in his electorate desperately need the funding.

“My Electorate encompasses 17 local areas and these Councils would be in a lot of financial strife without the funding through Roads to Recovery.” he said.

Mr. Joyce says that this \$1.75 billion funding will go towards helping many regional and rural communities across Australia.

“Our \$1.75 billion commitment is designed to help local governments to address the backlog of local road maintenance, to improve safety and transport efficiency, and stimulate economic development across the country.”

Mr. Joyce says many local roads across NSW desperately need this funding for vital improvements.

“Across NSW, local roads will lose a staggering \$114,629,824 if Labor doesn't get out of the way,” he said. “Our local community, our businesses and our entire economy desperately need this \$1.75 billion injection of funding for local roads.

Subsequent to that press article the following was received by Council from Keith Rhoades, PSM, President of Local Government NSW.

Dear Mayor and General Manager

“I know a number of you are concerned about the apparent delays in the passage of legislation to secure Roads to Recovery funding until 30th June 2019”.

“I am writing to let you know that at a late night teleconference involving the President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Felicity Ann Lewis, and the two Vice Presidents of ALGA, Cr Troy Pickard and myself, the picture has become clearer. Roads to Recovery continues to be supported by both the Government and the Opposition”.

Cr Felicity-Ann Lewis has now provided the following advice which I thought I should pass on to you:-

*“ The extension of Roads to Recovery beyond 20 June 2014 to a new end date of 30 June 2019 is just one of the amendments which the Government is seeking to enact in the current Land Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill which has now passed the House of Representatives. The R2R extension is supported by both the Government and the Opposition and they have both stated that they will pass a Bill which includes the R2R extension. Unfortunately, however, the Opposition and Government disagree with parts of the Bill dealing with other matters and this is creating concern about the passage of the legislation through the Senate in the next few months. ALGA is acutely aware of the issue and is discussing the matter with both Government and Opposition with the objective of ensuring that there is no impact on the R2R extension as a result of disagreement between the parties on other issues. I will keep you informed of developments on this matter and on any action that ALGA may need to take as events unfold in the new few weeks.”*

**Recommendation  
For Council's information.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>R7.6.5</b>
<b>Report:107 /2014</b>	<b>Closing of Duplicated Public Roads in Bourke Shire</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Mark Gordon Manager of Roads</b>

### **Introduction**

The Legal Roads Network Project (LRN) has been identifying Council Public roads in Bourke Shire for the past two years and has advised us that the process is all but complete.

### **Background**

This new road identification project has replaced an older system referred to as the Western Division Roads (WDR) system that was introduced in Bourke Shire in the 1960's. The WDR roads system used a less accurate method of identifying roads and these roads were dedicated by notification in the government gazette.

As the road system has now been "duplicated" it will be necessary for the old WDR roads to be closed under the Roads Act. It is intended that the closed roads will be added to the adjoining Western Lands Leases in compensation for the opening and dedication of the re-defined roads under the LRN Project.

### **Summary**

For the road closing process to proceed, the Property Services & Natural Resources Crown Lands Division (Western Region) requires a letter of concurrence from Bourke Shire Council as the Local Roads Authority under the Roads Act 1993.

### **Recommendation**

**That Council send a letter of concurrence to the Property Services & Natural Resources Crown Lands Division (Western Region) to have the old WDR roads closed under the Roads Act.**

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

<b>File No:</b>	<b>L1.9</b>
<b>Report: 205/2014</b>	<b>Fishing Reserve Management Plan Adoption</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services</b>

### Summary

The Draft Fishing Reserve Management Plan was placed on Public exhibition for 28 days with no public comments or submissions being received.

### Report

This plan of management directs the management, development and use of the Bourke Fishing Reserve, the plan identifies objectives, performance targets and the means in which these will be achieved. It clarifies and establishes Council policy and direction and provides a basis for assigning priorities in work's programming and budgeting. The plan does not commit Council to funding improvements that are outside its budget limits. The plan will be reviewed regularly to assess implementation and performance.

### Financial Implications

Given that the objectives contained in the Plan of Management vary in complexity, cost and priority, it is important to acknowledge that its implementation is subject to the budgetary processes of Council and any possible grant funding that may be obtained.

### Recommendation

**That the Fishing Reserve Management Plan be adopted by Bourke Shire Council.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>S10.1</b>
<b>Report: 206/2014</b>	<b>Swimming Pool Safety Barrier Inspection Program Amendment</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services</b>

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to amend the Bourke Shire Council swimming pool safety barrier inspection program to reflect an amendment in legislation for a certificate of compliance when a property with a pool is sold or leased.

### Background

Provisions that require a property with a swimming pool to have a certificate of compliance before it can be sold or leased were to come into effect from the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014, this date has now changed to the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015, this means that pool owners will have more time to ensure swimming pool barrier compliance, prior to sale or lease of their property.

### Report

Council will use this additional time to establish and implement their swimming pool barrier inspection program as well as promoting awareness of the requirements that will now

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commence on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Staff will ensure that council has appropriate systems, processes and resources to respond to requests from property owners for inspections. Council will still undertake the mandatory inspections portion of the Bourke Shire Council swimming pool safety barrier inspection program.

### **Conclusion**

Swimming pool safety is a known risk and concern in any community. Bourke Shire Council promotes and supports pool safety for everyone within our community and especially for children. The Swimming Pools Safety barrier inspection program has been developed to promote and encourage swimming pool safety and will reflect the current amendment relating to the introduction date for requirement for the issue compliance certificates.

### **Recommendation:**

**That Council receive and note the report and endorse the amendment to the Bourke Shire Council swimming pool safety barrier inspection program.**

### **Attachment**

1. Amended Swimming Pool Safety barrier inspection program

## **MANDATORY POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM**

### **Program Objective**

To implement an inspection program that effectively meets Council's obligation under the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and *Swimming Pools Regulation 2008*, increase pool safety awareness and reduce infant drowning and near drowning events within the Bourke Shire Local Government Area.

### **Background**

A comprehensive review of swimming pool legislation has been undertaken by the NSW Department of Local Government. The change in legislation has been brought about because of the rate of preventable drowning's and near drowning's in privately owned swimming pools and the high rate of non-compliance of swimming pool barriers in NSW.

The resulting amendments to the *Swimming Pools Act* require, in part, that NSW councils develop and implement a locally appropriate swimming pool barrier inspection program in consultation with the community, for privately owned swimming pools.

### **Definitions – for the purpose of this pool inspection program**

**Certificate of Compliance** – in respect of swimming pools means a certificate issued under section 22D of the *Swimming Pools Act*.

**Multi-occupancy development** – a building, or buildings that is, or are, situated on premises that consist of two or more dwellings.

**Relevant Occupation Certificate** – in respect of a swimming pool, means an occupation certificate issued under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that is less than three (3) years old and that authorises the use of the swimming pool.

**Swimming pool** – means an excavation, structure or vessel:

- (a) That is capable of being filled with water to a depth greater than 300millimeters, and
- (b) That is solely or principally used, or that is designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for the purpose of swimming, wading, paddling or any other human aquatic activity, and includes a spa pool, but does not include a spa bath, anything that is situated within a bathroom or anything declared by the regulations not to be a swimming pool for the purposes of this Act.

**Tourist and Visitor Accommodation** – means a building or place that provides temporary or short term accommodation on a commercial basis and includes back packers accommodation, bed and breakfast accommodation, farm stay accommodation, hotel or motel accommodation and serviced apartments

### **Inspection Program Requirements**

- a) As of and from 29 April 2014, Council shall inspect all swimming pools associated with tourist and visitor accommodation and multi-occupancy development at a maximum of three (3) yearly intervals.
- b) As of and from 29 April 2015, where requested by the property owner or on behalf of the property owner, Council shall inspect within reasonable time, all properties which have a swimming pool prior to their sale or lease.

- c) Council shall inspect any swimming pool within reasonable time that is subject of a customer, staff or owner request, to ensure the pool barrier is installed in accordance with *Swimming Pools Act* requirements
- d) Council shall inspect and take appropriate regulatory action in respect of swimming pools that have been constructed without development consent, or that are installed or are being used in contravention of conditions of development consent or other legislative requirements.
- e) As of and from 29 October 2013, Council shall inspect other non-mandatory residential properties that contain swimming pools as part of a proactive program to improve the level of compliance of pool safety barriers and reduce the incidence of infant drowning's or near drowning's.

The proactive inspection program will incorporate a risk based approach whereby unauthorised pools which come to Council's attention and authorised pools with outstanding final inspection will have high priority.

Council will also inspect pools on premises which are entered for other statutory purposes, at no additional cost, in view to determine compliance.

### **Inspection Fees**

The *Swimming Pools Act* provides that Council may charge a fee for inspection conducted by an authorised officer, being a fee that is not greater than the maximum fee prescribed by the *Swimming Pools Regulation*. In such cases Council may not charge a separate fee for issuing a certificate of compliance.

In addition, the *Swimming Pools Act* provides that Council may charge a fee for one reinspection.

Council will charge a fee of \$150 for an initial inspection (which includes the issue of a certificate of compliance for complying pool fences) and \$100 for one follow up inspection.

Council will not charge additional fees for the conduct of subsequent inspections.

Council will not charge a fee for initial inspection where premises have been entered for other statutory purposes.

### **Resourcing**

Council will engage appropriate staff to implement the inspection program and associated responsibilities including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Inspection of swimming pools in accordance with the adopted inspection program and its requirements;
- The identification of unregistered and unauthorised swimming pools;
- The enforcement of the requirements of the *Swimming Pools Act* where appropriate;
- The issue of certificates of compliance; and

- Program reporting

### **Enforcement**

Council aims to achieve compliance through effective education and engagement of pool owners and the community. Council acknowledge the ultimate effectiveness of any pool safety barrier relies upon the awareness of the property owner and their willingness to ensure compliance and ongoing maintenance.

The *Swimming Pools Act* does provide mechanisms, such as Notices, Directions and penalty provisions which are used to actively encourage compliance where deemed necessary and appropriate.

### **Education and Awareness**

Pool owner education and awareness is essential in contributing to the success of the inspection program.

An ongoing and complementary community education and awareness program will be delivered through community publications, media releases, web-site information and owner self-assessment pool fence checklists.

The importance of pool barrier maintenance and adult supervision are key messages to be delivered within the program.

The rates of pool barrier compliance are expected to progressively increase as a result of the inspection program and the gradual improvement of level of community education and awareness.



**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>R2.10-R2.10.3</b>
<b>Report: 322/2014</b>	<b>Sale of Blocks of Land Passed in at the Sale for Unpaid Rates Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Earl, General Manager</b>

**Background:**

Council held a sale for unpaid rates on the 1st March 2014 and not all blocks attracted bids on that day or failed to reach the reserve price. Since the auction a number of enquires have been fielded in respect of the unsold blocks and Council is able to sell these blocks by private treaty subject to the restrictions imposed by section 716 of the Local Government Act.

**Current Situation:**

A number of the blocks which were put up for sale for unpaid rates in accordance with the provision of section 713 of the Local Government Act 1993 failed to sell at the auction held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

Subject to the provisions of section 716 of the Local Government Act 1993 these blocks of land are able to be sold by private treaty.

*Section 716 states as follows:-*

- 1. Any sale of land under this division must be sold by way of public auction, except as provided by this section.*
- 2. Land that fails to sell at public auction may be sold by private treaty.*
- 3. Land may be sold under this division to the Council, a Councillor, a relative of a Councillor, a member of the staff of the Council or any relative of a member of staff of the Council in the case of sale by public auction, but may not be so sold in the case of sale by private treaty*

**Financial Implications:**

The sale of the land will provide the opportunity for Council to collect rates on the properties. The costs involved in the preparation of contacts for sale have already been incurred prior to the date of the sale.

**Recommendation:**

**That subject to the provisions of section 716 of The Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the sale of any of the blocks of land that were passed in at the sale of land for unpaid rates conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>A3.13-A7.1</b>
<b>Report: 323/2014</b>	<b>Establishment Of Outback Shires Alliance</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Earl, General Manager</b>

**Background:**

The Councils of Walgett, Brewarrina and Bourke Shires have signed an agreement to progress the establishment of the Barwon Darling Coordination Group on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. This Alliance is to investigate the opportunities for resource sharing between the three (3) Councils and to look at the involvement and cooperation of the three (3) Councils in seeking to have improvement service delivery by the other tiers of government to the three (3) Council areas.

**Current Situation:**

A name change from Barwon Darling Coordination Group to the Outback Shires Alliance was suggested at a workshop involving representatives from all three (3) Councils held in Brewarrina on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and was subsequently endorsed by Bourke Shire Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March also developed a number of strategies and actions required to further develop the Alliance.

Part of that strategy was to convene a meeting of all the Managers/Directors of the three (3) Councils to ensure everyone was fully aware of the proposal and intended outcomes.

This meeting was held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 again at Brewarrina and again facilitate by Graeme Fleming to ensure a level of consistency.

There was a strong degree of support by all present.

Each of the General Managers agreed to facilitate one of three working groups established which were basically, Engineering, Environmental Services and Corporate (which includes Economic Development and Tourism).

Each of the groups is looking at opportunities and projects that can be readily introduced.

While still very much in the early stages, the Alliance has displayed significant promise of benefits for each of the communities.

I also took the opportunity to talk to the members of the works staff on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to ensure that everyone was receiving the same information.

A critical component to the success of the Alliance will be the cooperation and support of staff at all levels and an effective consultation framework will assist in this regard.

**Financial Implications:**

It is anticipated that the opportunity exists for savings to be made by all Councils and this will be more accurately be determined once the Alliance is fully operational.

**Recommendation:**

**That the information be received and noted**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>L8.31-L8.1</b>
<b>Report: 324/2014</b>	<b>Final Submissions in relation to the Final Reports of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and Local Governments Acts Task Force</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Earl, General Manager</b>

**Background:**

Prior to the finalisation of Bourke Shire Council's submissions, the Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis and I attended a briefing workshop hosted by Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) and Chaired by the President Councillor Keith Rhoades.

The workshop was also attended by Senior Executives of LGNSW who intended to use feedback from the series of forums they conducted in the compilation of the final submissions they were lodging.

The forum did provide some clarity in respect of some of the recommendations and also highlighted some of the unintended outcomes that could result if they were adopted in their current form.

**Current Situation:**

Council's submissions were lodged by the due date and a copy sent to Councillors under separate cover.

The submission by Council in relation to the Final Report of the Independent Review Panel was in line with the outcomes determined by the workshops held by Council and were largely in line with the submissions prepared by LG NSW, the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) and the Western Division Organisation of Councils all of which Bourke Shire Council is a member.

Copies of all those submissions can be forwarded should any Councillor wish to review them.

The Government's response to the Final Report of Independent Local Government Review Panel will be made following consideration of the submissions that have been lodged and was expected to announced in late May, however, this is still uncertain at this stage.

A number of the proposed changes to the Local Government Act will be dependent on whether or not some of the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel are adopted by the Government.

**Financial Implications:**

While the submissions were largely completed in house there has been a significant cost to Council in the conduct of briefing sessions, attendance at seminars and the preparation of the submissions themselves.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That the report be received and noted**
- 2. That copies of all submissions be made available to Councillors on request.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>A6.1</b>
<b>Report: 325/2014</b>	<b>Submission in Relation to Air Services</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Earl, General Manager</b>

**Background:**

Council has for some time lobbied to have a Regular Air Passenger Transport service reintroduced for Bourke and has been working closely with the Minister for Western New South Wales Hon. Kevin Humphries M.P. and the Department of Premier and Cabinet in this regard.

**Current Situation:**

The Department of Premier and Cabinet have commissioned various consultants reports into the re-establishment of air services to both Bourke and Walgett and to date the outcomes of these reports have been positive.

The NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee on State Development has also establish an enquiry into Regional Airline Services generally, including both freight and passenger services and following the invitation to do so a submission was lodged on behalf of Council.

As part of the enquiry the Committee will be conducting public hearings with the likely venue in this area to be Dubbo towards the middle of the year and Council will the opportunity to present its views and ideas to the Committee at that time.

The standing Committee is Chaired by the Hon Rick Colless, MP

**Financial Implications:**

The re-establishment of regular passenger air services to Bourke would be of tremendous benefit to the local economy.

Bourke Airport has excellent facilities and it would be great to be able to maximise the use of the investment in this facility.

**Recommendation:**

- 1. That the report be received and note**
  - 2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to represent Council at the public hearings to be convened in Dubbo later this year**
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**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>F1.1</b>
<b>Report:426/2014</b>	<b>Bank Reconciliation &amp; Statement of Bank Balances</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services</b>

**Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31.3.2014**

Balances as per Bank Statement	283,208.96
Plus: Deposit not shown	2,004.18
Less: Unpresented Cheques	4,720.48
Less: Unprocessed EFPTOS	147.40
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>280,345.26</b>

**Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31.3.2014**

<b>Fund or Account</b>	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>Overdraft Statutory Limit</b>
General Fund	4,076,724.47	
Water	2,461,653.16	
Sewer	2,151,839.80	
Trust	132,622.89	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,822,840.32</b>	

**Investments as at 31.3.2014**

National Australia Bank	513,570.42	3.8%	183 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	513,704.11	3.8%	183 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.81%	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	1,009,369.87	3.77%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	771,532.43	3.7%	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	936,089.71	3.75%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	504,561.65	3.67%	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	1,539,682.22	3.67%	90 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	504,561.65	3.7%	122 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	1,249,423.00	3.66%	90 Days	A1+
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>8,542,495.06</b>			

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

**Reconciliation at 31.3.2014**

<b>Balance as per cash book</b>	280,345.26
<b>Investments</b>	8,542,495.06
<b>Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger</b>	<b>8,822,840.32</b>

**Statement of Bank Balances as at 31.3.2014**

	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>28.2.2014</b>		<b>31.3.2014</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	5,315,095.02	-1,238,370.55	4,076,724.47
<b>Water Fund</b>	2,547,514.28	-85,861.12	2,461,653.16
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	2,121,580.02	30,259.78	2,151,839.80
<b>Trust Fund</b>	133,988.16	-1,365.27	132,622.89
<b>Investments</b>	-9,137,235.00	594,739.94	-8,542,495.06
<b>Totals</b>	<b>980,942.48</b>	<b>-700,597.22</b>	<b>280,345.26</b>

**Balance of all Funds as at 28.2.2014** **980,942.48**

<b>Add Receipts for</b>	
(a) Rates	152,064.65
(b) Other Cash	876,033.22
<b>Deduct payments for</b>	
(a) Paid since last meeting	1,688,852.28
(b) New Investment	39,842.81
<b>Balance as at 31.3.2014</b>	<b>280,345.26</b>

**Recommendation:**

**Council resolves that the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31.3.2014 be noted.**

Leonie Brown

**MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>F1.1</b>
<b>Report: 427/2014</b>	<b>Investment Report as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services</b>

**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 original 2013/2014 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as \$315,000 which represents an estimated return of 35%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cashflow requirements.

The market value of Council's Investments held as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was \$8,542,495.06

Investment income earned as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was \$293,232.56.

### 3. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

Policy 1.8.10 – Investment Policy adopted 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Ministerial Investment Order – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 31.3.2014

National Australia Bank	513,570.42	3.8%	183 Days	A1+
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National Australia Bank	1,000,000.00	3.81%	181 Days	A1+
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<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>8,542,495.06</b>			

## Term Deposits

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%

Average Investment Yield 3.73%

## Portfolio Performance

The average 90 day BBSW (Bank Bill Swap Rate) as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was 2.5% whilst the 11 am Cash Rate was 3.35%.



### Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio decreased by \$594,739.94 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

#### Council resolves:

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>G4.5 – L4.1</b>
<b>Report: 428 /2014</b>	<b>NSW Public Library Funding</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services</b>

### Report

The NSW public library funding situation is an historic issue that has been ignored by successive NSW governments. The funding level has now reached a crisis point. The key issues are:

- NSW receives the lowest per-capita funding for public libraries from the State Government of all states in Australia;
- State Government expenditure on public libraries has decreased as a proportion of total public library expenditure from 23% in 1980 to 7% in 2013.
- NSW Local Government Councils are currently paying 93% of the costs to operate public libraries in NSW (which are governed by state legislation);
- The current NSW Public Library Funding Strategy includes three components:
  - Per capita subsidy (legislated at \$1.85 per NSW resident) - \$13,503,243 in 2012-13,
  - Disability & Geographic Adjustment (DGA) - includes a component of population-based payments and a proportion of payments based on five disability factors developed by the NSW Local Government Grants Commission (pre-school children; people over 65; people from a NESB; population distribution; isolation) - \$6,551,966;

- Library Development Grants - \$549,996 (this amount has reduced from \$3.3m in 2005-06)
- The NSW Public Library Funding Strategy is not indexed to population growth or the consumer price index (CPI). This means that:
  - Funds have been taken from the Library Development Grant pool over a number of years to meet the increased per capita subsidy costs (and the per-capita component of the Disability and Geographic Adjustment fund) as the NSW population increases each year. If the government had not provided an “additional” \$2m to maintain the Country Public Libraries fund contribution in 2013-14, there would be no funding left for Library Development Grants; and
  - If the current funding situation is not addressed urgently, NSW Councils will suffer a reduction in their Disability and Geographic Adjustment payments to meet the increase in legislated per-capita subsidy costs for additional NSW population.

### **Action to date**

During the 2011 election campaign, the current NSW State Government made a pre-election commitment to undertake a comprehensive review of the quantum and allocation of funding for NSW public libraries. To date there has been no significant action by the government to meet this commitment.

In the absence of any government action the Library Council of NSW used the government’s pre-election commitment as a trigger to convene a committee of representatives from the Public Libraries NSW Association (representing regional and rural Councils and libraries), the NSW Metropolitan Public Libraries Association (representing metropolitan Councils and libraries), and the State Library of NSW, to develop an evidence-based submission about public library funding.

The Library Council of NSW then provided a submission to the State Government called *Reforming Public Library Funding* in October 2012. The evidence-based submission recommended a fairer, simplified and more transparent method for the distribution of funds.

The following principles for a new approach were recommended:

- Establish a base level of funding for Councils with populations below 20,000 people (a safety net for small Councils);
- Grant a modest increase in per capita allocations for all Councils to recognise cost movements since 1994;
- Address disadvantage transparently through the application of appropriate disability factors;
- Phase out anomalies in current allocations due to former Council amalgamations;
- Ensure sustainability by providing that no Council receives less recurrent funding than 2012/13; and
- Build and maintain infrastructure via a substantial capital fund, entitled the *Building Library Infrastructure Program*.

The Library Council recommended that recurrent public library funding to Councils be adjusted from the current \$26.5M to \$30M per annum from 2013/14 and indexed from the following year. This would be allocated as follows: 68% (\$20.4M in 2013/14) to Councils by population with a base level of funding for Councils with fewer than 20,000 residents, 17% (\$5.1M) to Councils by NSW Local Government Grants Commission (LGGC) disability factors to explicitly address disadvantage and 15% (\$4.5M) applied to Statewide Programs. In addition, a *Building Library Infrastructure Program* of \$30M per annum for building and maintaining infrastructure was recommended to replace the now defunct provision of grants from operating funds. This program would enable Councils to renew library buildings, systems, collections and equipment in regional, urban and growth areas. It was proposed that this be phased in, rising to \$30M over the 4 years from 2013/14 and indexed thereafter.

Many NSW Councils wrote to Hon. George Souris, Minister for the Arts during 2012, urging the State Government to adopt *the Reforming Public Library Funding* strategy. Despite a high level of expectation that the State Government would fulfil its pre-election undertaking to review and increase its funding allocation to NSW public libraries, this did not eventuate in the 2013 state budget.

### **Campaign**

The NSW Public Library Associations (NSWPLA), representing country and metropolitan libraries, are now coordinating a targeted campaign to bring the situation to the attention of politicians and funding decision makers to address the problem.

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) are assisting NSWPLA in this campaign and information will be provided to Councils and public libraries on an ongoing basis from these bodies throughout the campaign. In addition, local supporters of public libraries including Friends of the Library groups and library users will be engaged in the campaign to lobby State Members.

Given that 44% of the state's population are library users, it is anticipated that there will be strong support for the campaign in the community. Research also highlights the high value placed on public libraries by users and non-users alike. There will be high level media engagement and local and national champions of public libraries will be advocating for funding reform.

### **Conclusion**

There is currently a high degree of uncertainty as to the level of ongoing funding for public libraries in NSW from the State Government. The intent of the NSW Library Act in 1939 was for equal funding from state and local governments to provide library services. Since that time local government has increasingly carried the funding burden and the situation has deteriorated significantly over the past few decades. Without urgent action from local government and NSW Public Library Associations, this situation will continue and local Councils will once again be forced to pick up the funding shortfall.

## **Recommendation**

### **That Council:**

- 1. Provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased State funding to local government for public libraries by:**
    - a. Making representation to the local State Member in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services;**
    - b. Writing to the Hon. George Souris, Minister for the Arts, calling upon the Government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries;**
    - c. Approving the distribution of NSW Public Library Associations campaign information in Council libraries;**
    - d. Taking a lead role in activating the campaign locally**
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**PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>W2.2</b>
<b>Report: 913 /2014</b>	<b>Emergency Water Supply for Bourke &amp; North Bourke</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>The Hon. Andrew Stoner, MP - Deputy Premier</b>

Advising that up to \$2.5 million will be provided towards the cost of construction of a pipeline and associated works to provide water security under the Water Security for Regions program.

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>D5.1-D5.2</b>
<b>Report: 914/2014</b>	<b>Community Contribution – 1984 Bourke Clayton Cup Reunion Committee</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Leanne Orcher &amp; Karly Potter, Committee Members</b>

Requesting that Council make their Public Liability available to cover activities to be held in the main street and Central Park for the Reunion of the 1984 Bourke Clayton Cup Winners Reunion to be held Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>D5.1-D5.2</b>
<b>Report: 915/2014</b>	<b>Community Contribution – Bourke Debutante Ball</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Leanne Orcher, Committee Member/Coordinator</b>

Requesting that Council make a contribution of \$2,000 towards the costs of holding a Debutante Ball, such as venue, entertainment and assisting young ladies with their gowns. The ball will be held in September 2014 for the whole of the Bourke Community.

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>D5.1-D5.2</b>
<b>Report: 916/2014</b>	<b>Community Contribution – Bourke TAFE Diploma of Children Services</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Leah Moore, Aboriginal Liaison Officer</b>

Requesting funding for seven (7) Aboriginal ladies who have just received their Diploma in Children's Services to attend an industry visit to Dubbo and Sydney to see how these services run in other areas.

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>V1.3-R7.7.2-R7.7.6</b>
<b>Report: 917 /2014</b>	<b>Update from Village Meeting Required</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Enngonia Progress Association</b>

Requesting an update on items discussed at the village meeting held in December 2013 regarding the signage and village memorial hall.

*GM's note: Unfenced road, sign has been completed  
Blue information signs to Traffic Committee for RTA approval*

**Recommendation:**  
**That Council update the Enngonia Progress Association on works to be undertaken at the village.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>L8.3</b>
<b>Report: 918/2014</b>	<b>Resignation of Chief Executive of Local Government NSW</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Cr Keith Rhoades, President, LGNSW</b>

Advising that Bill Gillooly, AM has resigned his position as Chief Executive of Local Government NSW, Mr Gillooly has held this position for over 10 years and will continue in this position until a new Chief Executive has been appointed.

**Recommendation:**  
**That the information regarding the resignation of Chief Executive of Local Government NSW, Bill Gillooly, AM be noted.**

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<b>File No:</b>	<b>A4.1-D5.1</b>
<b>Report: 919/2014</b>	<b>2WEB Annual Advertising Package</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Wayne Harrison, General Manager 2WEB</b>

Offering Bourke Shire Council an annual advertising package with 2WEB for 2014/2015 at a cost of \$5,500 + GST entitling Council to unlimited announcements for 12 months.

**Recommendation:**  
**For Council's consideration**



**The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP**  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services

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**FAXED**  
14/4/14  
ZM.

8 APR 2014

Councillor Andrew Lewis  
Mayor  
Bourke Shire Council  
PO Box 21  
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Councillor Lewis

I write further to Minister Hodgkinson's letter dated 30 January 2014 (copy attached) regarding financial assistance towards the cost of construction of a pipeline and associated works to provide permanent emergency water supply for Bourke and North Bourke.

Since Minister Hodgkinson wrote to you, the NSW Government has announced that \$40 million in funding will be made available for regional projects to promote water security under the Water Security for Regions program.

I am pleased to advise that the NSW Government will provide financial assistance under this program to Bourke Shire Council of up to \$2.5 million towards the cost of construction of a pipeline and associated works to provide an emergency water supply for Bourke and North Bourke.

The Office of Water will be in contact with Council to discuss this further and confirm details of the funding arrangements with Bourke Shire Council.

I have asked that Mr Matt Parmeter, Senior Urban Water Manager, NSW Office of Water be available to discuss this matter further with you. Mr Parmeter may be contacted at [matt.parmeter@water.nsw.gov.au](mailto:matt.parmeter@water.nsw.gov.au) or on 02 6841 7410.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Trade and Investment  
Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services

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

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	BOURKE DEBUTANTE BALL
<b>Postal Address:</b>	ct 39a MERTIN ST BOURKE NSW 2840
<b>Contact person:</b>	Lelanne Orcher
<b>Position:</b>	Committee member / coordinator
<b>Phone number:</b>	0431 732 455
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0431 732 455
<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	leelanne.orchera@hotmail.com

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

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

**(Date(s) to be specified each year)**

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

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Financial Assistance Program  
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Email: [bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au)

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Policies and Processes of Bourke Shire Council

**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-  
We have formed a committee to hold a Debutante Ball in Bourke in September 2014 for the whole community.

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

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-  
To assist with associated costs of the Debutante Ball ie, security for the venue, Entertainment costs, Hire of hall & assisting young ladies with their gowns etc.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-  
\* Recognition of our young ladies & men  
\* Building self esteem amongst our younger generation  
\* Presenting our young ladies & men to society  
\* Improve whole of community relationships.

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

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ 2000	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, please quote your ABN		
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

**To be completed for "in kind" support:-**

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
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Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
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D. Other project costs		
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<b>TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)</b>		

**ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Name of bank:	To be advised
Name of bank account:	
Bank BSB Number:	
Bank Account Number:	

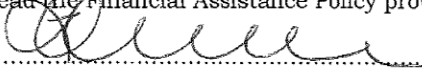
**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- For first time applicants, a copy of your group/organisation's constitution and if that constitution changes, then an updated copy is to be forwarded with any subsequent application
- A copy of the most recent annual report (including financial statements of income and expenditure) – preferably audited
- Copy of notification of ABN Number and GST Registration (if applicable) from the Australian Taxation Officer
- Evidence of Incorporation
- A copy of the applicant's current public liability insurance policy (i.e. Certificate of Currency)
- Where the applicant is a registered public charity, a copy of the registration certificate is required

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that all the details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the applicant group / organisation.

I have read the Financial Assistance Policy provided with this application form.

Signed: 

Name: Leanne Orcher

Position: Committee member/coordinator

Date: 9/4/14

39a Mertin Street  
BOURKE NSW 2840

14<sup>TH</sup> March 2014

General Manager  
Bourke Shire Council  
Mitchell Street  
BOURKE NSW 2840

Dear Ross,

Re: Clayton Cup Winners Bourke Football Reunion

The committee of the Bourke Rugby League Clayton Cup Winners 1984 is organizing a 30 year reunion for the football team.

The reunion is being organised for the long weekend from 6-8 June, 2014. The committee is organizing activities over this weekend to promote and celebrate the great achievement of this Bourke football team.

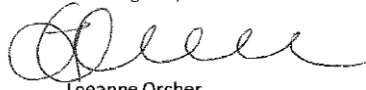
We are requesting to hold a parade and wool ball rolling on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in Oxley Street, Bourke, then crossing to the cross over to central park.

This event will bring tourism and people that have lived here previously back to Bourke for this celebration and positive role modeling for the younger upcoming footballers and community of Bourke.

We understand that public liability is to be organised however given the event and what it will do for the community of Bourke we are requesting the Bourke Shire Council organise public liability as a contribution to this wonderful community event.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Leeanne Orcher or Karly Potter on 0268722356.

Kind Regards,



Leeanne Orcher

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**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
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2011/12**

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	1984 Bourke clayton cup Reunion committee
<b>Postal Address:</b>	4-39 a Martin st BOURKE NSW 2840
<b>Contact person:</b>	Lianne Orcher / Kary Potter
<b>Position:</b>	Committee members
<b>Phone number:</b>	0268 722356
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0431 732455
<b>Fax number:</b>	0268 722398
<b>Email address:</b>	

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

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**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-  
We have formed a committee to organise a 30 year reunion for which Bourke Rugby League in 1984 now the claytons cup.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:-  Yes /  No  
If no, where is it located?

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

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-  
Asking for in kind support for Bourke shire council for public liability for activities organised in Oxley Street Bourke - The central park.

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:-  
It will allow for a successful long weekend of activities to go ahead and we all also promoting our town our community and bringing people back to Bourke the events will increase tourism and bring business to local businesses



Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months?      Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought?      Yes      No
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Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ <i>'in kind'</i>	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No
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	<i>the holding of accounts</i>	
Total (D)		
<b>TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)</b>		

DEADLINE: 7<sup>th</sup> May

Leah: 040946370  
Margaret: 0459462367

16/4/14

To whom it may concerning,

Re: Funding to help us with our industry visit to Sydney

As a group of 7 Proud Aboriginal Ladies who are attending our local Tafe, studying for 3.5 years and finishing in June 2014 with a Diploma in we are the first class of Aboriginal women in the Western Reign to do this. We have nearly come to the end of our diploma and doing so we have all built a bond between us that you could never imagine sharing ideas to better our own services for the children, parents, community and ourselves being a part of the Bourke community. This continues achievement has really helped us through some tuff times and some great times with all of the community and TAFE support.

We love our sense of achievement when a parent / cares says to us that they are pleased with our services and it just makes our day to see a child walk through our door with a smile on their face because we know that they are happy to attend our services and the parents / cares are happy and trust us with their children.

We believe that we have been able to take a few steps forward for the young indigenous generation and we also say "go for your dreams try and make them come true" and that with the support from the community and families of children that are enrolled in your services anything is possible, just to show that you can do it if you just apply yourselves. We believe you can do anything with some great mentors like each other and our teachers, we have been fortunate to of had during our studies makes a huge difference.

We are requiring some funding to go on an industry visit to Dubbo, Orange and Sydney for 1 week, to view and participate in alternate services, and to experience what it is like to deliver Early Childhood programs in the city and share knowledge between Bourke services and exchange ideas.

We believe that we are delivering the best we can to our services and we would love the opportunity to extend these experience with each other as a group to try and better our service delivery for the future of Bourke children.

There will be 2 teachers that will be attending this industry visit  
Catharine Marett  
Karen Forester

We are seeking the following amount for us to go on this industry Visit  
It's going to cost us \$1.00 per km which adds up to \$1200.00 travel

Motel Cost \$ 130 per night x 6 nights which would cost us \$4680

Total Cost: \$5880

The funds would be greatly appreciated and be put in good use so we can better our services and implement ongoing changes to our programing and Bourke & District Children's Services and

If we don't reach the goal of the expenses for the excursion we will be giving the money that we raise back to the funding bodies.

All funding bodies will receive a certificate of appreciation.

Yours Sincerely

Leah Moore  
Margaret Stewart  
Patricia Kavanagh  
Rebecca Gordon

Thomasina Edwards  
Lorraine Biles  
Leashay Nean  
Marissa Sullivan

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**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
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2011/12**

<b>Name of applicant organisation:</b>	Bourke TAFE student Diplom of children's services
<b>Postal Address:</b>	81 ANSON STREET BOURKE
<b>Contact person:</b>	LEAH MOORE
<b>Position:</b>	ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER
<b>Phone number:</b>	
<b>Mobile number:</b>	0409466370
<b>Fax number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

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**INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

7 Aboriginal ladies attending our local TAFE and studying our Diploma IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES..

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

If no, where is it located? BOURKE TAFE COLLEGE

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

Purpose for which the donation will be used:- The funding will be used for a industry visit to Dubbo, Orange and Sydney to see how the other services are run in the cities.

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

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months?      Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		

## Enngonia Progress Association

President Greg. Oates  
McCabe Street, Enngonia NSW 2840

Secretary: Lynn Mallon  
8 Shearer Street, Enngonia, NSW 2840.

To The General Manager,  
Ross Earle  
Bourke Shire Council,  
PO Box 21,  
Bourke, NSW 2840.

8<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

Dear Ross,

Would you please table this letter at the next shire council meeting.

Enngonia Progress Association met with Shire councilors and staff at Enngonia back in December 2013.

It was discussed about the new signage for the approaches to the Enngonia Village ie: the Blue signs & unfenced road signs.

At that time we were also informed that \$20,000 was allocated to the restorations on the War Memorial Hall in the village.  
We request a time frame for when this will all take place.

Yours Sincerely,

Secretary.

Lynn Mallon.

*L. M. Mallon*

President.

Greg Oates.

*Greg Oates*

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**Ross Earl**

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**From:** bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 April 2014 2:31 PM  
**To:** Kai Howard; Andrew Lewis; Ross Earl  
**Subject:** FW: ATTENTION ALL MAYORS & GENERAL MANAGERS - MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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**From:** LGNSW [mailto:[lgnsw@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:lgnsw@lgnsw.org.au)]  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 April 2014 2:33 PM  
**Subject:** ATTENTION ALL MAYORS & GENERAL MANAGERS - MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Mayor and General Manager

I am writing to let you know of the resignation of Bill Gillooly AM as Chief Executive of LGNSW.

We will now commence the recruitment process, both internally and externally, for a new Chief Executive. Bill has agreed to remain in the position until a new Chief Executive is appointed.

As many of you would be aware, Bill has had a distinguished Public Sector career being Director General of NSW Government Departments and member of some important Government Boards. He has been Chief Executive of LGNSW for just over ten years.

I'm sure you join with me in wishing Bill well for the future.

Yours sincerely



Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM  
President LGNSW  
M 0408 256 405

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On 1 March 2013 the LGSA merged to become LGNSW – please note change of website and email address.



PO Box 426  
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Bourke NSW 2840  
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15<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

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

Dear Ross

I am writing to offer Bourke Shire Council an annual advertising package with 2WEB.

For the 2014/15 year, this cost effective Local Government package is \$5,500 + GST entitling Council to unlimited announcements for 12 months.

Announcements promote Council activities, including rate reminders, road and bridge closures, council meetings, office hours, election notices, water supply interruptions, library/pool hours and special events such as Australia Day and Senior Citizens week.

This package is an immediate, convenient and reliable way for council to relay its message to ratepayers and residents, especially in rural areas at any time of the day. All you have to do is email or fax a message on Council letterhead.

I am sure you will agree that this is an inexpensive, efficient way of relaying information within your shire.

The financial support of Local Government makes it possible for 2WEB to provide services to the many community organisations in the Bourke Shire who utilise the station for publicity purposes.

I have included a map of the 2WEB service area for your information which shows the very large area 2WEB serves. If you would like to discuss this package, please call me on 68 722 333.

Yours sincerely,

**Wayne Harrison**  
**General Manager**

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*Handwritten notes: "copy to Ross"*

Business paper for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in the Council Chambers at 9.00am



## **BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Activity Reports**

**Council Meeting, Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**

The following information outlines works completed between the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

<b>File No:</b>	<b>E7.1</b>
<b>Report: 104/2014</b>	<b>Works Completed</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Scott Parnaby / Roads Supervisor</b>

**1. NORTH SECTOR – Dennis Tiffen, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>MR 404 Bourke- Hungerford</b>	Top Grade in progress
<b>RLR 46 Lanahulli</b>	R2R Realignment completed
<b>MR 404 Bourke- Hungerford</b>	Youngerina Causeway in progress
<b>RLR 17 Snake Gully</b>	Top Grade completed
<b>RLR 24 Ellavale</b>	R2R Gravel Resheeting completed

**2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR – John Reed, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>RLR 15 Lakemere</b>	R2R Formation Grade completed
<b>MR 68s Bourke - Louth</b>	Top Grade in Progress
<b>RLR 13 Landsdowne</b>	Grade storm Damage completed

**3. TRANSPORT SECTOR – Jack Weilinga, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>MR 404 Bourke- Hungerford</b>	Youngerina Causeway in progress
<b>Bitumen Sector</b>	Cart Aggregate
<b>RLR 24 Ellavale</b>	R2R Gravel Resheeting completed

**4. BITUMEN MAINTENANCE SECTOR – John Bartley, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>Bourke Township</b>	Pothole patching Town Streets
<b>All State Highways</b>	Pothole patching undertaken
<b>Airport Runway</b>	Pothole patching completed
<b>Town Streets</b>	Mowed , Whipper Snipping In progress

**5. PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>General</b>	All parks and gardens regular mowing and maintenance carried out Sporting grounds mowed Sporting grounds facilities cleaned and maintained Public Toilets cleaned and maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council Facilities
<b>Small Plant</b>	Maintenance and service carried out on all ground plant
<b>Works Requests</b>	Actioned and ongoing
<b>1 Tudor St</b>	General maintenance carried out
<b>Wharf</b>	Mow and Maintain Grounds
<b>Renshaw Complex</b>	Grounds facilities cleaned and maintained
<b>Coolican Oval</b>	Mow and Maintain Oval
<b>Davidson Oval</b>	Mow and Maintain Oval
<b>Villages</b>	Mow grounds and facilities cleaned and maintained
<b>Training</b>	Nil

**6. BUILDING SERVICES – Jake Tiffen, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>Work Requests</b>	Actioned and ongoing
<b>Risk Assessments</b>	Completed with every job
<b>Renshaw Cottage</b>	Finished painting Replaced new locks
<b>58 Oxley Street</b>	Erected security cameras
<b>Medical Complex</b>	Fix back door lock Erected new privacy screen
<b>Railway YOTS</b>	Built chain barrier along back wall
<b>Wanaaring Bore Pump Shed</b>	Put roof back on
<b>Renshaw Complex</b>	Put barrier on callers box
<b>Waterworks</b>	Measure up timber for Asbestos shed
<b>Wharf Toilet</b>	Repaired doors
<b>Council Office</b>	Plastered walls in hallway

**7. TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>Work Requests</b>	Daily
<b>Cemetery</b>	
<b>Rest Areas</b>	Weekly cleaning and rubbish removal and cleaning road side Water rest areas
<b>Staff Training</b>	Nil
<b>General</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix fence at Walters Park from car damage</li> <li>• Seniors week Bourke TAFE &amp; MPC</li> <li>• Prune trees in Short Street</li> <li>• Town Mowing ongoing</li> <li>• Sand footpaths ongoing</li> <li>• Soft footpath ongoing</li> <li>• Soft fall around new play equipment in Central Park</li> <li>• Cover cricket pitch at Davidson Oval with sand for football season</li> <li>• Erect goal posts at Davidson Oval</li> <li>• Put last of levee bank outlet gates back on from repairs</li> <li>• Pick up burnt out bin in Tarcoon Street</li> <li>• Picked up rubbish from Shire Depot</li> <li>• Put tables &amp; chairs together for boat ramp</li> <li>• Help out at Davidson Oval</li> </ul>
<b>Sundry Debtors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 920983- Crane Cotton Gin</li> </ul>

**8. WORKSHOP – Neil Driscoll, Plant Foreman**

Plant No	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
135	BD 37 AJ	2009 Volvo	Adjust brakes sensor
150		2013 caterpillar 12M	Replace rear window
72	BC YB	2009 John Deere	2,000 hr service
24	CEN 34F	2012 Mazda BT 50	Replace front tyres
29	CHP 24X	2012 Mazda BT 50	20,000 km service
66	BQ40X Y	Isuzu	45,000 km service Replace LHS tail light
218	BR67W H	2012 Hino	Replace spot light globes Fill auto greaser
51	AB 97 TB	2004 Isuzu 400 NPR 400	Tighten A/C belt
101	10640- C	2010 Kubota F3680	Clean inhibitor switch and refill with oil Replace blades Replace blade and bearing housing on deck
109	07615- C	2011 Toro GM 360 2WD 72 SDD	Replace air seat hose
138	10370- D	Toro Mower	Replace blades
62		2010 Delta	Replace blades Replace front skids Straighten rear large wheel axle
77	AY 40 UT	2008 Case 592PCI-1A580	Repair electrical wiring in starting system
55	AU 97 TV	2007 Hino FG Prestige	Change oil both motors Repair bolts on rear body Replace suction fan Replace starter and ring gear Replace fan seal Repair wiring
404	BH77W N	2010 Isuzu	40,000 km service Repair door seal and clutch switch
35	COR 74B	2013 Mazda BT 50	20,000 km service
45	BKJ 40N	2009 Mazda BT 50	Replace number plates
70	CHP 24V	2012 Mazda BT 50	Inspect bent mudguard Replace A/C filter and repair A/C wire
88	BR 04 CB	2012 Colorado	55,000 km service
171	BN 04 EY	2002 Isuzu	Weld extra mounts on shutters Replace actuator on patch arm Replace brake booster
89	BS52A N	2012 Isuzu	Have re burn system in exhaust Replace windscreen and adjust brakes

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74	WYC81 1	Case	Tighten hydraulic hose on legs
13	CR L7 OH	2014 Mazda BT 50	Fit side steps
21	BX 51 PF	2014 Commodore	3,000 km service
8	CHI 45G	Toyota Prado	70,000 km service
18	CHP 24W	2012 Mazda BT 50	45,000 km service Install 12v plug in tub
63	K 38318	1997 Tandem Car trailer	Replace wiring loom Weld cracks
303	CO R7 4R	2013 Mazda BT 50	10,000 km service
305	BQ 45 XY	2012 Mazda	35,000 km service



**9. Water and Wastewater – Richard Stephens, Team Leader**

**WATER SUPPLY PLANNED MAINTENANCE**

ACTIVITY	REQUIRED INTERVAL	DATE CARRIED OUT / OR PROGRAMMED FOR	
River mains flushing	12 months or as required		Ongoing
Potable mains flushing	12 months or as required		Ongoing
Hydrant painting and cleaning	12 months		As required
Bourke river pumps annual maintenance	12 months	June 2014, Next Service	
Alignment of stop valve covers checked	12 months		Ongoing
Instrumentation test and calibration (flow meters)	12 months	July 2014, Next Service	
Reservoir cleaning	5 years	2017	Ongoing
Reservoir inspection	24 months	2014	In Programme

**Water & Sewerage system planned maintenance**

ACTIVITY	REQUIRED INTERVAL	DATE CARRIED OUT / OR PROGRAMMED FOR	
Bourke WTP daily maintenance	Daily	Ongoing	
Bourke WTP tests	Daily	Ongoing	
Bourke STP and WTP weed spraying / slashing	As required	Ongoing	
Bourke STP bank grading (to fill scours & cracks)	Annually	As Required	
Bourke WTP chemical pump calibrations	Daily	Ongoing	
Sewerage pump monitoring	Daily	Ongoing	
Sewer manholes & risers inspection	Annually	Ongoing	
Preventative maintenance sewer pump inspection	Annually	Ongoing	
Instrumentation test and calibration (flow meters)	Annually	July 2014	
Main cleaning & pump station desilting	As required	March 2014	
Bore Inspection	5 Years	NSW Office of Water	

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<b>WATER SUPPLY &amp; SEWERAGE SYSTEM UNPLANNED MAINTENANCE – 2014</b>			
<b>Main breaks repaired for March</b>	9	<b>Sewer chokes for March. cleared:</b>	18
<b>Annual Main Breaks</b>	24	<b>Annual Sewer Chokes</b>	34
<b>Raw:</b>	7	<b>Boundaries replaced:</b>	0
<b>Potable:</b>	2		
<b>Year to date: 2013 water meters</b>			
Faulty Meters replaced	0		
New Connections	4		
Total Replacements in 2012/2013	75		
<b>Year to date: 2013/14 water meters</b>		<b>Meters read twice yearly</b>	
Faulty Meter replaced	0		
New Connections	4		
Total Replacements in 2012/2013	75		

**BOURKE SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT EPA LICENCE COMPLIANCE**

Record of Effluent Analysis

POLLUTANT	UNIT OF MEASURE	LICENCE 100 PERCENTILE CONCENTRATION LIMIT	January 2014 TEST	February 2014 TEST	March 2014 TEST	April 2014 TEST	May 2014 TEST	June 2014 TEST	July 2014 TEST	Aug 2014 TEST
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	<2	<2	<2					
pH		6.5-8.5	8.78	8.78	9.4					
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	40	9.9	8.9	7.3					
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	1.7	1.2	1.4					
Total suspended solids	mg/L	65	80	1110	48					
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	55	20	21	26					

MONTH	PEAK DAILY FLOW (KL)	AVERAGE DAILY FLOW (KL)	CUMULATIVE ANNUAL FLOW (ML)
December 2013	0	0	0
January 2014	0	0	0
February 2014	3000 rain event	158	4.4
March	250	128	8.3

- ❖ Next Test of effluent analysis is from March 2014
- ❖ Record Daily Effluent Flow
- ❖ Licence conditions: Peak daily flow not to exceed 1500 KL
- ❖ Annual flow not to exceed 219ML

Readings reflect the reporting year for sewage, which is 1st January to 31st December.

#### RECORD OF WATER USAGE

For the period, 01/01/14 to 31/03/14 Council's meters indicated the following water usage:

Water usage for January through to December 2014: **Yearly totals for 2014**

WATER SCHEME	ANNUAL ALLOCATION (ML)	TOTAL USAGE FOR THE PERIOD (ML)	USAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE PERIOD (ML)	DAILY AVERAGE YEAR TO DATE (ML)
Bourke potable		36	101	1.1	1.1
Bourke river	3500	155	605	5.0	6.5
North Bourke village raw	750	98	246	3.1	2.6

Rainfall in Bourke for March period: 65.6mm

#### Recommendation:

**That the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 be noted.**

**ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>D3.2</b>
<b>Report: 204/2014</b>	<b>Developments Approved Report</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Carolyn Crain, Development Assessment Officer</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services</b>

<b>Delegated Authority or Council</b>	<b>Consent Type &amp; Consent No.</b>	<b>Subject Land</b>	<b>Nature of Development</b>
Delegated	CDC 2014/0007	Lot 2, Section 8, DP 758781 57-59 Darling Street North Bourke	Install inground swimming pool
Council	DA 2014/0001	Lot 1, DP 1181421 22 Peter Bryant Way North Bourke	Construction of solar farm to service satellite earth station
Council	DA 2014/0004	Gorrell Avenue, Bourke	Change of Use of building to community facility, Construction of community facility building, Construction of 1 x shed, Construction of 1 x shade structure
Delegated	DA 2014/0008	Lot 51, DP 625649 27 Richard Street, Bourke	Construction of extension to existing building of verandah

Total value of Approved works for March 2014	= \$ 799,533
No. of Development Application Approvals for March 2014	= 3
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for March 2014	= 1

<b>File No:</b>	<b>A8.1</b>
<b>Report: 204/2014</b>	<b>Animal Control/Environmental Issues Report</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services</b>

<b>Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility</b>	<b>Dogs</b>	<b>Cats</b>
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	4	0
Seized	5	3
Surrendered	0	0
Dumped	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
Euthanased	3	3
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	3	0
Re-housed	0	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
Micro-chip Implantations	3	0
Infringement Notices	0	0
Wandering Stock	0	
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	0	
Shopping Trolley Impounded	0	

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

<b>File No:</b>	<b>S10.2.1</b>
<b>Report: 204/2014</b>	<b>Swimming Pool Report</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>John &amp; Tanya Milgate, Pool Managers</b>

#### Attendance for March 2014

<b>Season Ticket Holders</b>		<b>Non- Season Ticket Holders</b>	
Adults	365	Adults	212
Children (2+)	787	Children (2+)	412
Children (<2)	32	Children (<2)	26
Pensioners	18	Pensioners	1
School Groups	529	<b>Total for Month</b>	<b>2382</b>
<b>Total for 2013/2014 Season</b>		<b>28176 patrons</b>	

#### Recommendation

**That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 be received and noted.**

<b>GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT</b>
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<b>File No:</b>	<b>G2.1</b>
<b>Report: 304/2014</b>	<b>"From the GM's Desk"</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Ross Earl, General Manager</b>

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, Council considered the Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2014/2015 and resolved that the Draft Operational Plan as tabled be advertised in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council is required to give public notice of the preparation of the Draft Operation Plan and notify the public that submissions may be made to the Council at any time during the period (not less than twenty eight days) that the draft plan is on public exhibition. Council is required to publicly exhibit the Draft Operational Plan during that period.

Copies of the Draft operational Plan 2014/2015 will be available at the Council's Offices, the Bourke Public Library and on Council's website [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au) from the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and submissions will be received up until Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014. All submissions and the Draft Operational Plan will then be presented to Council at its meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Included in the Draft Operational Plan is Councils Revenue Policy for 2014/2015, which details amongst other things Councils Rating Structure for 2014/2015, a Statement of Proposed Borrowings and the Fees and Charges applicable for the 2014/2015 year.

The budget has been particularly tight and the surplus predicted for General Fund is \$518.00 excluding any provision for depreciation.

The Draft Operation Plan for 2014/2015 also provides for a surplus \$454,495.00 in Water Fund and a Surplus in Sewer Fund of \$153,922.00.

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The Warrego By-Wash Bridge at Gumbalie was closed last week after structural damage was detected.

The bridge is schedule for replacement with the contactor currently on-site. In my column last week, I foreshadowed the closure of the bridge and the fact that a detour would need to be put in place via Fords Bridge. Unfortunately, the closure and detour have come about a little quicker than anticipated.

Council took the decision to close the bridge in the interest of public safety.

While the closure of the existing bridge is inconvenient, the construction of the new bridge will be welcomed by all users of the Wanaaring Road.

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Once the Warrego By-Wash Bridge is completed, it will leave four (4) more timber bridges within the shire to be replaced with provision for the Cuttaburra Number 3 Bridge being made in the Operational Plan for 2014/2015.

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Wanaaring village UHF repeater is up and running on Channel 6 Duplex. The channel is monitored at times by both the local police as well as the Outback Inn Hotel. Funding for the repeater was assisted by Council.

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Seniors Week concluded with a Barbeque function hosted by Rotary and the Far West at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre on Sunday.

I would like to thank all the persons and organisations who assisted in any way to the success of the week, which was very much appreciated by all the Senior Citizens who participated.

The week featured a variety of activities and the generosity and support of the wider Bourke Community is appreciated.

Bourke Shire Council is responsible for the coordination of the week's events and this has primarily fallen to Letiticia Tiffen, Council's Community & Governance Officer, who did a great job and whose efforts were also acknowledged by Councillors at Monday's Meeting.

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Another fodder run will reach Bourke next weekend and the support and work by all those involved is very much appreciated by the local landowners. Whilst there has been good rainfall it has not been received in all parts of the shire with a number of areas still struggling to feed stock.

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As previously noted the significant rain event at the end of February caused a considerable amount of damage to the road network both on the regional roads and local roads and Council has continued with its representations to have the rain events deemed to be a natural disaster given the degree of damaged caused.

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At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, Council considered and approved the development application for a proposed Electricity Generation Works (Solar Farm) at North Bourke ancillary to the approved NBN satellite Earth Station. The proposal will involve the installation of eighteen (18) fixed ground mounted, static Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels capable of providing a maximum electricity output of 99.75KW.

Also approved was the tenderer for the construction of the Skate Park for Central Park.

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Council resolved at the meeting to become a Gold Sponsor for the "Byrock to Bourke for Beau Charity Bike Ride" which is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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Council also resolved to assist Canterbury City Council in legal costs incurred by them in appealing a decision to allow an easement over Council land. Council's contribution is calculated by a formula determined by Local Government New South Wales.

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I attended a meeting convened by the Department of Natural Resources in Dubbo last Friday to hear about the proposed changes to the Management of Noxious Weeds in New South Wales. It would appear that the responsibilities will remain with the Local Control Authorities i.e. Councils but there are a few areas that need to be clarified in relation to funding. These include the need for inspections and the possible requirement to issue a certificate in relation to weeds on the sale of properties. Council will be making a submission in relation to the draft report, which closes on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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Council also approved the attendance of representative(s) from its Aboriginal Staff at the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference to be held at Narrandera on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Expressions of interest will be called from staff prior to making a determination of the representative(s).

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The Jandra commenced cruising on Monday and all is in readiness for the forthcoming tourist season, with work also being completed on the Crossley Engine.

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An amount of \$30,000 has been provided in the Budget to provide funding for the initial scoping studies for the upgrade of the main CBD precinct, including that land bounded by Oxley, Mitchell, Richards and Sturt Streets.

Some preliminary works has been done and the concept has met with an enthusiastic response from business owners in the area. It is early days yet but the beatification of the area would certainly add to the vibrancy of the town and make it much more attractive for locals and tourists alike.

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We have a number of positive comments regarding the new playground equipment in Central Park which was installed last week.

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Council, staff is currently undertaking work on the Enngonia Hall which will make it a much more user friendly venue and enhance the appearance of the Hall.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014**

The Regional Manager of Public Works Gavin Priestley visited Bourke on the 11<sup>th</sup> February this year to provide information to local businesses and other interested persons on how to ensure they were able to best place themselves in a position to submit tenders, or pre-qualify themselves to undertake work on behalf of Public Works and other Government Departments.

At the February Seminar Mr Priestley highlighted that one of the areas that provided an impediment to contractors and sub contractors in securing Government work was inadequate safety procedures and documentation.

Mr. Priestly subsequently arranged for Mr. Ken Varian, a member of his team, and specialist with many years experience in the field of safety including audit work to visit Bourke on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

He will detail to the local businesses what Public Works is looking for from contactors and sub contactors when undertaking work for the various State Government Agencies.

Ken will also provide sample documentation across a range of trades to assist local tradespersons.

This Work Place Health and Safety Seminar will be held at the Council Chambers, 29 Mitchell Street Bourke on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 commencing at 6.00pm and conclude around 7.30 pm.

Persons who wish to receive further information or wish to register their attendance are asked to contact Council's Manager Environmental Services Dwayne Willoughby.

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Copies of the Draft Operational Plan 2014/2015 and the Delivery Plan will be available at the Councils Offices, The Bourke Public Library and on council's website [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au) from the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and submissions will be received up until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014. All submissions and the Draft Operational Plan will then be presented to Council at its meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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On Friday the official Launch of the Bourke Youth of the Streets Program will take place Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis will be representing Council at the Launch which will be held at the old Railway Building at 4.00pm-8pm.

Youth Off the Streets operates in a number of towns in New South Wales and is an initiative of Father Chris Riley.

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The Jandra commenced cruising on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and the Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre will be open seven days a week commencing the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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Council has received offers for the purchase of blocks which were passed in at the recent sale for unpaid rates. The blocks which have previously been put up for auction can be sold by private treaty. If there was a block of land that you thought might be of interest and you were unable to attend the auction you might like to contact Council's Offices.

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The recent rainfall has been extremely welcomed by all within our community and in particular those who are on the land and dependent on rainfall for both water supply and for the growth of pastures. The growth of grass has kept our staff very busy indeed as they ensure that our parks are well presented. I would ask for the assistance of persons within the urban areas in keeping the nature strip adjacent to their homes cut and well presented. The town is looking great at the moments and with a little bit of effort from everyone will be at its best for the forthcoming tourist season.

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The Mayor will have a busy day on Friday as he is also taking part in the Fundraiser for the PCYC and will be also on hand to greet those involved in the second fodder run which is due to arrive in Bourke on Friday

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Council will be lodging submissions to the Office of Local Government in respect of the Final Report of the Independent Local Government Independent Review Panel and the Local Government Tasks Force. Council will also be responding to the Natural Resources Commission in respect of the Review of the management of weeds in New South Wales.

Along with the Mayor, Cr Lewis, I attended a workshop conducted by Local Government New South Wales in respect to the report and it was interesting to obtain an industry perspective on the report which will be advantageous in the preparation of the Bourke Shire Council submission.

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In December last year Walgett Brewarrina and Bourke Shire Councils signed an agreement to progress the formation of the Barwon Darling Coordination Group to look at resource sharing opportunities between the three (3) Councils and to also look at trying to improve the service delivery of the other tiers of Government with the respective local government areas.

A meeting of the Mayors, available Councillors and General Managers of the three (3) Councils was again held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February and this meeting was facilitated by Graeme Fleming the ex-General Manager of Cabonne Shire. Those present agreed on an action plan to continue the development of the concept. Some of the more significant issues to come from the meeting was the change of the name of the group to "the Outback Shires Alliance" the agreement that each of the Councils would remain independent entities with existing Councillor and Management structures. It was also agreed that there should be no reduction in staff as a result of the formation of the Alliance and it was suggest that the development of the Alliance would provide the opportunity for career development and additional employment opportunities.

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There seemed to be a great deal of commitment by the Councillors and General Managers who attended the meeting towards the Alliance.

A meeting of all Senior Managers from the three (3) Councils was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Brewarrina they were given the opportunity to assist in the development of the Alliance and some initiatives have already been proposed. A similar strong level of commitment was displayed at this meeting as was displayed at the meeting involving the elected members.

The Alliance will rotate the Chairmanship between the three Councils and in the first instance the group will be led by Councillor Bill Murray Mayor of Walgett with the General Manager of Walgett Don Ramsland and his staff providing the secretariat for the first twelve months.

The Councils of OROC will also be looking at the opportunities for resource sharing across a broader region and Bourke Shire as a member will be a participant in this as well.

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It is only three weeks until ANZAC Day for 2014 and a small group led by Cr Victor Bartley is working towards the finalisation of the program for this year. ANZAC Day is a the day of the year that provides the opportunity for us all to reflect on the freedom and opportunities this great nation has to offer and to recognise the sacrifices made by so many that enable us to have this freedom and opportunity.

Next year will mark the Centenary of ANZAC DAY and plans will commence to mark this significant milestone in our history.

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Council has been asked at the April Meeting to support a campaign being mounted by the New South Wales public Libraries Association to get an increased level of State Government Funding to Local Government for the provision of Public Libraries.

In yet another example of cost shifting the State Government Expenditure on public libraries has decreased from 23% of the total public Library Expenditure in 1980 to a level of only 7% in 2013 Library Development grants have decreased from around 3.3 million dollars in the 2005-2006 financial year to only \$550,000 in the past year.

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#### **10th April 2014**

What a great effort by all those involved in the latest Hay Run with over 50 trucks and 70 trailers making their way to Bourke. Again the architect was Brendan Farrell who was ably assisted by a number of other people from both sides of Australia.

The fact that there were eighteen trucks who came all the way from Western Australia is quite amazing and just shows how strong the Australian bond of mateship is and the willingness to help others in need.

The truckies from WA with whom I spoke said the support and encouragement they received along the way was fantastic and all truckies and members of the support crew were stunned by the reception they received both from Cobar and into Bourke itself.

In appreciation of the logistics involved in the coordination of the fodder run it is worth noting the three (3) hour time difference between the states, the fact that the Hay had to be inspected at the borders, accommodation and meals provided for over 100 people, the WA contingent had four (4) pilot vehicles, the convoy also brought with it specialised unloading equipment.

There was again a strong media presence with representatives of the Albury Media travelling with the convoy from the south of NSW.

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Locally, well done again to Sharon Knight, John Beer and Sarah Golding who shouldered the bulk of the local organisation, but a big thank you to all who assisted in what was a display of tremendous community cooperation.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Brendan and his team on behalf of the Community of Bourke Shire.

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Copies of the Draft Operational Plan 2014/2015 and the Delivery Plan have been available at the Councils Offices, The Bourke Public Library and on Council's website [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au) from the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and submissions in relation to the Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Plan will be received up until Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

All submissions will then be presented to Council at its meeting to be held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014 for consideration prior to their adoption.

Included in the Draft Operational Plan is Councils Revenue Policy for 2014/2015 which details amongst other things Councils Rating Structure for 2014/2015, a Statement of Proposed Borrowings and the Fees and Charges applicable for the 2014/2015 year.

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Friday's Launch of the Bourke Youth of the Streets Program was held last Friday, the Mayor, Cr Lewis and I represented Council.

It was great that Father Chris Riley the founder of the program was able to travel to Bourke for the occasion and he was very appreciative of the assistance that Council has been able to provide to date.

Youth off the Street has a strong local presence in its staffing and the activities that have taken place have been well received.

Those present at the launch were just sitting down for the official part of the launch when a wheelie bin was moved disturbing a largish brown snake who had taken shelter under the bin. The sudden appearance of this reptile caused a little bit of a scatter until it found its way off the platform area.

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The Mayor, Cr Andrew Lewis joined with other locals in the PCYC "Lock Up" fundraiser and was held prisoner until enough money was raised to see him released.

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Council has lodged its submissions in respect of both the Final Report of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Tasks Force.

Copies of Council's submissions are available on the website [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au)

Like most other Councils within New South Wales, Bourke Shire Council awaits with interest the Government's response to the Final Report of the Independent Local Government Review Panel and what impact that the submissions lodged by all Councils and other interested groups will have on that response.

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As mentioned last week ANZAC Day is fast approaching and Cr Victor Bartley in his capacity of Chairperson of the Local Sub Branch is finalising arrangements for the day.

The Dawn Service will commence at 6.00am sharp and will be followed by a hot breakfast, provided courtesy of the Bourke Bowling Club.

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The ANZAC Day March will as usual be marshalled outside Diggers on the Darling with the March to commence at 9.40 am and will go along Sturt Street turn into Oxley Street and proceeds to Central Park where the 2014 Anzac Day Service will commence at 11.00am sharp.

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The library has a number of new DVDs now available for loan. Titles include All Creatures Great & Small, Bonanza, Revenge, Broadchurch, the Herbie movies, Bones, Miss Marple, and many more. We also have on DVD the complete set of James Bond movies, the Rocky series, Heartbeat and Midsomer Murders, among many other series. Come in and see what is available. There is a \$30 deposit to start borrowing DVDs, and loans are free of charge.

We also now have available a range of IELTS titles, for those who are learning English as a second language. These resources are on loan from the State Library, and include many items with books and CDs to help you prepare for the IELTS exams. Please ask at the counter if you are interested in borrowing any of these resources.

Our magazine titles have recently been updated, with some new titles being added. So far we have received Small Farms, Inside History, Handmade and ManSpace. Look out for titles including Weight Watchers, National Geographic kids, Your Vegie Patch, Caravan & Motorhome, Donna Hay and Prevention in weeks to come.

The library also runs craft and story time sessions every month. The next session will be on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, at 11:00am. There is a small charge of \$2 per child, to help offset costs. All are welcome to attend.

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Council have had discussions with representatives of Western Area Health regarding the delays in the opening of the Birthing Unit at the Bourke Hospital and Joy Adams, Director of Nursing and Midwifery Services with Western Area Health has indicated that both she and the head of Western Area Health, Scott McLaughlin hope to visit Bourke later this month to consult with the community regarding the matter.

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The On-Call officer will either answer your query or arrange for a staff member to assist if the matter is urgent. In non-urgent instances the matter will be referred to the appropriate staff member on the next working day.

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Council's Waste Management facility is located approximately five (5) kilometres on the Cobar Road and is open Thursday to Monday. A Staff member is on hand to direct you to the appropriate place to deposit your waste.

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Remember that you should book to use any of Council's Ovals for private functions or activities so that staff can ensure that the grounds are well presented and if necessary all facilities are prepared and appropriate garbage disposal arrangements are in place.

Booking can be made at the Council offices and telephone enquiries should be directed to Council's Engineering Services Department.

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The Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre again welcomes back Luke Thomas and the Outback Show for the 2014 Tourist Season. The show was very popular in 2013 and I am sure that this popularity will continue to increase as word of the high standard of the show spreads. Packages were available last year to include the Exhibition Centre, The Jandra and the Outback Show and this year Mateship Tours have also joined the package which will not only give all tourists both value for money and will also serve to highlight Bourke as a tourist destination.

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Council is an active participant in the Kidman Way Promotions Committee, Kamilaroi Highway Committee and the Inland Tourism Organisation. Each of these forums are used to promote Bourke and the region to the many visitors to the area.

A new Kidman Way Tourism Brochure is currently being collated and should be available for release mid-year. Over 80,000 copies will be available for distribution through the caravan and camping shows and through tourist centres. This year we are also looking at the potential to participate in other regional guides such as the Broken Hill and Dubbo region guide.

The response by local business houses in taking up the available advertising space has been tremendous and recognises the value of tourism to our economy.

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### **17th April 2014**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and will commence at 9.00am in the Council Chambers. All meetings of Council and Committees of Council where all members of that Committee are Councillors are open to the public.

A public forum is held at each meeting and members of the public are invited to raise any issues of concern with Councillors and Staff. The public forum is conducted at 10.00am and while it is not necessary to book in to speak, it may provide the opportunity for background information to be provided to Councillors if bookings are made.

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It is great to see the increasing numbers of tourists visiting Bourke and providing a boost to the local economy.

As mentioned in last week's column the Outback Show is returning for the 2014 Tourist season and Luke Thomas and his animals should arrive late next week. An actual starting date has yet to be determined, but will be included in next week's column.

A significant number of our tourists are caravanners and in an effort to continue to develop this part of the market Council will be represented at the Annual Caravan and Camping show in Sydney which is being held from the 27<sup>th</sup> April to the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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Next Friday is ANZAC Day and the traditional ceremonies have again been arranged for Bourke to mark this very important and significant day.

The Dawn Service will commence at 6.00am sharp and it would be appreciated if all persons attending could be at the Cenotaph at 5.50am. The dawn service will be followed by a hot breakfast, provided courtesy of the Bourke Bowling Club.

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Work on the new Warrego By-Wash bridge at Gumbalie has commenced and the contractors are expected to be finished in approximately 10 weeks. While it has created a little inconvenience in the short term for those travelling to Wanaaring this will be well and truly compensated by the longer-term benefits.

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All the materials have been ordered for the construction of both the fence and the shade structure to be erected around and over the new playground equipment in Central Park. A bubbler will also be installed. The finalisation of the works should not only enhance the appearance of the park but also make the equipment very user friendly.

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Council staff have been trying to make use of the moisture in the soil and are undertaking grading on the Regional Road Network. Unfortunately, much of this work has had to be funded by deferring proposed reseal work.

Council has also completed the gravel re-sheeting of two and a half kilometres on the Ellavale Road which has been funded by grants made available from the Roads to Recovery Funding. Work on the Ellavale Road formed part of Councils 10 year Strategic Plan.

Work will re-commence on the Youngerina floodway later this month or early May and this is also being funded from the Roads to Recovery allocation.

The sealing of the northern approach to Dick's Dam floodway on the Toorale Road will be undertaken in conjunction with these works.

Again funding is being provided under the Roads to Recovery Program.

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Roads to Recovery funding for Bourke Shire Council amounts to \$845,889 per year which it was announced would continue until 2019 which was warmly received by Councils right across Australia.

There was some suggestion that the legislation which needed to be passed to confirm the next five (5) years of funding may be blocked in the Senate but the extension of the Roads to Recovery funding has the support of both the Government and Opposition.

Unfortunately at this stage the legislation is combined with other amendments which do not have universal support and hence the delay in the final approval of the extension. The Australian Local Government Association is working to ensure that the required legislation for the Road to Recovery component is passed.

Easter is this weekend and no doubt people will be taking the opportunity to travel to visit friends and family and it is important that everyone drives carefully and takes adequate breaks.

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Annette and I will have our youngest daughter Gillian and husband Jean-Luc and our granddaughter, Pascale and youngest son Brenton coming out to enjoy Easter with us. Gillian lives in Canada and is back in Australia for a few weeks to catch with family and friends.

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If you are contemplating the undertaking of any building works on your home or other property, you should check with Council's Environmental Department to ensure that all appropriate approvals are in place.

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All development and building works are subject to state-wide legislation. Council staff are happy to provide advice and guidance in relation to such matters to ensure that unnecessary expense or problems are not encountered in the future.

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Work is continuing on the development of the Outback Shire Alliance and the three (3) Councils involved are very committed to the concept and confident that it will provide tangible benefits to all involved.

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Bourke Shire Council has previously provided a submission to the NSW Parliamentary Standing Committee on State Development relating to Regional Airline Services and will have the opportunity to speak to members of that Committee at meetings to be held later this year. The Committee is chaired by the Hon. Rick Colless, MLC who has visited Bourke on a number of occasions. All details relating to the membership, terms of reference, copies of submissions and hearing dates are on the Committee's website [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/regionalaviation](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/regionalaviation)

The Council also continues to work with the Department of Premier and Cabinet in relation to the possible re-introduction of air services to this part of the state.

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Thank you to the combined Rotary Clubs of Dubbo, The Western Plains Zoo, Country Rugby League, the NRL and the Office of Communities for their offer to host those adversely affected by the drought at the City/Country League game coming up in Dubbo. The gesture is greatly appreciated and I am sure will be enjoyed by those that are able to get to Dubbo to be part of the festivities.

Ross Earl  
General Manager

**Recommendation:**

**That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014 be noted.**



**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>L4.1</b>
<b>Report: 404/2014</b>	<b>Library Report</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services</b>

The following items for the months March 2014 are presented for your information:

1. Circulation statistics for March 2014:

Audio Visual	298
Adult Fiction	359
Non-Fiction	205
Junior Fiction	254
Magazines	87
Interlibrary Loans	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1205</b>

During the same period in 2013, the figures were as follows:

Audio Visual	240
Adult Fiction	351
Non-Fiction	164
Junior Fiction	278
Magazines	78
Interlibrary Loans	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1116</b>

2. Other statistical information:

New Members	13
Internet/Word Processing	102
Wireless Tickets	18
Number of Visitors	1952
Scans	3
Information Requests	28
Technical Assistance	8

During the same period in 2013, the figures were as follows:

New Members	15
Internet/Word Processing	174
Wireless Tickets	10
Number of Visitors	Could not obtain figures due to door obstructing counter
Scans	3

3. Children's Craft & Storytime this month was dinosaurs, and we have nine (9) children attending.
4. Another 10 Books for Babies bags were given to the community nurse for distribution to new mums.

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5. The library held a computer training session for seniors during Seniors Week. We had 14 people attend the session, and we received very positive feedback from all attending.
6. A Centacare group attended the library this month for a craft sessions. There were six (6) children and two (2) helpers in the group.
7. The library held a very successful murder mystery night in the library this month. We had 26 people come to the event, which was themed A Knight of Murder. Each person attending was assigned a character, and had to act the part throughout the night. Part-way through the evening, a murder took place and guests then had to solve the murder. This event was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

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

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Department Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

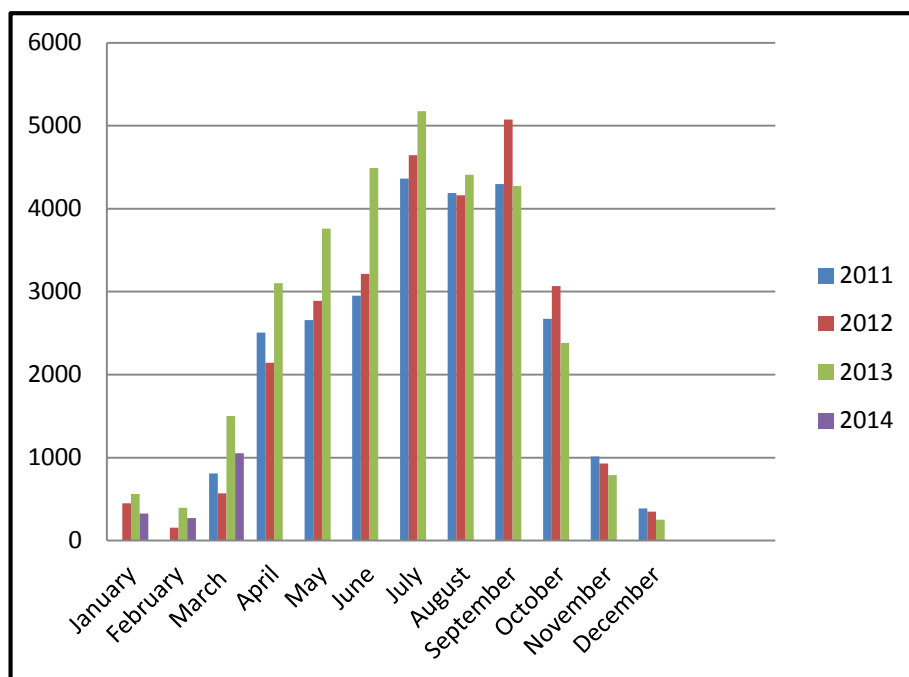
Jodie Hatch  
Library Manager

**TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>T4.3</b>
<b>Report:</b>	<b>BOBEC and VIC March 2014 Activity update</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Phil Johnston, Manager Tourism and Development</b>

March has been considerably busier than February as the visitor season begins. Easter falls a little later this year to last and so the Easter weekend is not included in March figures as it was in 2013. However despite this we are still pleased with visitor numbers and the accommodation providers and retailers are reporting an increase in visitation.

All of the Back O' Bourke Experiences are now up and running at full capacity for the visitor season after the summer break. The Jandra commenced cruising on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March with single cruises planned through to the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. We are also pleased that the Outback Show has confirmed that they will be in Bourke again for the season with the first show now expected on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.



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

Table showing number of visitors to the Tourist Centre by month

	2011	2012	2013	2014
January		448	560	325
February		157	397	271
March	810	570	1500	1051
April	2507	2044	3103	
May	2656	2891	3758	
June	2952	3216	4492	
July	4362	4643	5173	
August	4187	4162	4410	
September	4295	5074	4275	
October	2674	3067	2383	
November	1012	930	789	
December	386	347	254	

Visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

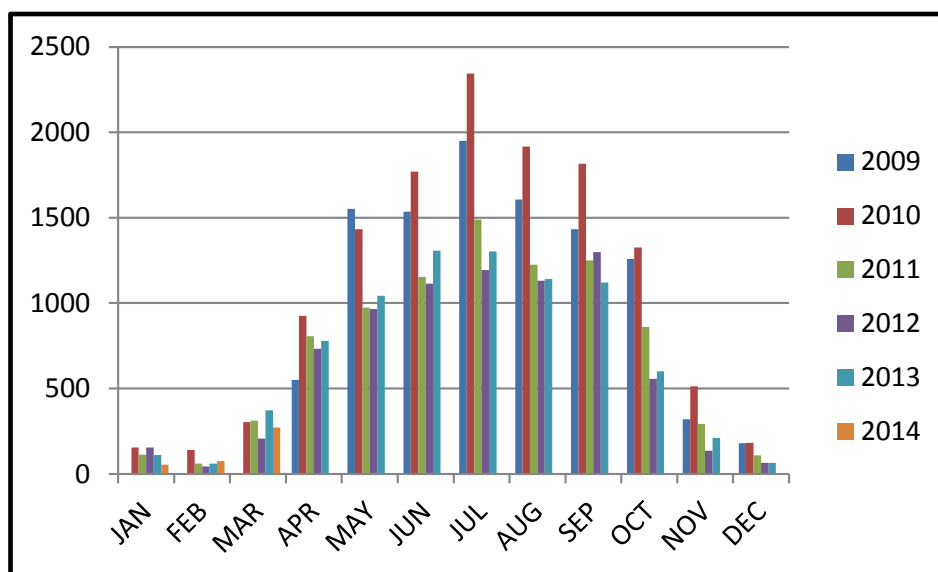


Table showing visitation to Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

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

Table showing visitation on board the PV Jandra

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
January	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
February	25	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising
March	213	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	64
April	Not Cruising	1008	519	442	
May	1325	932	1035	894	
June	1459	1241	1003	984	
July	1578	1386	1238	1300	
August	1165	1186	640	1194	
September	1429	1411	1459	1215	
October	188	1085	760	830	
November	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	423	403	
December	Not Cruising	Not Cruising	180	20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7382</b>	<b>8249</b>	<b>7257</b>	<b>7282</b>	

The Outback marketing campaign is not far from market with certain elements beginning soon. The campaign will feature.

- An update of the visit outback NSW website and an update of the Darling River Run website
- An extensive public relations campaign including famils and travel/ experience stories
- A combined visitor guide
- Paid media

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The Back O' Bourke in partnership with the Outback Show and Mateship Country Tours will this year offer a premium package for all four experiences. Packaging on all combinations is also available.

*You don't know Australia until you know Bourke*

**PV Jandra**  
The PV Jandra is a replica paddle vessel built locally by the Mansell family in 2000. During the cruising season the Jandra departs Kidman's Camp, Monday-Saturday at 9am and 3pm

**Mateship Tours**  
Your host, Stuart Johnson will take you on a tour in a comfortable Toyota Coaster bus through high tech citrus & melon farms, irrigation and cotton farms (cotton gin in season), Jopba and much more. Gain insight into the history and heritage buildings of Bourke. Departs 9:30am and 2pm Monday to Saturday

**PREMIUM Back O' Bourke PACKAGE**

Includes entry to all 4 attractions at discounted package price. Ask at the Visitors Centre for details.  
Kidman Way, Bourke. [www.visitbourke.com.au](http://www.visitbourke.com.au) / 0268 721321

**Outback Show**  
The show, conducted by well known bush character Luke Thomas who with his team of Working Bullocks, Oldstyle Horses, Talking Camels, Sheep Dogs and Performing Trick Horses stage a mas outback show! Tuesday-Sunday 11am

**Exhibition Centre**  
This world class centre showcases the history of western NSW and Bourke. It focuses on the people and the land scape that have not only contributed to the life of Bourke but also the history of Australia.

#### Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Tourism and Development Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

Phil Johnston  
Manager of Tourism & Development

**CONFIDENTIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

<b>File No:</b>	<b>R7.6.5</b>
<b>Report: 108/2014</b>	<b>CONFIDENTIAL- Enforcement of Fines on Local Roads</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads</b>

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

**Recommendation:**

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

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