BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, 29TH APRIL 2019

General Manager: Ross Earl

PRESENT

C12.1

Councillors	21/01	18/02	25/03	29/04	27/05	24/06	22/07	26/08	23/09	28/10	25/11
Cr Barry Hollman	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cr Cec Dorrington	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cr Lachlan Ford	AP	✓	✓	AP							
Cr Robert Stutsel	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cr Sally Davis	✓	✓	AP	✓ 9.09am							
Cr Sarah Barton	AP	✓	✓	✓ 9.04am							
Cr Victor Bartley	✓	✓	AP	AP							
Cr Sam Rice	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cr Ian Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cr John Thompson	✓	AP	✓	✓							

Staff	
Ross Earl	General Manager
Leonie Brown	Manager of Corporate Services
Peter Brown	Manager of Works
Mark Gordon	Manager of Roads
Dwayne Willoughby	Manager Environmental Services
Kai Howard-Oakman	Executive Assistant/Minutes

OPENING PRAYER/

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer

REMEMBRANCE

Council stood in memory of the following:-

Jeffery Rule, Garry Robert Chapman, Brian Shillingsworth, Joyce Corr and June Nevill

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised the Mayor that apologies and requests for leave of absence had been received from Councillors Ford and Bartley.

Resolution

122/2019 That the apologies received from Councillors Ford & Bartley be accepted and the requests for leave of absence granted.
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Cole Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor	Page NO	Item NO	Topic
No Declarations of Interest forms were received for the meeting of Monday, 29th April 2019			

MAYORAL MINUTE

The Mayor attending the following meetings and events since reporting to the last meeting of Council held on Monday, 25th March 2019

27/03/19	Barwon Darling BFMC Meeting	RFS Office, North Bourke
28/03/19	2WEB interview with GM Re: Town Activities	2WEB Radio Station
31/03/19	Senior Citizens Luncheon with Cr's Barton/Rice & Dorrington – Hosted by Bourke Shire Council & CWA	JB Renshaw Sporting Complex
02/04/19	Interview with ABC – Drought	
02/04/19	Interview with Channel 7 - A Current Affair - Drought	
04/04/19	EDAP Conference	BOB Conference Centre
07/04/19	Senior Citizens Luncheon – Hosted by Bourke Rotary & Bourke Shire Council	JB Renshaw Sporting Complex
08/04/19	Hosting the Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water Minister for Housing & Property	Port of Bourke Hotel
09/04/19	Public Works Advisory Meeting with local tradespeople	BOB Conference Centre
11/04/19	Water Meeting with Senior Management to discuss local issues	Council Chamber
14/04/19	Regional Development Australia – Orana Meeting	BOB Conference Centre
19-21/04/19	Easter Weekend – Attended functions	Various location
25/11/19	ANZAC Day attended Dawn & 11.00am Services	Cenotaph
26/11/19	Roundtable meeting – Premier & Deputy Premier NSW Re: Water/Drought/Health & Interview with Channel 7	BOB Conference Centre

Resolution

123/2019 That the information in the Mayoral Minute as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019 be noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Carried

STARRING OF ITEMS

A number of items have been starred for discussion. The Mayor will receive requests to star additional items to be discussed.

Resolution

124/2019 That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 29th April 2019 be adopted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Recommendation:
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 18th February 2019 be clarified with the following change to Resolution 51/2019 regarding Engineering Report: 312/2019 - Emergency Works – Bourke Wharf to correct and error.

Resolution

51/2019:
1. *That Council note the report in relation to the Wharf Structure Upgrade.*
2. *That Council vote $124,000 from the infrastructure renewal fund to complete the wharf upgrade*
3. *That Council include an annual reserve of ~~$230,000~~ $20,000 each year to undertake structural repairs to the Wharf facility going forward.*

Moved: Cr Cole Seconded: Cr Dorrington Carried

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 25th March 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Resolution

125/2019
1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 18th February 2019 be confirmed with the following change to Resolution 51/2019 regarding Engineering Report: 312/2019 - Emergency Works – Bourke Wharf

Resolution
51/2019:
1. *That Council note the report in relation to the Wharf Structure Upgrade.*
2. *That Council vote $124,000 from the infrastructure renewal fund to complete the wharf upgrade*
3. *That Council include an annual reserve of $20,000 each year to undertake structural repairs to the Wharf facility going forward.*

Moved: Cr Cole Seconded: Cr Dorrington Carried
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Thompson Carried

Resolution

126/2019 That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on Monday, 25th March 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Thompson Carried

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meeting Month/Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2019				
April	19th - 21st		Easter	
	25th		ANZAC DAY	
	29th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
May	27th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
June	24th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	22nd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	26th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	23rd	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	28th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	25th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Web Address Link	Email
13/03/19	Business Paper for the Corporate Planning Committee Meeting - Thursday 14/03/2019	MCS		✓
14/03/19	"From the GM's Desk"	GM		✓
14/03/19	Change of Date Corporate Planning Committee Meeting - Monday 18/03/2019	MCS		✓
18/03/19	Reminder Corporate Planning Workshop today at 4.30pm	Acting EA		✓
18/03/19	February Council Meeting Minutes	Acting EA		✓
21/03/19	Draft Operational Plan 2019-2020 Business Paper 25th March 2019 Meeting	MCS		✓
21/03/19	Business Paper for the March Meeting of Council	MCS		✓
25/03/19	Media Release – Call for Environmental Flow	Mayor		✓
26/03/19	"From the GM's Desk"	GM		✓
3/04/19	Budget Summary by LGNSW		https://www.lgnsw.org.au/news/publication/federal-budget-2019-20-live-analysis	✓
3/04/19	River Updates	GM		✓
7/04/19	Visit by the Hon Melinda Pavey, MP	GM		✓
8/04/19	Ministers Visit	GM		✓
8/04/19	MEDIA RELEASE: Export Hub Granted For RDA Orana	RDA Orana	www.rdaorana.org.au	✓
9/04/19	Submissions to the Hon Melinda Pavey, MP	Mayor GM		✓
9/04/19	"From the GM's Desk" 190411	GM		✓
11/04/19	Council Meeting Minutes 190325	GM		✓
11/04/19	RSVP – RDA, Orana Meeting Request	EA		✓
12/04/19	Invitation to Hungerford Field Day	Mock Parker		✓
15/04/19	NSWPLA Update	Lynne Makin	http://www.nswpla.org.au/	✓
15/04/19	Back O' Bourke Picnic Races Invitation RSVP	EA		✓
15/04/19	"From the GM's Desk" 19/04/18	GM		✓
17/04/19	Western Region Fatalities	Jodi McIntyre	http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au	✓
19/04/23	"From the GM's Desk" 190425	GM		✓

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MARCH 2019 MEETING RESOLUTIONS

KEY: Action still pending ☐ Action ▒

GM	General Manager	MRS	Manager Road Services
MCS	Manager Corporate Services	MES	Manager Environmental Services
MTE	Manager Tourism & Events	MW	Manager Works

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

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the position descriptions of all employees be updated to reflect current duties performed and requirements of the organisation.	In progress

67/118/177/203/2015	Full Birthing Unit for Bourke Hospital
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	H1.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That further information in regards to midwife led birthing models be obtained.	Ongoing

516/2016	Birthing Facilities at Bourke and Visit by Professor Sally Tracy
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File Number	H1.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council decide what further representations may be required following the receipt of any responses from its letters and considering any issues raised by Professor Tracy	Still to be finalised

182/2018	Disposal of Assets to Whiddon Group
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File Number	A11.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council transfer the land made up of Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 2 DP 227656 to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for $1.00 with the following conditions:- 1. Registration of a restriction on use/positive covenant which imposes a requirement that the land is used only for the provision of aged care facilities/services; 2. Execution of a deed between Council and The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group that imposes an obligation on The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to re-transfer the land to Council in the event that The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group proposes to sell the land to a third party (except with prior approval of Council); and 3. Registration of a caveat over the land to protect Council's interests referred to in the Deed referred to in 2. Above.	In progress

199/2018	Request for the Extension of the Louth Airstrip
Responsible Officer	Manager of Works
File Number	V1.5

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council explore options for funding for the extension of the Louth Airstrip and start negotiations with the current land owner to purchase a parcel of land that would allow for the proposed extension of the Louth Airstrip. Council continue to monitor the Louth Airstrip and maintain the status quo.	Ongoing, contact RFDS to determine requirements

321/2018	Renaming Senior Citizens Building to Bourke Community Centre
Responsible Officer	General Manager/Manager Environment
File Number	A11.2.24

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That a Plan of Management for the Bourke Community Centre be developed which details the allowable uses of the building and the fee required to be paid for the use and any bond that need to be lodged. 2. That the Plan of Management be submitted to Council on completion for their endorsement	Ongoing

362/2018	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 - update
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
File Number	E6.1-E6.4-L8.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Council undertake a review of the potential impact on the sale of land held for industrial development including obtaining specialist advice as appropriate. 2. That on finalisation of that review a further report be brought back to Council	Presentation made to Council

394/2018	Western Local Health District (WLHD)
Responsible Officer	Mayor
File Number	H1.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council contact the WLHD further requesting the information that was not received in our previous letters:- 1. Effects on mothers of giving birth away from Country 2. Results of any patient satisfactory survey 3. Location of Plant & Equipment previously used in Birthing Unit at Bourke District Hospital 4. Details of the model of care in place at present	Letter written

395/2018	Council Owned Land to be transferred to Bourke Aboriginal Health Service
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	A11.1.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council request from the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service; a progress report on the funding application they have submitted for the provision of a Clinic and Administration Centre; a Music School; a Gymnasium and a Training School for which they have requested transfer of ownership of Council owned land.	Letter written

405/2018	Heritage Advisory Committee
Responsible Officer	Manager Environmental Services
File No	H2.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council refer the draft terms of reference to the first meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee for comment and ask that they refer any suggested changes back to Council	In progress

427/2018	Proposed Change of Management of the PCYC
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	L1.17-Y1.7-LD-L11.14.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
The General Manager to prepare a detailed report in relation to the matter, including the seeking of legal advice if necessary	Report to be prepared

107/2018	Removal of Distressed Trees
Responsible Officer	Manager of Works
File No	T6.1- T6.2
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council consider it options in relation to the remaining eight (8) Queensland Fig trees in Mitchell Street between Warraweena Street and Tarcoon Street on the north side once a report is received from the Arborist	Ongoing

File No	W2.2.9 - W2.2.12
Report: 306/2019	★ Water Supply Update – Late Report
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council note the current critically low volumes of water in the Bourke Weir Pool. Council note the current emergency water supply that can be called upon from Walkden's Bore. Council note action being expedited to ensure the availability of a second bore to supplement the supply from Walkden's Bore. Council endorse the action being taken to secure funding to enable the full commissioning of the second bore. Council endorse any action required to be	Ongoing

undertaken to secure the necessary licences that may be required for any additional bores that may be required. Council delegate to the Mayor and the General Manager authority to approve expenditure and approve works that may be required in their opinion to ensure the ongoing supply of filtered water for the town of Bourke and North Bourke. Council not call tenders for the work as they are deemed to fall under the provision of section 55 (3) (k) of the Local Government Act works that are undertaken as a matter of urgency.	

File No	A11.2.21
Report: 310/2019	★ Lease of Old Golf Club and New Pre School Building to Bourke and District Children's Services
Responsible Officer	General Manager
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council agrees to the lease of the Bourke Pre-School and the old Bourke Golf Club to Bourke and District Children's Services for an initial period of five (5) years with options for a further two (2) five (5) year periods. The lease amount be as previously determined with the addition of an annual increase in line with the Annual CPI increase applicable to Sydney each year.	Now able to progress

File No	A 6.1, A 6.3
Report: 0039/2019	★ Re-Establishment of Air Service to Bourke
Responsible Officer	General Manager
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Tenders for an Air Service to Bourke and Western NSW developed	Tenders being assessed by Far North West JOC

84/2019	★ Rainbar Bore Wanaaring Road
Responsible Officer	Manager of Roads
File No	W2.1 R7.4.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council authorised the Mayor & General Manager to approve expenditure & approve works that may be required in their opinion to ensure availability of water for the sealing of works on Wongareena Plain	Completed
Tenders not required – falls under provision of section 55 (3) (k) of the Local Government Act works that are undertaken as a matter of urgency	Completed

87/2019	★ Bourke Shire Council DRAFT Code of Meeting Practice 2019
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No	C11.1-C12.1-L8.11-P4.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council place the Bourke Shire Council DRAFT Code of Meeting Practice 2019 on public exhibition for 28 days, until the 26th April 2019	Completed
Call for public submissions relating to the Bourke Shire Council DRAFT Code of Meeting Practice 2019 until the 10th May 2019	
That the public exhibition be advertised in the Western Herald, on Councils website and Facebook page	Completed

88/2019	Restart NSW Funding Deed – Under Seal
Responsible Officer	General Manager
File No:	G4.79-G4.79.8

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council accept the offer of $4,660,000 though the Restart NSW Fund	Completed
Council affix the Seal of Council to all relevant documentation of the funding agreement with NSW Treasury	

93/2019	Development of the Motel site at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre
Responsible Officer	Manager Corporate Services
File No	T4.3.6

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Motel site at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre be advertised for sale by Expressions of Interest for a period of 21 days as outlined in the report.	Advertised
That a further confidential report outlining any Expressions of Interest received be brought back to Council	

105/2019	Delivery and Operational Plan Timeline
Responsible Officer	Manager Corporate Services
File No	P4.2

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council confirm the proposed amended timetable for finalisation of the Operation Plan 2019/2020 and Delivery Program 2017/2021 as follows:- Thursday 11th April 2019 - to Disseminate required public notice calling for submissions on Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Programme.	Completed
Friday 10th May 2019 - Closing date for receipt of submissions	
Monday 27th May 2019 - Adoption of Operational Plan 2019/2020 and Delivery Program for 2017-2021, after due consideration of any submissions received	

106/2019	★ 2019 Bush Bursary – Country Women's Association Scholarship Program
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File No	D5.2-H1.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council advise the CWA Bush Bursary Scholarship Program that Council will not be participating	Completed

107/2019	★ Application for Financial Assistance – helping hand for North West NSW
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File No	D5.1-D5.2

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council advise the Helping Hand for North West NSW that that they will not be acceding to the request.	Completed

113/2019	★ Update Back 'O' Bourke Displays - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File No	T4.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the General Manager and Mayor delegated authority to undertake and finalise any negotiations in relation to price and scope of works in line with budgetary provisions.	In progress

114/2019	★ Upgrade to Councils Telecommunication system - CONFIDENTIAL
Responsible Officer	Manager of Corporate Services
File No	T2.3

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council proceed with the installation of a new telephone system compatible with the requirements of NBN.	Agreement signed
That the General Manager be delegated authority to negotiate the purchase of the new telephone system having regard to both costs, availability of services and maintenance options	Installation to take place towards the end of 2019

Resolution

127/2019 That Council note the information in the Business Arising as presented to Council on Monday 29th April 2019.		
Moved Cr Barton	Seconded Cr Rice	Carried

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

File No:	R7.4.3
Report: 81/2019 ★	Additional Funds Required for Undertaking of Work on Main Road 405 Bourke Milparinka Via Wanaaring
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

Background

The Wanaaring Road sealing Project under the Transport for NSW's Fixing Country Roads Program commenced in May 2018 and was planned to be completed in September 2020.

Stage One (1) Gumbalie was completed in December 2018 with 12.79 kilometres of road formed and sealed.

Stage Two (2) Poison Point Plain commenced in December 2018, Council has currently formed and sealed 11.5 kilometres with the remaining 7km programmed to be completed in early or mid-May 2019.

Stage Three (3) Wongareena Plain was programmed to be completed in September 2020 but will now be brought forward to May 2019. To complete the construction of the Wongareena Plain section, a permanent camp site will be required to accommodate staff. This camp site, Council hope to establish at Rainbar Station on the Wanaaring Road as this will service four (4) roads, (Wanaaring, Janina, Dungarvon and Avondale) once permanently established.

Current Situation

In March 2019, Council received notification from the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight of our success in securing an additional $4,660,000.00 to complete stage four (4) sealing works on the Bourke, Milparinka via Wanaaring Road.

Stage Four (4) is from Goonery to Barrakee - this section will join straight onto the Poison Point Plain section and stretch 20 kilometres west to Barrakee. When all four (4) sections of the road are sealed the Wanaaring Road will have 111 kilometres of the 180 kilometres sealed.

Economically it would be beneficial to complete this section in May before completing the Wongareena section to save on establishment and re-establishment costs. At present we are trying to negotiate this priority with the Restart NSW Team hoping for a better outcome.

To establish a permanent campsite at Rainbar Station Council will require two (2) three (3) bedroom dongas/portable buildings, similar to the pair erected at Yandaroo Station.
As the permanent camp site will be constructed on private land, Council will require an agreement to be developed between the landholder and the Council to ensure security of tenure.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to purchase and establish two (2) three (3) bedroom dongas at Rainbar Station is $60,000.00.

Resolution

128/2019

1. That Council purchase two (2) three (3) bedroom portable buildings to facilitate the establishment of a further permanent camp facility.
2. That Council negotiate an agreement between the landowner and Council for the use of the land.

Moved Cr Rice Seconded Cr Barton Carried

GENERAL MANAGER

File No	C8.11D4.4-D5.1-D5.2
Report: 82/2019	2019 Tour De OROC
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Tour De OROC was initiated back in 2013 to raise money for the Macquarie Homestay which aims to provide cheaper accommodation for residents and their family members from the OROC area who are required to stay in Dubbo to seek medical treatment to date almost $400,000 of fundraising has been contributed to Macquarie Homestay.

With all of the hard work put in by so many people since the first event in 2013, the naming of the first guesthouse at Macquarie Homestay after Tour de OROC was acknowledgement of the significant contribution the event has made to the facility.

There have been a number of local residents who have utilised the facilities of Macquarie Homestay and from all reports all have been impressed by the facility. Whilst located in Dubbo it is very much a facility for the region.

Current Situation:

Plans are on the way for the bi-annual Toyota Tour de OROC to be held in 2019 with the tentative dates for the ride being Monday, 7th October through to Saturday, 12th October 2019.

The Rotary Club of Dubbo South will once again be running the event this year with the assistance of Councils, Rotary Clubs and individuals across the OROC footprint.

I have agreed to go on the organising Committee for this years' ride, representing the Bourke Community and already Bourke Rotary Club have agreed to assist in the coordination locally.

Bourke Shire Council has been a strong supporter of the event in previous years with former Mayors Andrew Lewis and current Mayor Barry Hollman participating in sections of the ride. Manager of Roads, Mark Gordon and John Bartley have both ridden in the event within the shire in previous years

Organiser Mathew Dickerson points out that in its short existence, the Toyota Tour de OROC has hit some significant milestones:-

- Almost $400,000 of fundraising has been contributed to Macquarie Homestay;
- Two Guinness World Records have been set;
- Riders have individually pedalled over 3,200km across 18 days of riding;
- Internationally renowned riders have ridden alongside committed amateurs, including:-
    - ❖ Commonwealth Games dual gold medallist, Megan Dunn in 2013;
    - ❖ Three time Tour de France Green Jersey winner, Robbie McEwen in 2015;
    - ❖ Australia's international Voice of Cycling, Matt Keenan in 2017

For those who don't know about the Tour de OROC, it involves cyclists riding across the OROC Region having to pay a fee to participate and hoping to attract sponsorship and support along the way. Around 20-25 riders participated and they are accompanied by support crews. The riders travel around 1200 kilometres depending on the exact route taken.

Given the size of the OROC area and the distance between towns, the distance will vary as the organisers try and include as many towns as possible. The Bourke community have been amongst the highest, if not the highest, fund raisers over the past few years for TOUR de OROC which is indicative of the generosity of this community.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications for Council with the contributions being by the way of the local coordination of the event.

Resolution

129/2019

1. That Council note the appointment of the General Manager, Ross Earl to the 2019 Committee of Tour de OROC
2. That Council agree to assist in the coordination of Tour de OROC locally in association with Bourke Rotary Club.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Stutsel | Carried | Unstarred

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File No	L8.5
Report: 83/2019	Western Division Mid -Term Meeting to be held in Cobar 2nd July 2019
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Western Division of Councils, Councillor Leigh Byron of Balranald Shire was appointed the President of Western Division with Councillor David Gallagher of Broken Hill City Council as his Deputy.

Councillor Marion Brown of Broken Hill City Council and Councillor Greg Evans from Wentworth were appointed to the two (2) Executive Positions.

Current Situation:

Western Division has two (2) Meetings During the year, the first being the Annual Conference and the other the Mid-Term Meeting.

Interestingly the whole of Western Division is covered by two (2) seats in the New South Wales Parliament, these being Barwon and Murray. Both seats have new members following the March State Election with Helen Dalton the new member for Murray and Roy Butler is the new Member for Barwon with both being members of the Shooters Farmers and Fishers Party.

Financial Implications

The only cost to Council is the cost of travel to the meeting which has been provided for in budgetary provisions.

Resolution

130/2019

1. That Council be represented at the Mid-Term Meeting of Western Division to be held in Cobar on the 2nd July 2019 by the Mayor Deputy Mayor and General Manager if they are available.
2. That other Members of Council also be invited to attend should they be available.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Rice Carried

File No	C6.26
Report: 84/2019 ★	Western Division Representative on the Western Land Advisory Group
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Western Lands Advisory Group is an Advisory Group who report to the Minister on issues impacting on land within the Western Division. The Group is currently chaired by Geoff Wise with Doug MacKay as the Deputy Chair and membership drawn from various interest groups including Local Government.

Current Situation:

In his recent advice to Council regarding the next meeting of Western Division, Councillor Leigh Byron indicated that the Western Lands Advisory Group were looking for nominations from the Western Division Group of Councils. The Western Division Councils have two (2) representatives.

Financial Implications

All expenses in relation to the attendance at the meetings including travel, accommodation and the payment of a sitting fee are met by the Group.

Resolution

131/2019 That Council support the nomination of any Councillor from Bourke Shire who would like to nominate for the position of a Local Government representative via the Western Division Councils on the Western Lands Advisory Group.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

File No	A3.8
Report: 85/2019	Delegations to General Manager
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Section 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides an outline of the functions of the General Manager of Council

335 Functions of general manager
The general manager of a council has the following functions:-
(a) to conduct the day-to-day management of the council in accordance with the strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies of the council,
(b) to implement, without undue delay, lawful decisions of the council,
(c) to advise the mayor and the governing body on the development and implementation of the strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies of the council,
(d) to advise the mayor and the governing body on the appropriate form of community consultation on the strategic plans, programs, strategies and policies of the council and other matters related to the council,
(e) to prepare, in consultation with the mayor and the governing body, the council's community strategic plan, community engagement strategy, resourcing strategy, delivery program, operational plan and annual report,
(f) to ensure that the mayor and other councillors are given timely information and advice and the administrative and professional support necessary to effectively discharge their functions,
(g) to exercise any of the functions of the council that are delegated by the council to the general manager,
(h) to appoint staff in accordance with the organisation structure determined under this Chapter and the resources approved by the council,
(i) to direct and dismiss staff,
(j) to implement the council's workforce management strategy,
(k) any other functions that are conferred or imposed on the general manager by or under this or any other Act.

To enable the General Manager to undertake his functions Council will provide to the General Manager a number of delegations and the General Manager will in turn sub-delegate these functions to appropriate staff. There are some functions that Council is unable to delegate and these are detailed in section 377 of the Local Government Act with the ability to sub delegated detailed in section 378

377 General power of the council to delegate

(1) A council may, by resolution, delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any of the functions of the council under this or any other Act, other than the following:
(a) the appointment of a general manager,
(b) the making of a rate,
(c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,

(d) the making of a charge,
(e) the fixing of a fee,
(f) the borrowing of money,
(g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,
(h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),
(i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,
(j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,
(k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,
(l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,
(m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,
(n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,
(o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ,
(p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,
(q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,
(r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,
(s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,
(t) this power of delegation,
(u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.

(1A) Despite subsection (1), a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if:
(a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and
(b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and
(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and
(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.

(2) A council may, by resolution, sub-delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any function delegated to the council by the Departmental Chief Executive except as provided by the instrument of delegation to the council.

(3) A council may delegate functions to a joint organisation only with the approval, by resolution, of the board of the joint organisation.

378 Delegations by the general manager

(1) The general manager may delegate any of the functions of the general manager, other than this power of delegation.

(2) The general manager may sub-delegate a function delegated to the general manager by the council to any person or body (including another employee of the council).

(3) Subsection (2) extends to a function sub-delegated to the general manager by the council under section 377 (2).

Current Situation:
The current delegations to the General Manager are as follows

SECTION 1 Service Management
PART 5 Delegations

	POLICY NO:	*1.5.3 (v6)*
	POLICY TITLE:	*General Manager Delegations*
	DATE ADOPTED:	*15/09/2017*
	RESOLUTION NO:	*391/2011*
	SUPERSEDES:	*1.5.3(v5) General Manager Delegations* *Adopted: 24/09/2012* *Resolution No:446/2012*
	PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	*24/09/2018*

POLICY
In accordance with the provisions of Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, the General Manager, Ross Earl is delegated the following powers and duties by Council:-

Financial Delegations
The General Manager has the authority to:-
Carry out the regular services and operations of the Council within the sums voted by the Council for expenditure thereon, and in accordance with the resolutions of the Council and the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Authorise the payment of salaries and wages of the employees of the Council within the sums voted by the Council for expenditure.

Authorise any work which in his opinion is urgent at a cost not exceeding $4,000 on the basis that details of the works so authorised be referred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council, for its information.

Authorise the investment of surplus Council funds and sign such applications and redemption documents as may be required.

Obtain quotations and authorise the purchase of goods, works and services in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 1993 and the Local Government (Tendering Regulation), 1993.
Approve financial returns required by various organisations, initiate debt recovery procedures and do all other things necessary to ensure the efficient and effective management of Council's finances as required by the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (Financial Management Regulation) 1993.

To make application to Council's bankers from time to time as necessary for overdraft accommodation within the limit certified by Council's Auditor in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act 1993.

Accept, subject to the Governor's approval, loan offers up to the amount approved by the Local Government Council and the NSW Office of Local Government for each financial year at interest rates not exceeding that approved by the Local Council from time to time for the purpose and

amounts adopted by specific resolutions of the Council when fixing or amending its annual loan budget.

Negotiate with lenders for loans within the loan allocation granted by the Minister for Local Government and approved by the Council, and further that approval be granted to the General Manager to execute all renewal loan documents under the common seal of Council, provided it is reported to Council in each case.

Approve of refunds made in respect of all overpayments or credit adjustments for rates, extra charges, sanitary or garbage fees, road opening and miscellaneous charges as recommended and vouched by the appropriate employee.

Refund Trust Fund deposits on the recommendation and certificate of the appropriate employee.

Refund fees or part fees paid in accordance with Council's adopted scale of charges in respect of rejected applications to build.

Approve applications for extension of time to pay accounts if a substantial case is made out.

Take action at any time including legal action for the recovery of unpaid rates and charges.

Write off the books of account amounts, not greater than $200 in each instance for approved reasons, other than amounts owed to Council for rates or other charges for which the Act makes specific provisions for writing off. (Clause 20 - Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993).

To approve applications seeking postponement of rates under Section 576 of the Local Government Act.

Rates and Valuation

Amend the rates and valuation books where such alteration or amendment is necessary and by reason of change of ownership or occupancy or by reason of change of address of an owner or rateable person. Obtain for consideration of the Council property valuations as and when required.

Subdivisions

The General Manager has the authority to:-

- *Accept bonds, deeds or guarantees for the completion of road works associated with subdivisions in the form of Deeds issued by a bank or insurance company; and for that purpose to sign any document and affix the Seal of Council thereto in accordance with Council's stated policy.*

- *To accept bonds, deeds or guarantees for the payment of cash contributions in lieu of the provision of Public Reserve, and for that purpose to sign any document and affix the Seal of Council thereto in accordance with Council's stated policy.*

- *Approve plans of subdivision which have been approved by Council and which have been certified by the Manager of Roads/Manager of Works and the Manager of Environmental Services (MES), as being in accordance with Council's policy.*

Functional Delegations

The General Manager has the authority to:-

- *Spend up to $4,000 in times of emergency subject to details of the works so authorised being referred to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council for its information.*

- *Sign all necessary applications, returns etc. to various government agencies and other organisations with which the Council conducts business.*

- *Issue testimonials in all instances where applications comply with Council Policy relating to such issues.*

- *Institute, conduct and defend legal proceedings with respect of Council's activities in all courts and instruct and engage Council's Solicitors and counsel where necessary.*
- *Obtain legal advice from Council's Solicitors or counsel where necessary.*

- *Sign documents and plans pursuant to conditions of building or development consent providing that such authority shall not extend to documents associated with the transfer of land to Council at a sale price greater than $1.*

- *Sign and issue Section 603 Certificates (outstanding rate and charges certificate required for transfers).*

- *Authorise and carry out the necessary action to be taken to ensure compliance with any policy of Council or any provision of the Local Government Act, 1993, or other legislation relevant to Council's operation.*

- *Sale or Lease of Land - to sign and affix the Seal of Council to any contract, memorandum of transfer or legal document in respect of the sale or lease by Council of any land provided a decision to sell or lease such land has previously been made by Council and a sale or lease price approved by the Council and the execution of such contract, memorandum or transfer or legal document and the sealing thereof are necessary to meet legal formalities.*

- *Purchase or Lease of Land - to sign and affix the Seal of Council to any contract, memorandum of transfer or legal document in respect of the purchase, lease or acquisition by Council of any land or drainage right or easement provided a decision to purchase or lease or acquire such land or right or easement has previously been made by Council and a sale or lease or acquisition price approved by Council and the execution of such contract, memorandum of transfer or legal document and the sealing thereof are necessary to meet legal requirements.*

- *Contracts - To sign and fix the Seal of Council to the contract documents provided a decision to contract has previously been made by Council and the Sealing thereof is necessary to meet legal requirements.*

- *Roads and Maritime Services: Block Grants - to accept RMS Grants and affix the Seal of Council to any contract for Grants of Assistance to Council for proposed road works which are in accordance with the "General Conditions of Assistance to Councils" as required.*

- *Dividing Fences - Accept responsibility and debit for half cost of dividing fences where the Council is legally bound by the provisions of the Dividing Fences Act 1951.*

- *Records Destruction - take action to destroy or otherwise dispose of, records of the Council after the expiration of six (6) years from the date of the last entry therein, or transaction thereon, subject to the General Records Disposal Schedule for Local Government in New South Wales.*

- *Withdrawal of Caveats - that subject to the appropriate officers of Council, certifying that Council's requirements have been met and satisfied authority to sign on behalf of Council, all Withdrawal of Caveat Forms.*

- *That all current delegations, not included herein, but included within Bourke Shire Council's Policy Manual, be further delegated.*

- *As required by Section 380 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council to review all its delegations during the first twelve (12) months of each term of office.*

- *The General Manager has the authority to sign documents under Seal in accordance with Section 50 (2) of the Interpretation Act, 1987.*

Approvals and Orders

The General Manager has the authority to:-

1. *Pursuant to the provisions of Section 191 (Power of Entry) of the Local Government Act 1993, to enter and make inspections as provided in Section 191 (2), 192 (a), (b), (d) and (g), to give notices as provided in Section 193 and to determine entry requirements pursuant to Section 193 (3) (b).*
2. *Subject to any requirements of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, or relevant regulations or other relevant Act or any policy or code of Council to exercise or perform on behalf of Council any power, authority, duty or function of the Council relating to:-*
   - *a) The administration without limitation of the provisions of the Building Code of Australia; and*
   - *b) The approval, with the imposition of any conditions deemed necessary, subject to compliance with the Act, Regulations and the policies of Council, of all those applications for:-*
     - *i) All activities listed in the table to Section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1993*
     - *ii) Developments in accordance with Section 80 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1997 other than:*
       - *Designated Developments*
       - *Developments, which in the view of the General Manager, are of a contentious or controversial nature.*
     - *(iii) Issue of the following Certificates pursuant to the relevant Sections of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1997:*
       - *Complying Development Certificate - Section 85A*
       - *Compliance Certificate - Section 109C*
       - *Construction Certificate - Section 109C*
       - *Occupation Certificate - Section 109C*
       - *Subdivision Certificate - Section 109C*
       - *Building Certificate - Section 149A*
       - *Section 149 Planning Certificate - Section 149*

c) Delegation to authorise "Power of Entry" to exercise Council's functions pursuant to Section 118A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act, 1997.

d) Issuing of orders pursuant to Section 121B of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act, 1997.

e) Issue of a Certificate as to Order pursuant to Section 121ZP of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act, 1997.

3. Pursuant to Section 124 of the Local Government Act 1993, to order a person to do or refrain from doing a thing specified; and which it is within the circumstances specified in the table to Section 124 as listed hereunder.

- *orders requiring or prohibiting the doing of things to or on premises*
- *orders requiring that premises be used or not used in specific ways*
- *orders requiring the preservation of healthy conditions*
- *orders requiring the protection or repair of public places*
- *orders requiring compliance with approval*

4. Pursuant to Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1993, to order person responsible for a public nuisance to abate it;

5. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, be authorised to order either generally or in any particular case that proceedings be taken for the recovery of any penalty in respect of any offence under the provisions of the said Act or Regulations.

6. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 679 (1) of the Local Government Act 1993, to issue penalty notices in relation to the committing of an offence under this Act, being an offence prescribed by the Regulations.

7. Subject to any requirements of the Acts listed below:-

The Public Health Act 2010
The Food Act 2003
The Bio Security Act 2015
The Companion Animals Act 1998
The Rural Fires Act 1997
The Swimming Pools Act 1992
The Roads Act 1993
The Impounding Act 1993
The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997
The Contaminated Land Management Act 1997
The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

and any regulations made thereunder or any policy of Council, to exercise or perform on behalf of the Council, any power, authority, duty or function or the Council pursuant to the said Acts and Regulations relating to:-

a. The ordering of all services or giving of any notice, order or direction under the provision of the said Acts and Regulations;

b. The laying of information, appearing in court and doing all things and signing all such documents as maybe necessary to prosecute any persons for breaches of the said Act and Regulations;

c. The institution, commencement, presentation, carrying on and including on, behalf of the Council, a party to any proceedings, appearances and conciliations conducted by any court or before any justice under the said Act and Regulations;

d. The consideration, issue or refusal to issue licences and permits.

8. Pursuant to the provisions of the Food Act 2003,
(a) the power to serve Improvement Officers & Prohibition Orders under Part 5; and
(b) to provide written approvals for dispensations and alternative methods of compliance in regard to the Food Standard's Code's Standard 3.2.2 (clauses 15 and 17) and Standard 3.2.3 (clauses 10 and 14).

9. To carry out the provisions of the Public Health Act 2010 and that pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 be authorised generally to examine or enter premises in accordance with the powers granted by virtue of the Act or Regulations or By Laws thereunder.

10. Pursuant to the provisions of Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, be appointed as authorised officer to exercise and perform the powers, or authorise, duties and functions conferred or imposed by the Act and Regulations.

11. To exercise the functions of the Council under the provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998.

12. To exercise the functions of an inspector under the provisions of the Swimming Pools Act 1992, and to issue penalty notices in accordance with Section 5 of the Act.

13. To consider applications to carry out inspections of behalf of Council for the purposes of Regulations 240 – WH&S 2011 - Amusement Devices and Public Stands.

14. Subject to any requirements of the relevant Acts, the presentation, institution and carrying on, on behalf of the Council, as a party to any proceedings, appearances or conciliations conducted by the Land and Environment Court Act 1979.

Public Works and Roads

1. Pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, the General Manager has the authority to:-

i) Approve, subject to conditions or refuse, use of public roads for Walkathons, motor car trials, charitable collections, commercial filming or other like events.

ii) Order the removal of obstructions on roads or public places where such obstruction constitutes a public danger.

iii) Close roads, or part thereof, temporarily for repairs or construction.

iv) Use Council's plant and equipment in emergencies at the request of the State Emergency Services, NSW Fire & Rescue, the NSW Police or Bush Fire Council.

v) Certify that bonded works under the control of the Engineering Department have been completed to Council's satisfaction and then arrange with the Manager of Corporate Services for the release of the relevant bond.

vi) Carry out works on both Council owned and private lands in any case where the estimated cost is paid in advance, or an appropriate contract or agreement is entered into.

vii) Engage contractors as required for Council works and service.

viii) Give the contractors performing works other than those specified in contracts orders regarding the same in writing, keeping duplicates thereof.

1. *Pursuant to Section 251, the Roads Act 1993, appoints the General Manager as an authorised officer for the purposes of the Roads Act and Regulations.*

Proposed Amendments
With the huge amount of legislation that Council is involved in administering, it is difficult to ensure that all delegations are provided for at all times.

To ensure that the General Manager and in turn the appropriate staff have appropriate delegations consistent with any legislative change or amendments it is proposed that the delegation to the General Manager be much broader to ensure that decisions and actions can be taken as expediently as possible The Propose delegation is as follows.
Council can limit delegations by adding those they wish to be excluded into schedule 2.

The additional delegations are proposed only to ensure the smooth operation of Council and negate the need for some matters to be referred to Council when the function can be taken at a staff level.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO GENERAL MANAGER
SECTION 377 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993

(1) FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

In accordance with Section 335 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the General Manager shall be generally responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the Council's organisation and for ensuring the implementation, without undue delay, of decisions of the Council. The General Manager shall have the following particular functions:-

(i) the day-to-day management of the Council;
(ii) to exercise such of the functions of the Council as are delegated by the Council to the General Manager;
(iii) to appoint staff in accordance with an organisation structure and resources approved by the Council. (The General Manager may appoint or dismiss Senior Staff only after consultation with the Council);
(iv) to direct and dismiss Staff; and
(v) to implement the Council's equal employment opportunity management plan.

(2) DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

Bourke Shire Council in order to provide for the expedient exercise of its powers and duties and the efficient management of its business and responsibilities hereby delegates to in accordance with the provisions Section 377 of the Local Government, 1993, ***Ross David Earl***, the employee of the Council in whom the Council has vested the function of GENERAL MANAGER, the authority to exercise the powers, functions duties and responsibilities arising from legislation specified in schedule 1 below, subject to the limitations in Schedule 2, below

Schedule 1

The powers, functions, duties and authorities of the Council as specified in:-

(i) the Local Government Act and Regulations, and
(ii) all other Acts and Regulations under which Council has powers, authorities, duties and functions.

Schedule 2

1 Limitations arising from the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and all other legislation relevant to this delegation of authority.
2 All resolutions from time to time of Council directing the General Manager from time to time in the exercise of any powers, authorities, duties and functions.„

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications for Council.
The delegations can at any time be revoked but they can also be subject to any limitations determined by Council and included in schedule 2 of the delegations.

Resolution

132/2019 That Council amend the delegation to the General Manager in line with the suggested delegations as detailed in the report.
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Rice Carried

File No:	W2.2.12
Report: 86/2019★	Update on Emergency Water Supply for Bourke
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

This report will be tabled at the meeting.

The General Manager presented Council with a verbal update of on the Emergency Water Supply for Bourke.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration.

Resolution

133/2019 That Council send a letter of thanks to the Robinson family, the Harris family and Old family for contributing to Bourke and Council during this drought.
Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Rice Carried

GENERAL MANAGER- LATE REPORT

File No	A9.5
Report: 87/2019 ★	Council Representation of Outback Arts
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
At the September 2018 meeting in the consideration of delegates to the various Organisations Council is able to provide a representative, Councillor John Thompson was appointed as Bourke Shire Council's delegate to the board of Outback Arts with Councillor Ian Cole as the alternate delegate.

Dr Sally Torr of Bourke Arts Council was also on the board as a community representative.

Current Situation:
At the Annual General Meeting of Outback Arts this year Dr Torrs' nomination to be a community representative on the board for this year was deemed to be informal.

It has been suggested by Councillor Thompson that in view of Dr Torrs' strong interest in all facets of the arts that she be in fact may be better suited to be appointed as Council's delegate and that Councillor Thompson assume the role an alternate delegate with Councillor Cole relinquishing this role.

Councillor Cole has indicated his acceptance of this change.

377 General power of the council to delegate

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

(a) the appointment of a general manager,

(b) the making of a rate,

(c) a determination under section 549 as to the levying of a rate,

(d) the making of a charge,

(e) the fixing of a fee,

(f) the borrowing of money,

(g) the voting of money for expenditure on its works, services or operations,

(h) the compulsory acquisition, purchase, sale, exchange or surrender of any land or other property (but not including the sale of items of plant or equipment),

(i) the acceptance of tenders to provide services currently provided by members of staff of the council,

(j) the adoption of an operational plan under section 405,

(k) the adoption of a financial statement included in an annual financial report,

(l) a decision to classify or reclassify public land under Division 1 of Part 2 of Chapter 6,

(m) the fixing of an amount or rate for the carrying out by the council of work on private land,

(n) the decision to carry out work on private land for an amount that is less than the amount or rate fixed by the council for the carrying out of any such work,

(o) the review of a determination made by the council, and not by a delegate of the council, of an application for approval or an application that may be reviewed under section 82A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ,

(p) the power of the council to authorise the use of reasonable force for the purpose of gaining entry to premises under section 194,

(q) a decision under section 356 to contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons,

(r) a decision under section 234 to grant leave of absence to the holder of a civic office,

(s) the making of an application, or the giving of a notice, to the Governor or Minister,

(t) this power of delegation,

(u) any function under this or any other Act that is expressly required to be exercised by resolution of the council.

(1A) Despite subsection (1), a council may delegate its functions relating to the granting of financial assistance if:

(a) the financial assistance is part of a specified program, and

(b) the program is included in the council's draft operational plan for the year in which the financial assistance is proposed to be given, and

(c) the program's proposed budget for that year does not exceed 5 per cent of the council's proposed income from the ordinary rates levied for that year, and

(d) the program applies uniformly to all persons within the council's area or to a significant proportion of all the persons within the council's area.

(2) A council may, by resolution, sub-delegate to the general manager or any other person or body (not including another employee of the council) any function delegated to the council by the Departmental Chief Executive except as provided by the instrument of delegation to the council.

Financial Implications

There would be no financial implications in relation to the proposed change of delegate

Resolution

134/2019

1. That Council endorse the change of Delegate to Outback Arts with Dr Sally Torr appointed to the role and Councillor John Thompson being the alternate,
2. That Outback Arts be advised of the change.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

File No	R7.7.4
Report: 88/2019 ★	Proposal to Introduce a 40KPH Speed Limit in
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Council is in the process of undertaking significant works to redevelop the appearance and ambience of the Main Street of Bourke being that section of Oxley Street between Richard and Sturt Streets.

The Funding for the project was provided by the Murray Darling Diversification Fund which was aimed at assisting towns who had been adversely impacted by the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The project will extend to the wharf area of Bourke via Oxley Street.

However, it is the Oxley Street section which has the primary focus.

That potion of the Main Street has been made into a one way street with entry from Richard Street.

Current Situation:

Given the emphasis on increasing pedestrian activity within the area, a suggestion has been put that the area become a 40kph zone for traffic to afford an increased degree of safety for the area which will hopefully become a little more pedestrian intensive as a result of the works being undertaken.

The proposal was tabled at a meeting of the Bourke Traffic Committee where it did receive initial support of those present the meeting, however, the meeting was not well attended and as such the matter will be again referred back to that committee for consideration for endorsement or otherwise.

The mater is brought before Council for their information.

Financial Implications

There is not significant financial implications associated with the proposal and those works and/or signage required to be undertaken would be provided for within the overall redevelopment project budget.

Motion

1. That Council refer the introduction of a 40KPH limit in Oxley Street between Richard and Sturt Street to the Bourke Traffic Committee.
2. That Council advertise the proposal in the Western Herald calling or submissions in relation to the proposal with the closing date for submissions being set to allow them to also be considered by the Bourke Traffic Committee.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cole

Amendment

1. That Council refer the introduction of a 20kph limit in Oxley Street between Richard and Sturt Street to the Bourke Traffic Committee.
2. That Council advertise the proposal in the Western Herald calling or submissions in relation to the proposal with the closing date for submissions being set to allow them to also be considered by the Bourke Traffic Committee.
3. Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Thompson Lost

The motion was then put.

Resolution

135/2019

1. That Council refer the introduction of a 40kph limit in Oxley Street between Richard and Sturt Street to the Bourke Traffic Committee.
2. That Council advertise the proposal in the Western Herald calling or submissions in relation to the proposal with the closing date for submissions being set to allow them to also be considered by the Bourke Traffic Committee.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cole Carried

Cr Stutsel requested that his vote be recorded against the motion.

File No	W2.2.11
Report: 89/2019	Amendment to Water Restriction – Level 5
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The introduction of Level 5 Water Restrictions was introduced on, Sunday 28th April 2019 due to the ongoing depletion of the Bourke Weir Pool.

Council implemented Level Four (4) restriction on the 29th January 2019. The period between the introduction of Level four (4) and Level five (5) was 89 days. The introduction of Level Five (5) restrictions was delayed due to the pumping works undertaken in the river and the availability of water from Walkden's Bore and Stoneyrise Bore.

Current Situation:

A review was undertaken of Councils Schedule of Restriction that forms part of the current Drought Management Plan last week. This reviewed document was forwarded to Councillors on Friday afternoon.
The restrictions as detailed apply to both filtered and raw water supplies.

The reviewed schedule of water restriction is reproduced for Councillors information.

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF WATER RESTRICTIONS TO BE APPLIED AT VARIOUS RIVER LEVELS

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Public						
Public Gardens	Appendix1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	
Sports Grounds	Appendix1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	
Davidson Oval & Swimming Pool	Appendix1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 1	Appendix 2	
Commercial						
Nurseries	Sprinklers 2hrs/d	Sprinklers 1hr/d	Hand held hoses 4hrs/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	With agreed Council approval only	
Washing Commercial Motor Vehicles	No restrictions	With pressure cleaner and/or buckets only	Manual - buckets only		Banned except as required by law	
Bowling greens	Sprinklers 2hrs/d	Sprinklers 1hr/d	Hand held hoses 2hrs/d	Hand held hoses 1hr/d	Appendix 2	
Fountains	No restrictions	Topping up prohibited	Banned			
Water Cartage from Town Supply	No restrictions		With Council license only			
Automatic flush toilets & urinals	No restrictions		Banned			
Wash paved areas and roof	With pressure cleaner and/ or buckets only		Buckets only		Banned except as required by health	

Below: Restrictions modified January 2014

Appendix 1 of Drought Management Plan

Water Restrictions for Public Parks and Sporting Grounds in Bourke

These hours / watering conditions apply during level 1, 2, 3 and 4 restrictions only.

From November 2018 until level 4 water restrictions are activated.

- Davidson oval - no change to watering
- Central Park - no change to watering
- Coolican oval - no change to watering

During restrictions the above park and sporting ovals will be able to water during all hours Monday to Friday to maintain current standards. (16hrs each weekly total)

- Tourist centre- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Cemetery- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Airport Gardens-gardens only
- Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct - watering of, Crossley Engine section and entrance area to wharf only as per restrictions.
- Jones Park- watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- North Bourke Oval –no watering.
- Percy Hobson Park - watering of lawns as per restrictions.
- Port of Bourke Park- watering of lawns as per restrictions.

During restrictions the above parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals will be able to water during the hours of 7.30am to 4.30pm (10 hrs each weekly total):-

- Bourke Bowling Club greens and gardens -During restrictions the BBC will be able to water during the hours of 8.30am to 10.30am two (2hrs) Monday through Friday only. (10hrs weekly total)
- Golf Club-During restrictions the Golf Club will be able to water during the hours of 6.00pm to 8.00am Monday through Friday for shrubs and trees only
- Rotary Park-During restrictions the park will be able to water during the hours of 6.00am to 8.00pm Monday through Friday for a period of two (2) hrs a day only. (10 hrs weekly total)
- Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre- During water restrictions the BOB centre will be able to water during the hours of 8.00am until 1.00pm five (5hrs) on Tuesdays and Fridays only. (10hrs total weekly)
- Bourke High School-During water restrictions the school will be able to water during the hours of 6.30am until 11.30am five (5hrs) on Wednesdays and Thursdays only. (10hrs total weekly)
- Bourke Olympic Pool - During water restrictions the pool will only be able to water during the hours of 3.00am until 6.00am three (3 hrs) on Wednesdays and 8.00pm and 11.00pm, Fridays and Saturdays .(9hrs total weekly)
- Caravan Parks and Motels - During water restrictions the caravan parks and motels will only be able to water two (2) days a week at 5hrs per day. (10hrs total weekly).

Below: Restrictions modified April 2019

Appendix 2 of Drought Management Plan

Water Restrictions for Public Parks and Sporting Grounds in Bourke

These hours / watering conditions apply during level 5 restrictions only.

From April 2019 until level 6 water restrictions are activated.

- Davidson oval – 5 hours three time a week
- Central Park – 5 hours three times a week
- Coolican oval – 2.5 hours per week Monday from midnight
- Public and commercial Gardens – 1 hour per day handheld hoses only

Other areas

- Old Railway Building-No watering.
- Cemetery- Hand watering – permanent planting only
- Airport Gardens-1 hour only two days per week permanent plantings only
- Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct - No watering.
- Jones Park- No watering.
- North Bourke Oval –No watering.
- Percy Hobson Park - No watering.
- Port of Bourke Park- No watering.

- Bourke Bowling Club greens and gardens -During restrictions the BBC will be able to water 1 hour per green on a Monday and gardens 2 hours hand held hoses twice a week
- Golf Club- No watering.
- Rotary Park- No Watering
- Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre- 2 hours hand held hoses 3 days per week Permanent planting only
- All Schools-5 hours per week only with a reduced area
- Bourke War Memorial Pool – 5 hours per week
- Caravan Parks and Motels – 5 hours per week
- Hospital – 5 hours per week
- Commercial Carwash – 90% reuse water only

Financial Implications

There are no anticipated financial implications from the changes made.

Resolution

136/2019

1. That Council endorse the revised schedule of Water Restriction to be applied at level five (5) as detailed in the report.
2. That the amended restrictions be circulated with any advertisements or press release relating to water restrictions

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	F1.1
Report: 90/2019	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31st March 2019

Balances as per Bank Statement	$150,736.41
Plus: Deposit not shown	$244.20
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$2,824.87
Balance as per Cash Book	**$148,155.74**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 31st March 2019

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$13.644,250.75	$200,000.00
Water	$3,656,612.11	
Sewer	$2,024,154.51	
Trust	$92,680.01	
Total Funds	**$19,417,697.38**	

Investments as at 31st March 2019

National Australia Bank	$1,663,165.15	2.68 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,065,302.51	2.60 %	242 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,045,074.91	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,341,990.90	2.63 %	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$696,285.17	2.71 %	272 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,100,595.74	2.67 %	270 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$682,412.18	2.65 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$779,691.54	2.72 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$654,922.06	2.72 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,782,352.50	2.75%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,037,917.81	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,162,609.63	2.71 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,900,266.33	2.75 %	271 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$437,195.09	2.75 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,087,189.67	2.73 %	210 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,832,570.45	Flex		
Total Investments	**$19,269,541.64**			

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

Reconciliation at 31st March 2019

Balance as per cash book	$148,155.74
Investments	$19,269,541.64
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	**$19,417,697.38**

Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st March 2019

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	28th February 2019		31st March 2019
General Fund	$14,833,477.06	-$1,189,226.31	$13,644,250.75
Water Fund	$3,992,586.21	-$335,974.10	$3,656,612.11
Sewer Fund	$1,996,575.61	$27,578.90	$2,024,154.51
Trust Fund	$92,524.01	$156.00	$92,680.01
Investments	-$19,712,088.01	$442,546.37	-$19,269,541.64
Totals	**$1,203,074.88**	**-$1,054,919.14**	**$148,155.74**

Balance of all Funds as at 28th February 2019 $1,203,074.88

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$181,914.56
(b) Other Cash	$1,183,450.92
Deduct payments for	
(a) Payments	$2,862,830.99
(b) New Investment	-$442,546.37
Balance as 31st March 2019	**$148,155.74**

Resolution

137/2019 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31st March 2019 be noted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

Leonie Brown
Manager of Corporate Services

File No:	F1.1
Report: 91/2019	Investment Report as at 31st March 2019
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

Under the Local Government Act 1993 and Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to report on Council's Investment portfolio on a monthly basis.

Background

The report is submitted monthly to Council.

Issues

- Investments are in accordance with Division of Local Government Guidelines and Council's Investment Policy
- Statutory obligations are being met
- Councillors roles as resource allocators and policy directors are satisfied

Assessment

1. Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Local Government Act 1993
Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

The management of Council's investments is delegated by the General Manager to the Manager Corporate Services.

2. Financial Implications/Consideration

The 2018/19 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as $295,000 which represents an estimated return of 2.3%. This revenue is split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 31st March 2019 is $19,269,541.64.

Investment income earned as at 31st March 2019 is $358,581.91.

3. Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 22nd August 2016.
Ministerial Investment Order – 12th January 2011

4. Strategic Implications – Implications For Long Term Plans/Targets

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements.

Investment Portfolio

Council's current Investment Portfolio as at the 31st March 2019 follows:-

National Australia Bank	$1,663,165.15	2.68 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,065,302.51	2.60 %	242 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,045,074.91	2.71 %	180 Days	A1+
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National Australia Bank	$1,832,570.45	Flex		
Total Investments	$19,269,541.64			

Term Deposits

Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%
Average Investment Yield 2.63%

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio decreased by $442,546.37 during the period.

The investment portfolio is invested in term deposits with the National Australia Bank. The investment portfolio is regularly reviewed in order to maximise investment performance and minimise risk.

The Government Guarantee on Investments up to $1 million dollars has now expired and the new cap of $250,000 has replaced the scheme.

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

I hereby certify that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and Council's Investment Policy.

Resolution

138/2019

1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31st March 2019 be received and noted.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

File No:	F1.6
Report: 92/2019	Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS)
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Introduction

Clause 203 (1) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (the Regulations) requires a Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) to the governing body of Council within two (2) months of the end of the quarter. Submitted hereunder is that report.

Background

The Division of Local Government released guidelines on the preparation of QBRS to Council in December 2010 with mandatory reporting in line with the guidelines commencing in July 2011.

The QBRS must show, by reference to the estimated income and expenditure that is set out in the operational plan adopted by Council for the relevant year, a revised estimate of income and expenditure for that year.

The guidelines also require the budget review statement to include a report by the responsible accounting officer as to whether or not they consider the statement indicates Council to be in a satisfactory financial position (with regard to its original budget) and if not, to include recommendations for remedial action.

Issues

- The QBRS must be prepared by the Responsible Accounting Officer and presented to Council within two months of the end of the quarter.
- The minimum format of the QBRS is governed by the Division of Local Government's Guidelines in December 2010.

Assessment

(a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulations) clause 203 requires a Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council within two months of the end of the quarter.

Division of Local Government – Quarterly Budget Review Guidelines issued December 2010.

(b) Financial Implications/Considerations

Council's original budget was adopted as part of the 2018/2019 Operational Plan on 28th May 2018 and reflected an overall cash based surplus of $538,027.

(c) Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Practice

Nil

(d) Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

Community Strategic Plan
Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Discussion

The QBRS has been prepared for the March 2019 review period and is presented to Council for consideration.

This review has been undertaken in consultation with the General Manager, Managers and other officers where applicable.

Overall Financial Position

The revised consolidated budget result following the March QBRS is estimated to be a Surplus of $815,210.

A break-up of the funds are detailed in the table below once depreciation has been added back:

Fund	Expenses	Revenues	Depreciation	Operating result
General	($42,107,496)	$38,585,813	$3,772,800	$251,117
Water	($12,649,790)	$12,432,175	$579,200	$361,585
Sewer	($2,264,160)	$2,181,368	$285,300	$202,508
Total	**($57,021,446)**	**$53,199,356**	**$4,637,300**	**$815,210**

The adjustments which have been identified during the Review are summarised below:

Operating and Capital Works Budgets:

Adjustment Description	Budget Impact
Operational Income – increase	464,511
Operational Expenses – increase	(15,724)
Capital Income and Contributions - increase	652,105
Capital Expenditure - additional	(824,244)
Transfer to/from Reserves	
Net adjustment - Budget	**$276,648**

Summary	Budget Impact
Original Budget surplus	538,027
Adjustments from QBRS September 2018	(25,837)
Adjustments from QBRS December 2018	26.372
Adjustments from QBRS March 2019	276,648
Revised Budget	**$815,210**

Conclusion

The financial position of Bourke Shire Council as at 31st March 2019 is considered to be satisfactory and is confirmed by the Report from the Responsible Accounting Officer provided under separate cover to Council.

Recommendation

139/2019

1. That the document entitled "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2019" be received and noted
2. That the variations of income and expenditure as identified in the "Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2019" be adopted.

Moved Cr Cole Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

File No:	C12.5-D5.1-D5.2
Report: 93/2019	Community Contribution – NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Event
Author:	Peg Finlayson on behalf of NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Committee

Requesting financial assistance in the amount of $100 to help the CWA NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Event to supply certificates and prize money for the participating students. This event is to be held in Bourke on be held in Bourke on Tuesday, 28th May 2019. Invitations have been sent to all schools in the Bourke Shire to participate.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

Resolution

140/2019 That Council support the request for financial assistance of $100.00 to assist with the cost of hosting the CWA NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Event to be held in Bourke on Tuesday, 28th May 2019.
Moved Cr Cole Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

Country Women's Association of NSW
ABN 82 318 909 926 Incorporated in 1931 by an Act of NSW Parliament
All Communication to be addressed to the Secretary of FAR WESTERN ~~Branch~~/Group PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMITTE

c/- P.O. Box 398
Narromine 2821

19th March 2019

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The General Manager

Bourke Shire Council

P.O. Box 21

Bourke 2840

To whom it may concern:

Attached please find application for financial assistance relating to CWA of NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Event to be held in Bourke on Tuesday 28th May 2019, hosted by CWA Bourke Evening Branch for 11 schools within Division 2.

On the same day, CWA Narromine Branch will host the competition for 15 schools located at the southern end of Far Western Group, here in Narromine. (Division 1) Winners from each division will then have the opportunity to compete against winners from CWA Central Western and Oxley Groups This year's Inter Group Competition will be hosted by Far Western Group on Tuesday 25th June in Narromine.

As 5 schools, already invited to the event, lie within the Bourke Shire and we believe Public Speaking to be an important and rewarding initiative for students and schools, worthy of support, your consideration to offer assistance in covering costs would certainly be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

M. A. Finlayson.

Mrs Peg Finlayson

on behalf of CWA of NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Committee

www.cwaofnsw.org.au

To be eligible, organisations must:-

- submit an application on the prescribed form
- meet the criteria and the guidelines set out in this policy, and
- explain why their request was not submitted through the annual process

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

Name of applicant organisation:	CWA of NSW FAR WESTERN GROUP
Postal Address:	C/- P.O. BOX 398 NARROMINE 2821
Contact person:	PEG FINLAYSON
Position:	Secretary Public Speaking Committee
Phone number:	
Mobile number:	0458 894 902
Fax number:	
Email address:	peg.dovid@bigpond.net.au

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:- In line with CWA objectives re welfare of country women and families, Far Western Group has taken up the initiative of Public Speaking for school students Years 3-12 Due to distances involved this annual event is held concurrently at Bourke (Division 2) and Narromine (Division 1) coming up Tuesday 28th May 2019 CWA Rooms Bourke

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

If no, where is it located? CWA branches are located at Bourke, Enngonia and Wanaaring

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 300 approx.

Purpose for which the donation will be used:- Your donation will assist with Division 2 expenses (see estimated budget attached) to include certificates for participating students prize money to assist outgoing students to compete at Inter Group Heats on Tuesday 25th June in Narromine and books for each participating School library (your assistance acknowledged)

If not stated above, briefly describe the way in which this donation will benefit Bourke Shire:- Invitations and all relevant information has already been sent to 7 schools within the Bourke Shire and your assistance acknowledged in publicity prior to and at the events

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes ~~No~~
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: 2018 $100, which was of great assistance in covering expenses for went held 22nd May 2018 CWA Rooms Bourke.
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)?	$ 100.00	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	~~Yes~~	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	~~No~~
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	~~No~~
If yes, please quote your ABN If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	82 - 318 - 909 - 926	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	~~No~~
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency	✓	

File No:	D5.1-D5.2
Report: 94/2019	Community Contribution – Outback Rugby Challenge 2019
Author:	Margaret Gordon-Poole Deputy Principal – Bourke Public School

Requesting in kind support to enable the Bourke Public School to hold the Annual Outback Rugby Challenge to be held on Thursday, 20th June 2019.

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

Resolution

141/2019 That Council support the 2018 Outback Challenge as in previous years.		
Moved Cr Stutsel	Seconded Cr Cole	Carried

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANC

The Outback Rugby League Challenge is an event coordinated by Bourke Public School. This event enables primary school students the opportunity to participate in rugby league. It is a day that enables community organisations to interact with students, families and community members. The Outback Challenge also enables students to participate with NRL Ambassadors and it attracts media coverage not only for the evnt, Bourke Public School but also for the Bourke 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? 200

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

Bourke Public School would like to ask the Bourke Shire Council to support this event in the following ways:

- Book Davidson Oval for Thursday 20th June 2019.
- In previous years Terry Rankmore has marked the ovals for this event. We would appreciate if this continues
- We require bins and the emptying of those bins at the end of this event.
- The shire donated the key cost last year as their donation towards this event.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes No
If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose: • Book Davidson Oval. • In previous years Terry Rankmore has marked the ovals for this event. We would appreciate if this continues • We require bins and the emptying of those bins at the end of this event. • The shire donated the key cost last year as their donation towards this event.
Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? [redacted] No

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	$	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No
If yes, please quote your ABN If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	18246198266	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	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
A. Monetary		
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Terry Rankmore to mark ovals		
Bin removal		

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORTS

MONDAY, 29TH APRIL 2019

ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	E7.1
Report: 95/2018	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Christopher Morrall - Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from the 12th March to 18th April 2019 inclusive.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR405 Poison Point Section	Sealing works commenced
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Top Grade Completed
MR 404 Kiaora S Bends	Formation works commenced
2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Poison Point Section	Sealing Works Commenced
3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Jack Wielinga, Team Leader	
MR 405 Poison Point Section	Sealing Works Commenced
4 BITUMEN SECTOR - John Bartley, Team Leader	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional Roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken
Staff Training	Nil

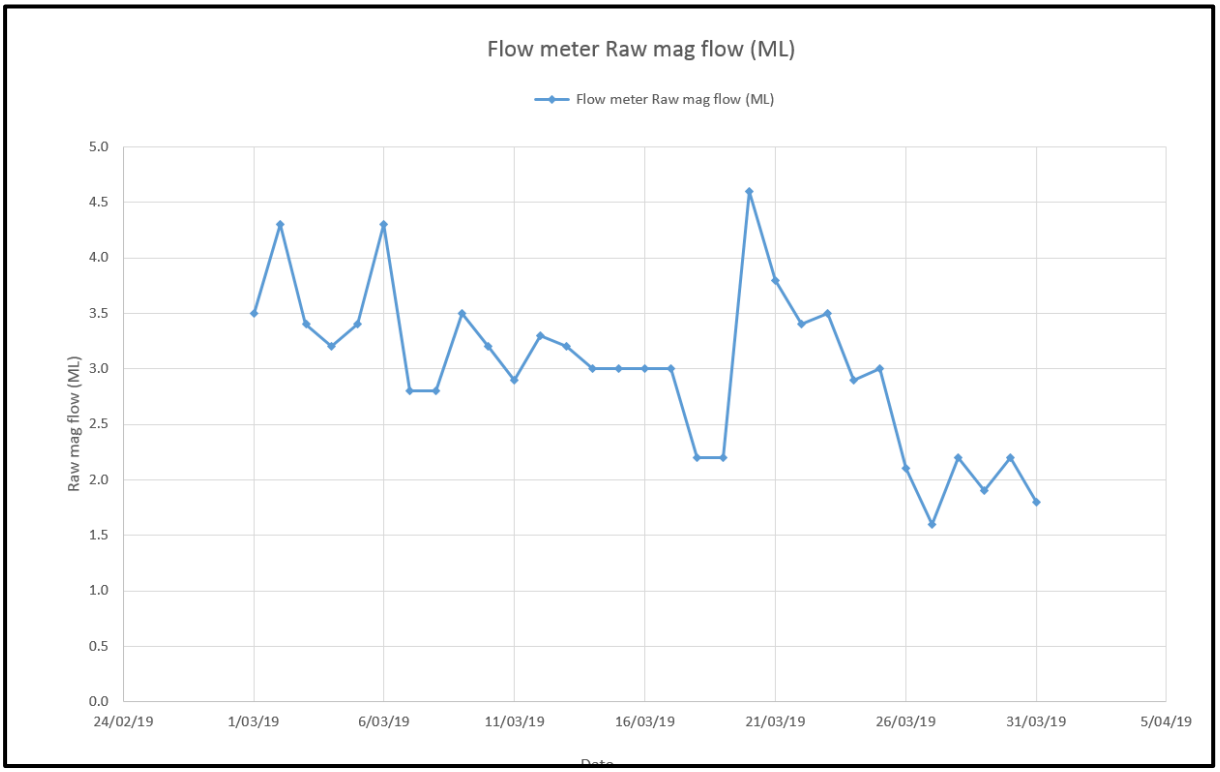
5.PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks & sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing & maintenance carried out Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained Public toilets cleaned & maintained General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities
Small Plant	Maintenance & service carried out on all ground plant
Works Requests	Actioned & ongoing
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out
Wharf	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for Bourke Public School
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained Prepare grounds for park run
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for junior rugby union training
Davidson Oval	General maintenance Prepare grounds for senior rugby union training Prepare grounds for the commencement of Barwon Darling Rugby League
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal Prepare ground for Mobile Playgroup BAHS Mums and Bubs Program Community Fun Day
Villages	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained
Airport	Mowed airstrip
Staff Training	Nil

6.TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned & ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing
Cemetery	Prepared graves: 15/03/2019
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal & cleaning along road side
	Mow & poison Sydney Road rest areas
Staff Training	Forklift, Backhoe Skid Steer
Sundry Debtors	4950-2650-1396 Crusher Dust
	4950-2650-1397 Crane
	4950-2650-1987 Crane
General	Crane at Wharf
	Pick up bottled water from Brewarrina, to be delivered to Villages
	Patch holes in weir wall
	Pick up fallen tree from Mitchell Caravan park
	Deliver rock to wharf
	Deliver sand to tennis courts
	Remove graffiti from signs, Main Street
	Put steel cover plate back on pole Main Street
	Pick fallen branch from Rices Cordial factory
	Staff relieving garbage truck
	Deliver crusher dust to Alice Edwards Village
	Pick up pipes from Darling fertilizer from plumbers
	Take crane to Hungerford Road 2nd bore
	Deliver bottled water to Louth
	Remove old basketball rings from Golf Club
	Clean out drains and corners
	Take pipes out to 2ns bore
	Main Street place sand stone back into place
	Remove abandon cars from levee banks
	Remove iron stone blocks from central park take back to depot for work to be completed
	Crusher dust, Main Street
	Deliver crusher dust to Alice Edwards Village for concrete job
	Deliver new generator to Hungerford Road for 2nd bore

7. WORKSHOP – Aaron Coyne, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
103	TF51EG	Fuel Trailer	New switch fitted
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	Ram fitted, replaced uni's on both ends of shaft
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo G940	Tightened belts, checked coolant levels, remount LH steps
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	New cutting edges fitted to bucket, replace blown fuse in air horn, auto grease turned to manual grease, spare fuses given to operator, manual grease nipple fitted to lift arm, new teeth and cutting edges fitted to bucket
140	AK24LO	Caterpillar 12H	Service completed, oil filter, fuel and air filter
150	BV55RE	Caterpillar 12M	Service completed, oil filter, checked air cleaners, new after cooler pipe fitted
178	CO73PY	Isuzu NPS	Fit 400L fuel pod to back of truck, fit new windscreen, carry out 70000km service, adjust brakes, found broken mirror, parts ordered, replaced pod nozzle, o ring replace, rear diff oil changed and additive added, air cleaner replaced
512	73235D	Multi Tyre Roller	Service completed
16	DYU31F	Toyota Prado	10,000km service
210		Lister Power Plant	Replace copper washers and o rings, bleed fuel, put all new hoses on
231	X22672	Kohler	5472, 5750 hr services carried out
54	CH29FQ	Isuzu DMAX	Service completed, replace blown fuse in cigarette lighter socket
70	CM03EW	Holden Colorado	Service completed, new air box fitted, bulbs replace in headlights and number plate
92	CA52JC	Western Star	Replace blown fuses, centre bolt replace, hydraulic leak fixed, noise in compressor
148	TC60FS	Dolly	Replace all rocker box bushes, make new hydraulic hose
149	TC61FS	Moore Triaxle tipper	Replace all rocker box bushes
237	N77487	Holmwood Highgate	Replace broken pipe, repacked hydraulic pump, put new pump on, found hydraulic fittings leaking, replaced with new ones
68	X50802	2011 Moore	Hinge repaired and welded back on, new radius rod bushed fitted, new leaf spring pack fitted
76	P95814	Moore Roadtrain tipper	Replace all brakes, replace all rocker bushes, Found broken airline and replaced
93	CE53WX	Colorado	Batteries fitted, pipes replaced and re gas air conditioner, test all fuses, replace blown fuse
97	YUB437	Isuzu	Replace RHS clearance light, repaired airbag fault, auto electrician fixed battery and hiab faults
173	YGU33N	Mazda BT 50	50,000km service
29	CHP24X	Mazda BT 50	Replaced fuel filter, o ring, fitted new tyres, intercooler hose

			fitted
30	CF76DI	Nissan Navara	Test lighter socket, blown fuse in Engle fridge, replaced fuse
299		Komatsu	Centre pivot pin put back in place, make shift retainer unit line boring done, repaired broken wire in starting solenoid and test
218	BR67WH	Hino	Replace engine advance relay
51	YII29U	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
8	YCJ72Y	Mazda BT 50	70,000km service
4		Ford Everest	Cell fi-go installed
33	YII01E	Mazda BT 50	Service completed
111	TB60BR	Dolly	New radius, bushes fitted
39	YCJ44H	Mazda BT 50	New fan resistor fitted
40	CP40FZ	Isuzu	30,000km Service
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Weld toolbox door back on
404	CI35TV	Isuzu	Replace park brake valve
300	CR59EV	Mitsubishi Triton	10,000km service
220	W87367	Boggie Trailer	Replace all hoses
506	XN65HG	Kenworth Prime Mover	Remove dash insert, tighten gauges and refit
57	CC20UJ	Hino	6,000 he service, replace water pump hydraulic motor, replace gal fitting on water lines, remove old pump assembly and refit new modified assessable
58	DYU31E	Toyota Kluger	Fit front and rear seat covers, repair phone mount stick back to windscreen
130	YWE633	Case	Top up engine oil, fit fire extinguisher
156	70071C	Ingersoll Rand	Remove and replace seal runner, V seal and main seal
235		Cummins Generator	Service completed
77	AY40UT	Case	Replaced missing bolts in hand brake, grease machine
203	S74350	Power Plant	Replace brake cable and adjust
172	CL38AZ	Isuzu	Fit uni's, refit shaft, refit pto shaft, pulled old pto shaft out and replaced
18	CJ41HN	Ford Ranger	Serviced completed
32	BM39KN	Isuzu	Replace fuel nozzle, tighten light bar, did a manual burn off, service completed, replaced batteries
46	BX92HR	Hino	Service completed, cleaned out radiator system
505	XN17EH	Kenworth Prime Mover	Service completed
Staff Training		Forklift, Backhoe and Skid Steer	

8. Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance- March	
117 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
98 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
22 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
77 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
75 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
Gorrell Ave	Repair leaking 50mm raw water service
46 Wortumertie Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
Louth	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
Renshaw Road	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
44 Wortumertie Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
65 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
Davidson Oval	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
Alice Edwards Village	Dug 100mm raw water main and repair main
65 Mitchell Street	Dug 150mm raw water main and repair main
17 Short Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
47 Anson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
1 Darling Street	Dug and repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
18 Culgoa Street	Dug 50mm filtered water main repaired 20mm service
15 Wilson Street	Dug 150mm filtered water main and repaired main
76 Tudor Street	Repair leaking filtered water service
North Bourke Park	Connect raw and filtered services
Boat Ramp	Install transfer pump at boat ramp to start pumping over sand bar
Back O Bourke Centre	Replace pump on sprinklers system and function centre
North Bourke	Power outage set up generator for water supply
Bourke	Read water metres
North Bourke Raw Pump Site	Extend pump into river
Airport	Repair leaking toilets
New Bore	Install pump connect pipe to Walkden's Bore
Main Street Upgrades	Fix taps connect storm water pits
Byrock	Start carting water
Yantabulla road works	Repair 40mm poly line set up toilet at camp
Renshaw Sporting Complex	Replace kitchen taps
Clara Hart Village	Routine Maintenance and Monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Alice Edwards Village	Routine Maintenance and Monitoring as per ACP Management Plan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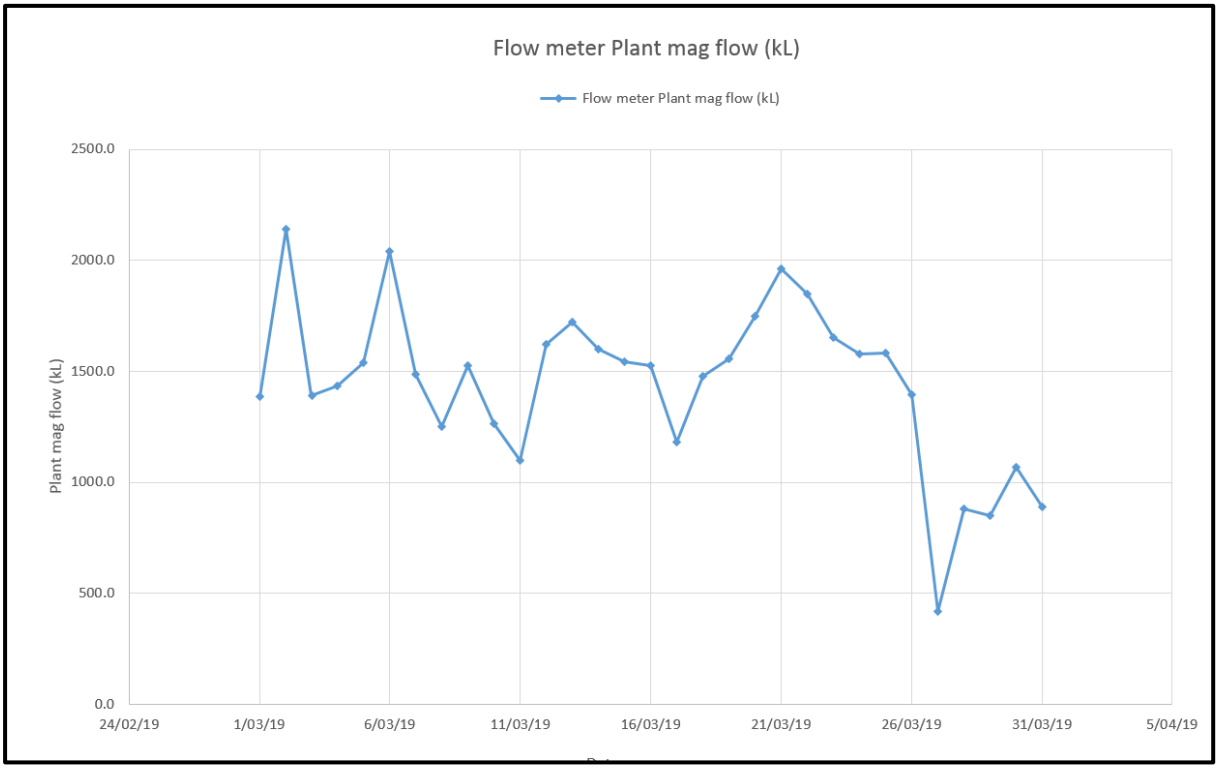
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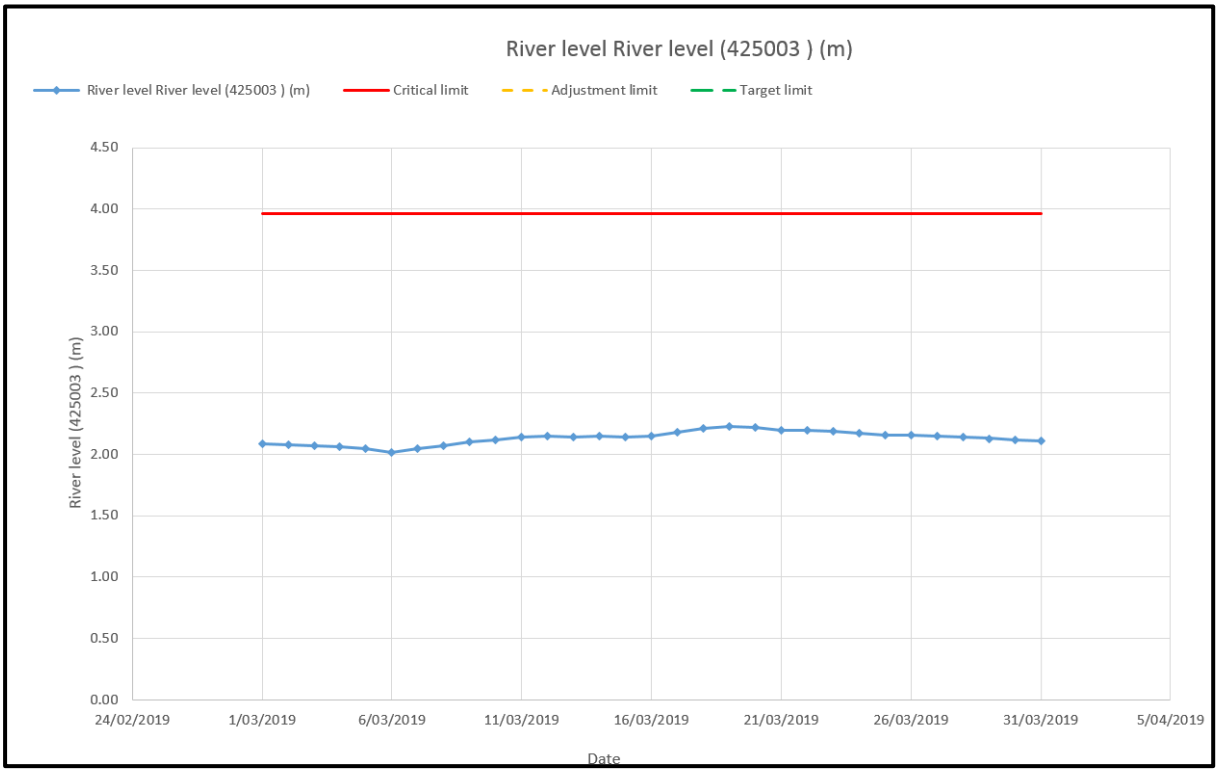
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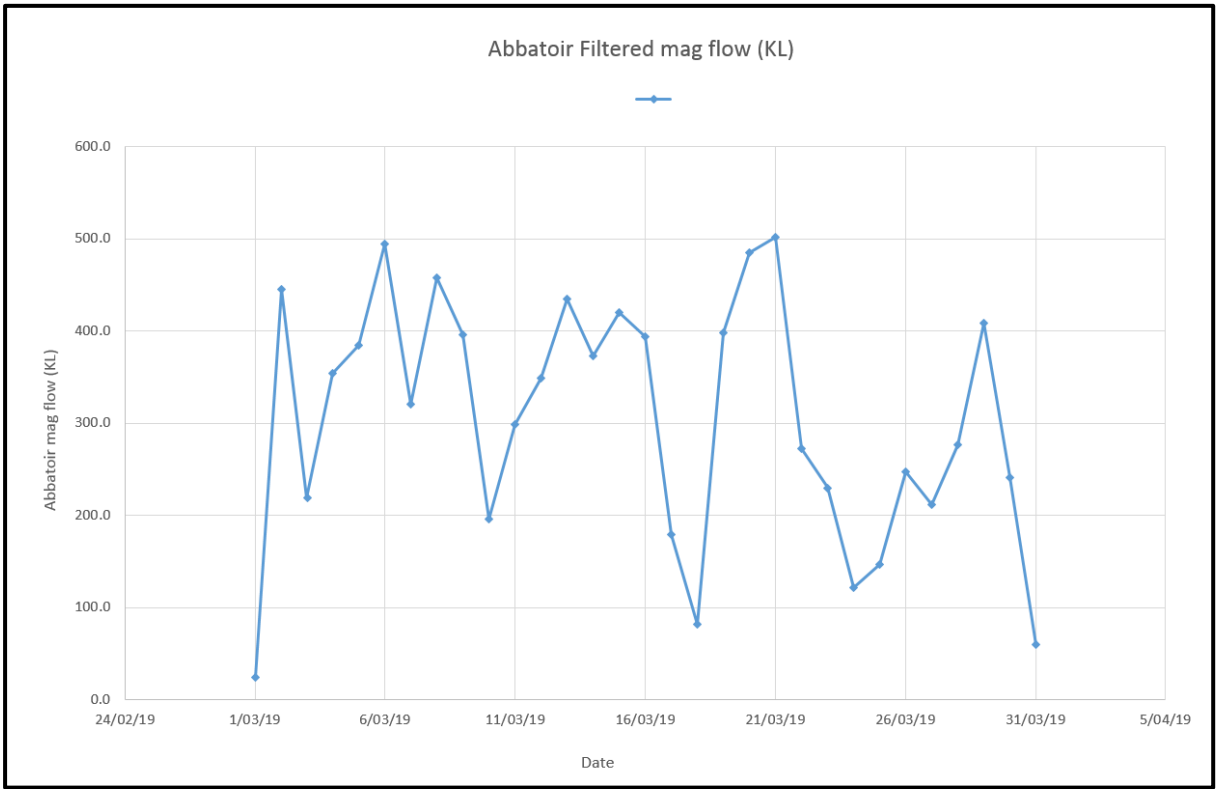
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Abattoir's total 9.423M daily Average 303KL Max 502KL Min 24KL

Month	Raw water ML	Filter magflow pump 1 ML	Filter magflow pump 2 ML	Plant magflow kL	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL	Raw-filtered ML	Filtered-Plant ML
January 2019	120	55	-	46,326	2,846	404	58	12
February 2019	98	51	-	46,118	12,227	509	7	2
March 2019	93	52	-	44,663	8,253	2,612	41	8

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	0.50	8.00			31
River level	River level (425003)	2.02	2.13	2.23	3.9		31
Raw Water	pH	8.10	8.55	8.90			31
Raw Water	turbidity	20.80	40.02	74.00			31
Raw Water	Conductivity	1,115.00	1,203.03	1,295.00			31
Filtered water	pH	7.70	8.35	8.90	6.5	8.5	31
Filtered water	Conductivity	1,115.00	1,201.87	1,295.00			31
Clarifier	Turbidity	0.10	0.97	1.50	0.0	4.0	31
Tower	Free Cl2	1.70	3.54	4.50	0.2	5.0	31
Clarifier	Free Cl2	4.00	4.84	5.20	0.2	5.0	31
Filtered water	Free Cl2	2.30	4.33	5.00	1.0	5.0	31
Filtered water	Turbidity	0.10	0.28	0.60	0.0	1.2	31
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	1.00	1.40	2.10	0.2	4.0	3
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.10	7.20	7.30	6.5	8.5	3
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.0	0.5	3
WTP	Free chlorine	2.30	2.30	2.30	0.2	4.0	1
WTP	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
WTP	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.2	4.0	1
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.0	0.5	1
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.2	4.0	1
Meadows Rd	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	1
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.2	4.0	0
Mitchell St	pH	-	#DIV/0!	-	6.5	8.5	0
Mitchell St	Turbidity	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.0	0.5	0
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	1.90	1.90	1.90	0.2	4.0	1
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.0	0.5	1
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.2	4.0	1
Kidman Camp	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.0	0.5	1

Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Aug 2018Test	Sept 2018 Test	Oct 2018 Test	Nov 2018 Test	Dec 2018 Test	Jan 2019 Test	Feb 2019 Test	Mar 2019 Test	Apr 2019 Test	May 2019 Test	Jun 2019 Test
Oil & Grease	*mg/L*	10	<2	<2	3	3	3	5	<2	<2	<2		
pH		*6.5-8.5*	7.77	8.21	8.28	8.29	8.72	8.46	9.44	8.77	9.22		
Nitrogen (total)	*mg/L*	*15*	9.7	6.9	4.7	5	3.5	8.9	10.5	14.3	9.3		
Phosphorus (total)	*mg/L*	*10*	3.7	3.9	3.6	2.4	1.3	1.7	1.10	2.38	1.6		
Total suspended solids	*mg/L*	*20*	41	17	16	16	21	62	150	114	101		
Biochemical oxygen demand	*mg/L*	*15*	29	5	12	11	9	22	18	36	24		

Council notes the provisions of clause L2.5 (a) and (b) of its licence conditions of a chlorophyll exemption due algal growth, which also exempts the above exceedances.

- Rainfall in Bourke for March 2019 was 4.4 mm
- Hottest day for March 2019 was 41.9 degrees
- Coldest day for March 2019 was 9 degrees

Resolution

142/2019 That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Stutsel | Carried | Unstarred

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:	D3.2		
Report: 96/2019	Developments Approved Report		
Author:	Carolyn Crain, Coordinator Development & Regulatory Services		
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services		
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2019/0010	Lot 2, DP 906154 62 Oxley Street, Bourke	Relocation of Existing Dwelling, construction of pergola and carport
Council	DA 2017/0020/02 (S4.55 modification)	Lot 100, DP 123307 71-73 Anson Street, Bourke	Change of use of building, construction of motel units and associated buildings, installation of swimming pool

Total value of Approved works for March 2019	= $49,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for March 2019	= 2
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for March 2019	= 0

File No:	A8.1	
Report: 204/2019	Animal Control/Environmental Issues Report	
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services	
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	4	1
Seized	26	6
Surrendered	18	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	48	7
Euthanased	8	7
Returned to Owner	2	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	18	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	20	0
Total	48	7
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	0	

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

Resolution

143/2019 That Council note the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried	Unstarred

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	G2.1
Report: 97/2019	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

28th March 2019

The New South Wales State Election created a considerable amount of interest and as expected was reasonably tight with the Coalition returned and are expected to be able to have a majority in the Legislatively Assembly (Lower House) although this may take a few days to be confirmed.

Counting in the Legislative Council (Upper House) will take a little longer to complete with a number of the minor parties expected to gain a seat or two which may make for an interesting passage of legislation through the Upper House.

Locally, Roy Butler from the Shooters Farmers and Fishers Party (SFFP) has gained the seat of Barwon and another SFFP candidate, Helen Dalton, was successful in the seat of Murray meaning that the entire Far West Region will be represented by members of the SFFP.

Mayor Barry Hollman has written to Roy Butler congratulating him on his election and inviting him to Bourke

Council will look to try and arrange a meeting with Roy as soon as practical and ensure that he is aware of Council's priorities and concerns.

It is important for the development of this area that we are able to see a continuation of the projects that have been able to be achieved over the past few years in the Bourke Shire, Local Government Area.

To stand for election for Parliamentary Office is generally a long drawn out process involving pre-selection process and then, if successful at that stage, campaigning for up to several months prior to the election. This takes a huge commitment of time energy and resources. I think it is appropriate we acknowledge the unsuccessful candidates in all electorates across the state for their commitment to the democratic process.

The drought conditions and lack of flow in the river, necessitating water restrictions has placed a number of trees and plants within Bourke and the surrounding area under extreme stress with many unlikely to recover. The issue is obviously not confined to the urban area with many trees in the rural areas also struggling.

The stresses of the dry weather conditions, has seen many large trees, along or near the river, lose large limbs.

Everyone is reminded to be aware of falling limbs and avoid parking or sitting under trees with large limbs.

Work has been completed on the new bore referred to as Bore 2B which will supplement the water currently available from Walkden's Bore and the two bores combined have the ability to provide Bourke with around 2 megalitres of water per day which is enough to meet the commercial and domestic requirements for filtered water but will not provide any water for external use.

The bore is undergoing final testing with generators and control panels to be fitted before the bore is fully operational and this work is expected to be finalised by the end of the week.

Before the filtered supply is transferred to the bore supply all residents will be notified.

It is hoped that Council will retain the ability to have a limited supply of water available for garden usage however, that will depend on river levels and the ability of Councils pumps to be able to operate at the lower river levels.

As I have said previously we are in very much uncharted territory at the moment and we are unable to rely on any previous knowledge.

The fact that the town of Bourke will have water for its domestic needs is reassuring and work will continue on the drought proofing strategy to ensure that should similar conditions arise in the future the town will be well prepared.

Council continues to make representations to the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) regarding the availability of an Environment Flow for the Barwon Darling River system.

The ongoing dry conditions and diminishing water supply along the Barwon Darling River system has heightened the need for environment flow in the river to ensure the environmental health of the river and the health and well- being of the communities along the river is protected.

Mayor Councillor Barry Hollman said in a recent press release that he was aware of the need for both the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder's (CHEW) Office and the various state agencies involved in the coordination of any flow to firstly undertake a risk assessment associated with the flow. This assessment will assist in determining the potential impact on the fish population and the problems associated with potential water losses across a dry river bed and the tributaries leading from the storage to the Barwon Darling System.

He also highlighted the potential impact on both the habitat and fish population if no flow was made available and this needed to be considered along with the social and economic impact on those communities and properties along the river system.

There is widespread rain forecast over the next few days in varying amounts and hopefully this may provide enough inflow to wet the river beds and assist with the decision making process in regards to an environment flow.

Bourke Shire has been advised that it has been successful in its application for funding from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science through the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Programme for $50,000.00 towards the resealing of the Wanaaring Airstrip.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be in excess of $100,000.00 with the grant funding providing around 50% of that amount.

The Wanaaring Airstrip is an important asset for the people of the area who are serviced by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, both for clinics and in cases of emergency and the availability of an all- weather lighted strip is essential.

The reseal is part of Council's Asset Management Plan

As of Monday 25th March2019 the Darling River at Bourke will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 220 days further extending the previous record created in 2006 of 200 days.

The water last stopped flowing over the weir on the 17th August 2018 and unfortunately it would appear that this record looks likely to be extended further with no significant flow anticipated locally and any rain in the catchment or any environmental flow made available likely to take six (6) weeks to traverse the dry river system to Bourke.

Our daughter Gillian, son-in-law Jean-Luc and grandchildren Pascale and Olivier were in Australia visiting from their home in Quebec, Canada over the past four (4) weeks and it was great to be able to catch up with them in Mudgee. Annette and I enjoyed the opportunity to look after the grandchildren for a few days whilst their parents had a trip to Melbourne, whilst it kept us pretty busy and taxed our energy levels it is something we don't get a chance to do very often.

We also took the opportunity to have a bit of a family reunion during their visit with our other three (3) children also making the trip to back to Mudgee and it was the first time in six (6) years that we were all able to get together as a family or now as an extended family.

Plans are under way for the Bourke Easter Weekend Celebrations with the format similar to that as in previous years with the now Annual Back O Bourke Picnic Race Club meeting will again be highlighting the weekend and is to be held on Sunday 21st April 2019.

Other activities planned are a Colour Run on Good Friday, a parade and wool bale rolling on Saturday morning and an old Boys Rugby Match on the Saturday afternoon and a Sunrise Church Service and Pancake Breakfast on the Sunday morning.

A new innovation for this year will be a Blues and Blue Grass Mini festival on the afternoon of Good Friday with a number of Bands already indicating their attendance and former local artist Tonchi McIntosh will be back in Bourke for the day to perform.

The Blues Festival will be a family friendly event and forms part of the Drought Communities Fund activities.

A full programme is available at the Council office and is also available on the Council website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au or visitbourke.com.au

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To assist residents become a little more water wise Council has for distribution to residents timers so that they can gauge length of shower times. These "egg timer" like devices are able to be attached via a suction cup to the shower recess and allows for periods of four (4) minutes. While four minutes might not seem long it may surprise people how much time they take in the shower and the water usage as a result.

They are available free of charge to any residents who would like to make an attempt to conserve water.

Water carting to Byrock commenced last Saturday with the groundwater supply there exhausted. The opportunity was taken to clean the overhead tank prior to the delivery of the first load of water.

The water carted is for domestic purposes only and the use should be restricted to internal use only.

Water will need to be carted three (3) or four (4) times weekly

The cooperation from all residents in the frugal use of water is once again sought.

Bourke Shire Council has been working with New South Wales Public Works Advisory to improve access to State Government work by local tradespersons, contractors and suppliers.

This initiative will boost economic activity in Bourke and the region. Providing work for local businesses underpins increased numbers of apprentices/trainee opportunities", Bourke General Manager, Mr Ross Earl commented.

Regional Director Riverina Western of Public Works Advisory Gavin Priestley has been working on the project that involves breaking down some of the larger State Government contracts.

Large projects often rule out local contractors and result in non-local businesses bringing in staff. Apart from the money leaving town the training and development opportunities are also lost to the region.

Local tradespersons and contractors sometimes found the initial registration and compliance requirements daunting. Bourke Shire Council and NSW Public Works Advisory are committed to work with local contractors and tradespersons to assist them to "pre-qualify" for work. This step provides contractors an opportunity to submit quotations and tenders for work in our region.

NSW Public Works Advisory and Bourke Shire Council will combine to host an information night on the 9th April 2019 between 5.30pm and 8.00pm at the Back O' Bourke Conference Centre.

Tradespersons, contractors, suppliers and their administration teams can find out more about the opportunities available. The evening will also provide guidance through the first steps of registration and "pre-qualification".

The information night is free of charge and local tradespersons were encouraged to register their intent to attend by contacting Mick McDowell at Bourke shire Council via email aes@bourke.nsw.gov.au or telephone 68308000

The Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool is open until 31st March 2019 when it will close for the season.

A photographic Exhibition entitled the - Art4Ag Photography Exhibition is currently in Bourke and on display at Councils Offices.

It is a body of work developed to celebrate our farmers and National Ag Day.

Featuring images from 18 farmers and locals across the Far West region, each exploring their interpretation of Australian agriculture and its farmers.

The exhibition explores the theme of #growforgood within the industry.

The display is free of charge at the Bourke Shire Council Chambers.

The display was to conclude on Thursday 28th March 2019, however, it will remain open for an additional day Friday 29th March 2019 to give those who have yet to have the opportunity to see the exhibition to visit.

This is a project involving Outback Arts, Bourke Arts Council and Bourke Shire Council

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At the Western Division Conference held in Bourke last month the elections for Officer bearers were held and Councillor Leigh Byron of Balranald Shire was elected President, with Councillor Dave Gallagher of Broken Hill City Council Vice President whilst Marion Brown of Broken Hill and Councillor Greg Evans of Wentworth Shire filling to the other two (2) executive positions.

Leigh has previously been the Chair of Western Division and is keen to see the organisation reinvigorated as a powerful and respected lobby group. There will be a mid-year meeting of Western Division at Cobar in June and the next Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in Broken Hill in February 2020

The Bourke Senior Citizens weeks commences this Sunday, 31st March 2019 with a luncheon at Renshaw Oval Pavilion hosted by Bourke Shire Council and Bourke CWA. The function will commence at 12.30pm. RSPVs are due by 10.00am on Thursday 28th March 2019 but if you had forgotten if you notify the Council offices by lunch time Friday I am sure that we will be able to cater for you.

Seniors week across New South Wales is held in February but with the hot weather experienced in this part of the state the decision was made to hold it when the weather will hopefully be a little cooler.

Activities are planned for everyday next week with the exception of Saturday, 6th April which has been left as a rest day and the senior's Week will wrap up on Sunday, 7th April with a barbeque lunch hosted by Bourke Rotary Club and Bourke Shire Council.

All activities are provide free of charge and all seniors are encouraged to participate and any queries can be directed to Letiticia Tiffen on 0439566118,

The full programme is available on the Council website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au or a hard copy can be made available by contacting the Council on 0268308000.

Quote of the week!

"Well done is better than well said".

Benjamin Franklin

4th April 2019

The Premier Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and The Deputy Premier Hon John Barilaro MP have announced their Cabinet following the State Election held last weekend and there are a number of new portfolios as well as a number of new Ministers and a number of Ministers in the previous Cabinets have changed portfolios.

Some of the recent Ministerial appointments with whom it is anticipated that Council will have immediate interaction with, include:-

- Hon John Barilaro, MP Minister for Regional New South Wales, Industry and Trade
- Hon Paul Toole, MP Minister for Regional Transport and Trade
- Hon Melinda Pavey, MP Minister for Water Property and Housing
- Hon Adam Marshal,l Minister For Agriculture and Western New South Wales
- Hon Shelley Hancock, MP Minister for Local Government
- Hon Don Harwin, MLC Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
- Hon Sarah Mitchell, MP minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning A full list of the Ministry can be accessed at

https://static.nsw.gov.au/nsw-gov-au/1554000547/Ministry-List-2-April-2019.pdf

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ANZAC Day is only three weeks away and ceremonies are planned to be held across the Shire with the Dawn Service at Bourke to begin at 6.00am on 25th April with attendees asked to be at the Cenotaph at 5.50am.

The main ANZAC Day Service will start at 11.00am on the day and those who intend to March are asked to assemble at 10.30 am outside Diggers on the Darling.

Details on the Services at Wanaaring, Louth and Enngonia will be notified as they come to hand.

Bourke Shire Council wishes to advise that the water coming from Walkden's Bore and the new Stoney Rise Bore is safe to drink and poses no risk to health.

Bourke Shire Council acknowledges that the sodium (salt) level in the water is higher than desired. Recent testing of the bores shows that the sodium concentrations range from 289 mg/L to 353 mg/L. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines gives a value of 180 mg/L as the concentration at which people are likely to taste sodium in their drinking water.

NSW Health confirms that the water is safe to drink, but Council appreciates that people may be concerned about the taste of the water.

Chilling your drinking water can help reduce the salty taste.

Anyone who may be concerned about sodium in the water and their diet should talk to their doctor for specific advice. NSW Health has given information to doctors about patients who may need special attention because of the extra sodium in the drinking water. These are pregnant women, and people with advanced kidney disease, poorly controlled high blood pressure, diagnosed heart failure and others who are on a low salt diet.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service provides assistance for those on the land who are experiencing difficulties particularly in these times of extreme drought.
There is an Office of the Rural Financial Counselling Service in Bourke at 27 Mitchell Street and you are able to access a wide range of information from the staff.

Alternatively the link to the Rural Financial Counselling Service website https://www.rfcscr.com.au/

The website will take residents to further links of RAA; Drought Hub; etc. plus links to those organisations that may be able to assist with support such as CWA and Salvation Army etc.

As of Monday 1st April 2019 the Darling River at Bourke will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 227 days further extending the previous record created in 2006 of 200 days.

The water last stopped flowing over the weir on the 17th August 2018 and unfortunately it would appear that this record looks likely to be extended further with no significant flow anticipated locally and any rain in the catchment or any environmental flow made available likely to take six (6) weeks to traverse the dry river system to Bourke.

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Water carting to Byrock commenced over a week ago and will continue until there is sufficient water in the ground tank to enable water to be taken from that source.

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The information night is free of charge and local tradespersons are encouraged to register their intent to attend by contacting Mick McDowell at Bourke Shire Council via email aes@bourke.nsw.gov.au or telephone 68308000.

The Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool has closed for the season.

The Bourke Senior Citizens Week commenced last Sunday 31st March 2019 with a luncheon at Renshaw Oval Pavilion hosted by Bourke Shire Council and Bourke CWA. The final function for 2019 will again be held at Renshaw Oval Pavilion will be held on Sunday 7th April commencing at 12.30pm. This function will be hosted by Bourke Rotary Club in Association with Bourke Shire

Council. If you haven't booked in for the final event it is not too late and you can call the Shire Offices on 68308000

Last Sunday was a great day with around 40 of our Senior Citizens in attendance plus a very good representation of Councillors and Staff from Bourke Shire Council together with the members of the Local CWA who were responsible for a magnificent array of desserts.

Councillors Hollman, Barton, Rice and Dorrington proved be great exponents of barbeque cooking and I am sure will be invited to perform the same function at future events.

Bourke Shire Council will host the 2019 Annual Conference of the Environmental Development and Allied Professionals (EDAP) Conference which will be held from Wednesday, 3rd to Friday, 5th April 2019,

Almost 100 delegates from across the state are expected in Bourke, they will have the opportunity to hear about trends in their industry from a number of speakers who are experts in their fields.

The Conference was held in Young in 2017 and Mudgee in 2018 and it was through the efforts of Bourke Shire's Manager of Environmental Services Dwayne Willoughby that the Conference was held in Bourke.

The bulk of the Conference will be at the Back O' Bourke Conference Centre and will inject a considerable amount of money into the local economy as well as enabling Bourke to showcase itself as both a tourist destination and conference venue.

Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman and I were invited to the opening of the Conference where the Mayor provided the welcome address to delegates highlight some of the projects that Council is currently involved with and also detailing the size of the shire and the challenges this presents.

The Annual General Meeting of Outback Arts was held on Monday, 1st April and Council was represented by Councillor John Thompson as Councils Delegate whilst Sally Torr represented the Bourke Arts Community Incorporated as a Community Representative.

Outback Arts is based in and also has Members from Walgett, Warren, Bourke and Brewarrina and aims to promote the various types of arts across the area.

The good rainfall across Queensland and some parts of New South Wales over the past ten days will hopefully result in some positive flows within the River systems and result in inflows into the storage dams and the larger river systems.

It is a little early to determine accurately but from all reports that I have received it is anticipated that there will be a flow into the Darling River above Louth from the Warrego.

Annette and I enjoyed "Ladies in Black" which was shown by the Bourke Arts Community as its movie at Flicks in the Sticks last Saturday Night at the Bourke Community Centre.

Whilst a little unseasonal cool weather was with us the evening was enjoyed by around thirty people and the night is always a good way to watch a movie in a very relaxed and informal atmosphere.

The Library at Bourke although relatively small offers a large range of books, audio visual material and magazines to cater for all ages and interests. If you haven't been to the library why not drop in and see what they have to offer. If the Library doesn't have the book you may be looking for they can, in most instances arrange for an inter-library loan.

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It is a small world. I rang Local Government New South Wales last week and ask to speak to Senior Policy Officer Roads and Transport and was advised the previous Project Officer whom I had known had left and Sanjiv Sathiah was the person now in the role. During the course of our discussions Sanjiv indicated that he was familiar with Bourke having spent some time in Bourke in the mid- seventies when his father Doctor Kula Sathiah was in medical practice in Bourke.

The Federal Government indicated last week announced that it would provide an additional $2.2 Billion towards roads and this would be comprised as follows:-

- An additional $1.1 billion in funding for local governments under the Roads to Recovery program, which allows investment in road safety infrastructure in regional Australia.
- An extra $550 million for the successful Black Spot Program, which targets known high-risk locations and reduces serious crashes by 30 per cent, on average.
- A further $571.1 million to improve the safety and efficiency of heavy vehicle operations through the Bridges Renewal Program, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program and heavy Vehicle Safety Initiatives (HVSI).

The increase in Roads to Recovery Funding amounts to an increase of 25% which in the case of Bourke Shire Council will mean an increase of around $210,000 per year.

Road funding is critical to Bourke Shire Council who have a huge road network and the additional finding will be very welcome.

Work is progressing on the work in the main street and it is really starting to take shape and really looking good.

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Quote of the week!
When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

11th April 2019

As the river continues to fall there is a strong possibility that Bourke will be reliant on bore water for its filtered water supply for domestic and commercial purposes within weeks.

Council has been actively preparing for this scenario over the past few months and is confident that there will be sufficient water available from Walkden's and Stoney Rise Bores to meet the needs of the community. Council has been utilising water from Walkden's Bore to both supplement supply and to assist in maintaining water quality.

Bourke Shire Council wishes to advise that the water coming from Walkden's Bore and the new Stoney Rise Bore is safe to drink and poses no risk to health.

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Far West - Algal Coordinating Committee (FW-RACC have released their latest Blue-green Algae Report.

Advices applicable to this area are as follows

Darling River at Brewarrina is on Red Alert. Algae numbers are reducing. Another low result is required to lift the Red Alert. The dominant Algae detected are not known to be toxin producers.

Darling River at Rose Isle is on Red Alert. Applicable for areas between Louth and Bourke. The dominate algae species is not known to be toxic.

The Darling River at Wilcannia and Trevallyn and Caulpaulin are on Red Alert. Water users should apply extreme caution in this section of the river. Very high concentration detected.

Darling River at Caulpaulin is on Red Alert. The algae numbers detected are very high, domestic users along this section of the Darling River should seek alternate water supplies. This water

should not be used for stock watering and it is recommended that stock access be restricted to the river as the algae species detected is known to be potentially toxic.

Barwon River at Collarenebri is on Amber Alert.

Darling River at Bourke Boat Ramp is on Amber Alert.

Darling River at Tilpa and Louth are on Amber Alert.

If you have concerns in relation to the water supply you should contact
WaterNSW Algal Website

http://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae

Or Call

NSW algae hotline 1800 999 457

ANZAC Day is only two (2) weeks away and the local RSL sub-branch has again planned the ceremonies in Bourke whilst other ceremonies will be held across the Shire.

The Dawn Service at Bourke to begin at 6.00am on 25th April with attendees asked to be at the Cenotaph at 5.50am.

The main ANZAC Day Service in Bourke will start at 11.00am on the day and those who intend to march are asked to assemble at 10.30am outside Diggers on the Darling.

There will be changed traffic conditions for the march in both Oxley Street and Richard Street and residents are asked to be mindful of these changed conditions.

The Enngonia Service will be held at 5.00pm on ANZAC Day with the contact person being Greg Oates on 68747577

Louth have for some time now conducted a dusk ANZAC Commemoration Service and it will again be held this year starting at 5.00pm. For details in relation to the service you can contact Jane Murray on 68747401

As of Monday, 8th April 2019 the Darling River at Bourke will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 235 days further extending the previous record created in 2006 of 200 days.

A team from A Current Affair visited Bourke last week to highlight the plight of those living along the Darling and the impact on the river of the current drought conditions. The story went to air on Thursday, 4th April 2019 and for those who may have missed it can be accessed at https://www.9now.com.au/a-current-affair/2019/clip-cju2dyhwc000q0gof6dgqbx2v

Water issues are the major topic of conversation around Bourke at the moment with everyone extremely concerned about the extended drought conditions that we are experiencing and the degree of uncertainty that the immediate future holds in relation to the supply of water for other than domestic use.

The impact on the rural community has been significant with many farmers having to reduce stock numbers.

The rainfall to date for 2019 is only 24.4 millimetres or about 1 inch in the old scale which is less than 20% of the average rainfall for the same period.

In 2018 the rainfall for the period to April was 49.4 millimetres.

Residents at Wanaaring are advised that on the 30th April 2019 there is a scheduled power outage between the hours of 8.45pm and 2.45pm to allow Essential Energy Crews and Contractors to safely undertake improvements to the electricity network in the area.

The Water Supply at Wanaaring is run by electricity and to ensure that an adequate supply remains in the overhead supply tanks during the power outage period all residents are asked to minimise their water consumption.

With the cooler weather this should not pose any real issues.

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Mick McDowell the Senior Project Officer from the Bourke Aboriginal Employment Prosperity Strategy with Bourke Shire Council can provide additional information if anyone was unable to attend. Mick he can be contacted via email aes@bourke.nsw.gov.au or telephone 68308000

The final function for Bourke Seniors Citizens Week 2019 was held at Renshaw Oval Pavilion hosted by Bourke Rotary Club in Association with Bourke Shire Council and once again went well and also well attended.

The week went well and all seniors were very appreciative of the functions that were hosted on their behalf and I would like to say a big thank you to all those who assisted in any way to make the week a success.

Bourke Shire Council hosted the 2019 Annual Conference of the Environmental Development and Allied Professionals (EDAP) Conference last week and it was a great success with a number of positive comments in relation to the Back O' Bourke Conference Centre, and Bourke more generally, being received.

Mayor, Councillor Barry Hollman provided a welcome address at the start of the Conference and delegates had the opportunity to listen and learn from a number of excellent speakers as well as further develop their networks.
Well done to Dwayne Willoughby, Manager of Environment Services who both coordinated the bid to host the Conference and undertook the bulk of the arrangements.

Bourke's Ain't Caught Nothing Yet Fishing Club led by President Steve Coyne provided a camp oven dinner for the Conference on the Thursday night and the EDAP Committee provided a donation of $500.00 to assist the Club undertake further restocking of the river.

As with the Western Division Conference last month accommodation in Bourke was at a premium and all accommodation providers welcoming additional bed nights that the conferences provided.

All attendees were very complimentary of the Conference and the hospitality shown to them by the people of Bourke and in a number of cases delegates indicated their intention to return with their families.

As mentioned last week the good rainfall across Queensland and some parts of New South Wales over the past two (2) weeks have resulted in some good flows within the river systems, however, there has been no significant inflows into the storage dams and the larger river systems.

It is anticipated that there should be a flow into the Darling River above Louth from the Warrego. However, as the flow moves slowly south a considerable amount has apparently gone outside the normal river channel and the extremely dry river bed has seen much of the flow absorbed and these two (2) issues may result a reduction of the anticipated flows.

There was also the expectation that water from the Nebine in Queensland would flow into the Culgoa and then into the Darling, however, once again the dry conditions have served to reduce the available flow.

The positive of course is that a considerable amount of the river courses are now wet and any further rain should result in the increased possibility of a flow.

Council continues to seek the provision of an Environmental Flow mindful of course that there is limited availability of water held in storage for this purpose. Council is mindful of the environmental damage that will continue to be incurred with a dry river and the impact on the fish population and habitat.

There would be obvious benefits for all communities along the river as well as landowners who utilise the water from the river for stock and domestic purposes, if a flow was made available.

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With the winter sports about to start and training in full swing it is important that all sporting clubs book their game days in accordance with the competition draw and any training requirement with Councils Engineering Support Officer, Lynette Gooch. This will assist in reducing the possibility of clashes and also allow Council to ensure that the grounds are prepared in accordance with requirements and also allow maintenance to take place.

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From 1 July 2019, there will be significant changes to the structure of the NSW public service, most importantly, from a Local Government perspective is that the Office of Local Government and the Office of Environment and Heritage will be abolished and their functions absorbed into a new Planning and Industry Department, with Heritage and Arts going to the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

From 1st July 2019 the responsibilities of the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government and the Chief Executive of the Office of Environment and Heritage will be transferred to the Secretary of Planning and Industry, Jim Betts.

Best Wishes to Councillor Victor Bartley who is recovering from heart surgery in Sydney.

I spoke to Victor over the weekend and he is doing well and looking forward to returning home.

Quote of the week!

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence –

Helen Keller

25th April 2019

Whilst disappointing to hear that the Environmental Flow that was being coordinated by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder, The New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage and The Office of Water will most likely not reach Bourke, the fact that the flow has been made available was a positive for those in the upper sections of the Barwon. We can only hope that the estimated length of the river flow will increase to make its way downstream.

The water will come from both Copeton and Glen Lyon Dams and will involve 36 gigalitres which is a lot of water, however, the extremely dry river beds will see much of the water absorbed as it makes its way along the river.

Council staff will be watching with interest the progress of the flow which will of course assist in making the conditions much more favourable should we get any significant rain within the catchment.

As of Tuesday, 23rd April 2019, the Darling River at Bourke will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 250 days, further extending the previous record created in 2006 of 200 days.

Whilst there was a lot of water in sections of the various rivers in the Far West and Southern Queensland at this stage it is unlikely that any significant inflows to the Darling will be obtained despite an initial level of optimism.

Well done to everyone who once again assisted in making the Annual Bourke Easter Weekend a great success.

There was a real buzz around town and good crowds attended the various activities.

The Blues and Blue Grass Concert was a new addition to the program, this year and those who attended had the opportunity to hear some excellent music in a very relaxed setting.

The Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre provided an ideal venue and no doubt consideration will be given to staging something similar next year.

The Easter egg hunt, also a new addition to the program was hugely popular with the children with around 200 children registering to find the "golden egg" and the $300 dollars prize that accompanied that egg.

Once again the Parade, Colour Run and Rugby Union Old Boys Match also attracted good participation and attendance.

The Wool Bale Rolling seems to gain increased popularity each year, with participation in the team's event growing in particular

The Back O' Bourke Picnic Race Club's Annual Meeting although down a little with horse numbers was again a great day out and enjoyed by all in attendance.

It is a credit to all involved that the weekend went smoothly.

Annette and I had daughter Jaimie visit over Easter and she has been a regular visitor for the Easter Activities over the past few years.

There were a number of visitors in town for the weekend and there were a number of positive comments on the appearance of the town despite the drought conditions currently being experienced.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Services scheduled to be held across the Shire, are expected to attract large attendances.

The landing at ANZAC Cove despite being very much an ill-fated campaign, will never be forgotten nor will heroics and bravery shown in the face of adversity.

Today marks the 104th Anniversary of ANZAC DAY.

The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage and mateship, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity and it is important that these qualities continue to be recognised.

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A Public Forum is scheduled for 10.00 am and any residents wishing to raise an issue with Council are invited to attend.

The Federal Election is a little under a month away and the media has been awash with the coverage of the election and in particular the policy announcements being made by each of the major parties.

When the Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison, MP announced that a federal election would occur on Saturday, 18th May 2019, it resulted in the Federal Government assuming a 'caretaker role' from 8.29am, Thursday, 11th April 2019.

This means that the House of Representatives has been dissolved until such time as the election result is clear or, if there is a change of government, until the new government is appointed., during this time the government is expected to avoid:-

- Making major policy decisions that are likely to commit an incoming government
- Making significant appointments
- Entering major contracts or undertakings.

The caretaker mode is similar to that adopted by Councils and the State Government prior to elections although whilst having to adhere to the three principals as outlined earlier Councillors continue to hold Office until the midnight before the date of any election.

Council has secured information pamphlets relating to water saving initiatives that can be introduced to help households reduce water consumption and eliminate waste. Whilst the publications are of particular of benefit in these drought conditions, they are also a useful reference and source of information at any time.
Examples of waste of water include:-

- Fix dripping taps - at a rate of 1 drip per second it wastes over 12,000 litres per year
- Fix leaking toilets - a slow barely visible leak can waste over 4,000 litres per year while a visible constant leak can waste over 96,000 litres per year.

- Uncovered pools can lose up to 55,000 litres of water annually, through evaporation, which is a big deal. Using a solar pool cover can help you to stop 97% of evaporation
- Look at the water rating of washing machines when you are next looking to buy another washing machine, look for a machine that have a four or more WELS star rating (The Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards Scheme).
- Ensure that dishwashers are full prior to starting the cycle.
- A 10 minute shower can use up to 90 litres of water! Try cutting a minute off your shower. Saving hot water not only saves water but energy and money too.

Plans are on the way for the bi-annual Toyota Tour de OROC to be held in 2019 with the tentative dates for the ride being Monday 7 October through to Saturday 12 October.

The Rotary Club of Dubbo South will once again be running the event this year with the assistance of Councils, Rotary Clubs and individual across the OROC footprint.

Tour De OROC was initiated back in 2013 to raise money for the Macquarie Homestay which aims to provide cheaper accommodation for residents and their family members from the OROC area who are required to stay in Dubbo to seek medical treatment to date almost $400,000 of fundraising has been contributed to Macquarie Homestay.

With all of the hard work put in by so many people since the first event in 2013, the naming of the first guesthouse at Macquarie Homestay after Tour de OROC was acknowledgement of the significant contribution the event has made to the facility.

I have agreed to go on the organising Committee for this year's ride representing the Bourke Community and already Bourke Rotary Club have agreed to assist and Bourke Shire Council will consider a similar request at its meeting on Monday.

Bourke Shire Council has been a strong supporter of the event in previous years with former Mayors Andrew Lewis and current Mayor Barry Hollman participating in sections of the ride. Manager of Roads, Mark Gordon and John Bartley have both ridden in the event within the shire in previous years
Organiser Mathew Dickerson points out the following:-

In its short existence, the Toyota Tour de OROC has hit some significant milestones:-

- Almost $400,000 of fundraising has been contributed to Macquarie Homestay;
- Two (2) Guinness World Records have been set;
- Riders have individually pedalled over 3,200km across 18 days of riding;
- Internationally renowned riders have ridden alongside committed amateurs, including:-
    - ❖ Commonwealth Games dual gold medallist, Megan Dunn in 2013;
    - ❖ Three (3) time Tour de France Green Jersey winner, Robbie McEwen in 2015;
    - ❖ Australia's international Voice of Cycling, Matt Keenan in 2017

For those who don't know about the Tour de OROC it is a fund raising initiative involving cyclists riding across the OROC region having a fee to participate and hoping to attract sponsorship and support along the way. Around 20-25 riders participated and they are accompanied by support crews. The ride travels around 1200 kilometres depending on the route taken.

Given the size of the OROC area and the distance between towns the distance will vary as the organisers try and include as many towns as possible. The Bourke community have been amongst the highest, if not the highest, fund raisers over the past few years which is indicative of the generosity of the community.

There have been a number of local residents who have utilised the facilities of Macquarie Homestay and from all reports all have been impressed by the facility. Whilst located in Dubbo it is very much a facility for the region.

With the river continuing to drop and the bore supply ready to be commissioned Council will be reviewing the current water restrictions over the next few days with the likelihood that the restrictions will be increased.

The rain on Monday was much needed and very welcome and it will green up the gardens and sporting fields which have suffered due to the lack of water. It will also provide a much more positive outlook for those on farms desperately looking for both feed and water.

The rain had a very slight impact on the height of the river but it needs a substantial inflow into the catchment to make a real difference with localised rain over a very flat area not providing that inflow

Once a decision has been made in relation to a variance of restrictions the information will be relayed to the community via a press release and advertisements on the radio and notification via Facebook.

Any changes to restrictions will only relate to garden use with Council confident that the commissioning of bores will be able to meet the demand for internal filtered water use.

The ongoing cooperation of all residents is sought in complying with any restrictions imposed. The restrictions are applied to ensure that there is equity across the community recognising that we "are all in this together".

The filtered water supply in Bourke, has over the past few weeks been a combination of both bore and river water, however, as the river continues to fall there is a strong possibility that Bourke will shortly be reliant on bore water for its filtered water supply for domestic and commercial purposes. The mixing of the two (2) sources of water has made it much easier to process through the water treatment plant.

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– Unknown

Ross Earl
General Manager

Resolution

144/2019 That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019 be received and noted.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried	Unstarred

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	L4.1
Report: 98/2019	Library Report
Author:	Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services

The following items for the 2018/2019 period are presented for your information

Item	March 2018	Item	March 2019
Audio Visual	268	Audio Visual	194
Adult Fiction	251	Adult Fiction	250
Non-Fiction	147	Non-Fiction	56
Junior Fiction	157	Junior Fiction	248
Magazines	61	Magazines	57
eBook/Audio	40	eBooks/eAudio	87
Interlibrary Loans	3	Interlibrary Loans	
Total	927	Total	892

Other statistical information

	March 2018		March 2019
New Members	6	New Members	11
Internet/Word Processing	93	Internet/Word Processing	81
Wireless Tickets	18	Wireless Tickets	9
Number of Visitors	1223	Number of Visitors	1299
Scans	21	Scans	20
Information Requests	79	Information Requests	71
Technical Assistance	33	Technical Assistance	82
Faxes	5	Faxes/Laminating	12

- Children's Craft and Story Time this month had the theme of St Patricks Day, and 12 children attended.
- Two (2) "Be Connected" sessions were held this month, with three (3) people attending each session.
- A new after school craft group has been started, with two (2) session held this month and three (3) children attending each session.

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

Resolution

145/2019 That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried Unstarred

TOURISM AND EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	T4.3
Report: 99/2019	April 2019 Activity Update
Responsible Officer:	Fran Carter, Manager Tourism and Events

Executive Summary

Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report provides Council with an updated status report for the month of March/April, relating to its tourism teams activities through visual data including graphs and statistic to allow for the measurement of the team progress and performance.

It comprises of an overview of the operations, major activities and achievements of Councils tourism section and will provide a platform to allow for the detailed monitoring of critical data for future analysis.

Highlights - Back O Bourke Easter Festival - Easter Weekend - 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd April

This year's Festival program saw over 5,000 free and ticketed attendances across 34 music, sporting, art and cultural events. With 10 local and interstate music artists appearing over three (3) locations in Bourke. Over 300 people experienced the wonder of the Blues and Bluegrass Festival, which echoed through the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre gardens on the first day of the Festival. Artists included Tonchi McIntosh, Beloved Abe, Wanita Queen of Honkytonk, Gleny Rae Virus, Archer, Frank Povah and Andrew Hull and the Yabby Traps. The very popular PCYC Colour Run, having established itself as a festival favourite saw over 160 participants run, walk or jog 5 kilometres around the town to be dosed in an array of colourful chalk and water.

Remarkable poetry and personal stories were shared and enjoyed by all who attended the "Campfire Sessions" at Kidman's Camp.

Over 60 people tagged onto the Dunlop and Tooralé National Park Tour to experience the significant history and heritage of these iconic treasured stations. The Grand Parade - one of the biggest community events on the festival calendar had over 800 onlookers cheering them on with 61 participants in the Wool Bale Rolling Competition. The Old boys Rugby Union game saw a crowd of over 700 and the Back O' Bourke Picnic races with over 1500 patrons. The new addition of the Easter Egg Hunt, had over 250 children scampering through the Back O' Bourke gardens looking for the elusive Golden Egg and collecting over 2500 Easter eggs. There were many more events that were in keeping with the Easter Festival including the random appearances of the Easter Bunny that had both adults and children amused.

Although there were additional events to this years' 2019 program, there was, unfortunately, a visible reduction in the overall number of visitors to the Festival, due to the ongoing drought conditions in the region. Some events maintained or incurred an increase in numbers, but overall numbers were down on previous years. The Back O' Bourke Easter Festival continues to attract a loyal audience of returning festival patrons- including the Visiting Friends and Relatives market (VFR) and the local community who have preferred to have a "staycation" – preferring to holiday in their hometown and be involved in day trips to local attractions and events.

Anecdotally, research suggests that patrons to the festival and stakeholders believe that the Back O' Bourke Easter Festival plays an important role in the social fabric of the region and that the Festival delivers good quality and unique experiences to the people of not only Bourke but Outback NSW. The festival also brings strong social impacts, including promoting a sense of place, appreciation for cultural diversity and community belonging.

The Festival has also made a significant economic contribution, through direct expenditure by the organisers, which has flowed through to the events sectors, as well as spending by visitors across accommodation, food and beverage and retail sectors. The results of the Festival, (May report) will provide a new baseline against which future successes will be measured to strengthen its standing and sustainability in Outback NSW.

Back O' Bourke Exhibition & Information Centre:

- Outback Show and Carriage rides are now up and running for the season. The first of many shows are scheduled for Wednesday 24th April. (Rain delayed)
- Function Centre since its refurb on the 20th February has attracted nine successful conferences/events with another three bookings in the next month.
- The centre has recently installed Facebook Wi-Fi that allows our customers to leverage their Facebook credentials to check into the Back O' Bourke Visitor Information and Exhibition Centre and interact with our Facebook page to get access to free Wi-Fi.
- 450 information packs compiled and distributed to prospective visitors.
- The centre amended, printed and distributed 300 "What's On" guides to participating local business outlets.
- Staff replenished tourism stands at the 13 participating throughout the town.

Back O Bourke Exhibition Figures:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January		448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782
February		157	397	271	373	391	220	282	862
March	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1142	1021
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	3362	
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	3698	
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	4440	
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	6091	
August	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	4375	
September	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	3240	
October	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	2360	
November	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	645	
December	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	353	
Total	**25841**	**27649**	**31044**	**32253**	**34750**	**33906**	**32537**	**30374**	

Marketing & Promotion

Kidman Way Promotional Committee:

- The committee discussed attendance at the various trade shows and agreed that a presence at trade shows was imperative to continue to raise the profile of the touring route. Having attended Melbourne in February the Sydney Super Show is on the 30th April to the 5th May at Rosehill. Bourke will have representation at the Sydney show for the first three (3) days.
- Website Development - A marketing subgroup has been formed comprising of a representative from Bourke, Griffith and Murrumbidgee Councils that will progress the new website and Facebook page.
- Marketing - Discussion around maximising opportunities and leverage with Destination Riverina Murray (DRM) – particularly as Touring Routes are identified as one of their key strategies.
- The Wanderer – A feature article in the MAY edition of The Wanderer magazine. It will be available at the Sydney Caravan Trade Show at Rosehill (30th April – 5th May).

Darling River Run Committee

- Discussion about Social Media proposal- target audience, boosted posts, and engagement vs like campaign. Have accepted Andrew Drane's proposal.
- Working group to lead the project with Andrew - will include a representative from Bourke Shire Council, NSW National Parks and Wentworth to organise the first meeting with Andrew.
- Future Structure of DRR working group- After a group discussion and suggestions put forward by the committee, it was agreed that *"Fran to analyse other touring route memberships and draft a proposed DRR structure for discussion at the next meeting"*.
- Planning meeting scheduled for 16th/17th October at Menindee (Kinchega). NPWS to provide accommodation and others to provides meals.
- Bourke Shire Council has completed a promotional poster that is also digitally interactive, to promote events along the Darling River. The poster will be distributed throughout the region through media outlets and local businesses to gain momentum for these events. Events are now listed on www.thedarlingriverrun.com.au
- Social Media Working Group- Fran, Iain, Leah & Andrew

Resolution

146/2019 That Council notes the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 29th April 2019.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried	Unstarred

Fran Carter
Manager of Tourism & Events

CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING, 29TH APRIL 2019

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File No:	W2.2.4.1
Report: 100/2019 ★	Confidential – Construction of New Water Treatment Plant
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Resolution at 10.06am

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Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

File No:	S3.2.3
Report: 101/2019 ★	Confidential – Construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant Facilities
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Resolution at 10.06am

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Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

File No:	C10.1
Report: 102/2019 ★	Confidential – Proposal to Undertake Consultancy Services
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

The subject report is proposed to be held in Closed Session under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Resolution at 10.06am

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Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

Pursuant to section 10A (2) (a), section 10A (2) (d) (c), the public were invited to make representations to the Council Meeting before the meeting was closed, as to whether the meeting should be closed to consider the identified reports, *100/2019 – Construction of New Water Treatment Plant, 101/2019 – Construction of Sewerage Treatment Facilities and 102/2019 – Proposal for Consultancy Services.*

No members of the public made representation.

Resolution at 10.06am

150/2019

1. That Council move into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to section 10A (1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above
3. That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

Resolution at 10.30am

151/2019 That Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Davis Carried

10.35am Council adjourned for morning tea

Resolution at 11.00am

152/2019 That Council suspend Standing Orders for an update from Inspector Andrew Hurst and Acting Inspector Gavin Smith from Central North Police District.		
Moved Cr Barton	Seconded Cr Stutsel	Carried

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No members of the public made representation.

Resolution at 11.15am

153/2019

1. That Council move into Closed Council to consider business identified, together with any late reports tabled at the meeting.
2. That pursuant to section 10A (1)-(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified confidential under the provisions of section 10A(2) as outlined above
3. That the correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from access to the media and public as required by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried

Resolution at 11.45am

154/2019 That Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.		
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Davis	Carried

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

The resolution passed by Council while the meeting was closed to the public were read to the meeting by the Mayor and were as follows:-

File No	W2.2.4.1
Report: 100/2019 ★	Confidential – Construction of New Water Treatment Plant
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Resolution

155/2019 That Council continues with its representations to obtain funding for the additional costs anticipated to be incurred in the construction of the new Water Treatment Plant for Bourke.

File No	S3.2.3
Report: 101/2019 ★	Confidential – Construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant Facilities
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Resolution

156/2019 That Council continues with its representations to obtain funding for the additional costs anticipated to be incurred in the construction of the new Additional Sewage Treatment Facilities in Bourke.

File No	C10.1
Report: 102/2019 ★	Confidential – Proposal for Consultancy Services
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Resolution

157/2019 That Council obtain further information regarding the proposed Scope of Works prior to making a decision into entering into an agreement regarding a Consultant.

Resolution

158/2019

1. That Council enter into the agreement for a period of six (6) months from the 1st July 2019
2. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to finalise negotiations and prepare a detailed Scope of Works, with anticipated outcomes to be negotiated with the Consultant.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50am