BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, 22ND JULY 2019

General Manager: Ross Earl

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

C12.1

Time	Event	Presenter	Organisation
Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council			
9.00am	Liam Rice Bernard Davis	Junior Rugby Union Club Rugby Union Football Club	
	Victor Bartley	NSW RSL	

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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ 10.16am	✓				
Cr Lachlan Ford	AP	✓	✓	AP	✓	AP	AP				
Cr Robert Stutsel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Cr Sally Davis	✓	✓	AP	✓ 9.09am	✓	✓	AP				
Cr Sarah Barton	AP	✓	✓	✓ 9.04am	✓ 9.07am	✓	✓				
Cr Victor Bartley	✓	✓	AP	AP	✓	✓	✓				
Cr Sam Rice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AP	✓				
Cr Ian Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Cr John Thompson	✓	AP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

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

OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

REMEMBRANCE

Council stood in silence in the memory of the following:-

Ian (Mac) McKechnie
Elma (Tommy) Myers
Peter Gesler
Annette Margaret (Anne) Hull
Doreen Powell
Bruce Vietch

APOLOGIES

The General Manager advised the Mayor that apologies had been received from Councillors Davis and Ford.

Resolution

233/2019 That the apologies received from Councillors Davis and Ford be accepted and the requests for leave of absence granted.
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil declarations of interest were received at the July Meeting of Council.

MAYORAL ACTIVITY REPORT

The Mayor attending the following meetings and events since reporting to the last Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 24th June 2019.

24/06/2019	FNWJO – Teleconference	
26/06/2019	2WEB Mayor & GM	2WEB Radio Station
	Staff Meeting	Depot
2/07/2019	Western Division Meeting	Cobar
	Swimming Pool Fence – Photo Opportunity	Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool
04/07/2019	NAIDOC Remembrance Service	Bourke AMS
	Meeting with Steve Greentree	
19/07/2019	Meeting of JO Re: Air Service	Dubbo

Resolution

234/2019 That the information in the Mayoral Activity Report as presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd July 2019 be noted.
Moved Cr Hollman Carried

STARRING OF ITEMS

A number of items have been starred for discussion.

The Mayor invited requests for the starring of additional items and the following items were listed for discussion.

Report NO	Report Name	Responsible Officer
169a/2019	Water Supply Update – Late Report	GM

Resolution

235/2019 That recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 22nd July 2019 be adopted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Resolution

236/2019 That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 24th June 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meeting Month/Year	Meeting Date	Time	Event	Location
2019				
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	14-16/10/19		LGNSW Annual Conference	Warwick Farm
	28th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	18th-20th		2019 National Roads & Transport Congress	Hahndorf SA
	25th	9.00am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION LIST

DATE	INFORMATION SENT	Author	Web Address Link	Email
19/06/19	"From the GM's Desk" 190620	GM		✓
19/06/19	Biodiversity Conservation Training Bourke Tuesday 9th July * Brewarrina Wednesday 10th July	MES		✓
20/06/19	LGNSW Councillor Professional Development Update	LGNSW		✓
15/07/19	"From the GM's Desk" 190718	GM		✓

BUSINESS ARISING FROM JUNE 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	Continue to lobby Government

394/2018	Western Local Health District (WLHD)
Responsible Officer	Mayor/General Manager
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 Awaiting reply

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

07/2019	Bourke Future Water Supply Options
Responsible Officer	Manager of Works
File No	W2.2.9 - W2.2.12
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That Council take immediate steps to augment the Bourke Weir Pool with water from the 19A weir Pool, provided it is practicable and economically viable. 2. That Council lobby the current State Government and candidates for the seat of Barwon in the upcoming state elections to commit to the construction of a "regulator" as soon as possible at the site known as BU8 which is east of Bourke. 3. That Council, take all steps to ensure that, where possible, that no stranding of water occurs in the Bourke Weir Pool, pumping and/or extraction. 4. That Council lobby all levels of Government to make a release of environmental water to recharge the Bourke Weir 5. That Council look to the establishment of another bore to supplement Walkden's Bore as a matter of urgency.	All in progress Information sent to Ministers as part of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance

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	Removal of trees will begin 19th August 2019

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 FNWJOC

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.	To be readvertised
That a further confidential report outlining any Expressions of Interest received be brought back to Council	Ongoing

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.	Funding confirmed

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

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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	Completed

128/2019	Additional Funds Required for Undertaking of Work on Main Road 405 Bourke Milparinka Via Wanaaring
Responsible Officer	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads
File No	R7.4.3

DECISION	
That Council purchase two (2) three (3) bedroom portable buildings to facilitate the establishment of a further permanent camp facility.	Order lodged
That Council negotiate an agreement between the landowner and Council for the use of the land.	Contact made with Solicitor to draw up agreement

155/2019	Confidential – Construction of New Water Treatment Plant
Responsible Officer	General Manager/Manager of Works
File No	W2.24.1

DECISION	
Council continue 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	Awaiting response

156/2019	Confidential – Construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant Facilities
Responsible Officer	General Manager/Manager of Works
File No	S3.2.3

DECISION	
Council continue 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	Ongoing

168/2019	Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference 14th October to 16th October 2019
Responsible Officer	Mayor & General Manager
File No	L8.3-G2.2-M2.2

DECISION	
Mayor and General Manager attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 14th October to 16th October 2019	Nominations Opened
That Councillors who wish to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 14th October to 16th October 2019 nominate prior to August 2019.	Detail provided to July meeting

201/2019	Bourke Levee Inspection	
Responsible Officer	Peter Brown, Manager Works	
File No	L3.1-L3.2	
DECISION		
That Council continue to seek funding to upgrade Stage Two (2) of the Richard Street Pumping Station.		Plans being developed

202/2019	Town Street Trees	
Responsible Officer	Peter Brown, Manager Works	
File No	T6.1	
DECISION		
1. Remove all dead street and park trees due to the safety issues		To be completed
2. Replacement of the trees be deferred until water supply for the town is a little more certain		To be completed
3. Replacement trees be selected from species as identified in the Street Tree Masterplan		To be completed

203/2019	Town Street Trees	
Responsible Officer	Peter Brown, Manager Works	
File No	T6.1	
DECISION		
Give consideration to watering of the remaining street and park trees to ensure they have the best chance of survival		In progress

204/2019	Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)	
Responsible Officer	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services	
File No	T5.1	
DECISION		
Council adopt the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and place on public exhibition for 28 days for comment.		Advertised

205/2019	2019 Tour De OROC	
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager	
File No	C8.11D4.4-D5.1-D5.2	
DECISION		
Council contribute a donation of $1,250.00 towards the costs associated with the hosting of the Tour De OROC riders and support crew in Bourke for the 2019 ride.		Completed

208/2019	Water Restrictions	
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager	
File No	W2.2.11	
DECISION		
Council confirm its intention to remain on a minimum of Level One (1) restrictions once the water flows across the weir until such time as the water reached the lower reaches of the river system		Ongoing

211/2019	Rates Write-off Assessment Number 00062-00000000-000	
Responsible Officer	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services	
File No	R2.5	
DECISION		
Council write off rates charges and interest to the value of $22,103.86 plus any additional interest accrual for Assessment Number 00062-00000000-000 as this vacant land is now exempt from paying rates.		Completed

212/2019	Rates Write-off Assessment Number 01141-00000000-000	
Responsible Officer	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services	
File No	R2.5	
DECISION		
Council write off rates, charges and interest to the value of $21,865.97 plus any additional interest accrual for Assessment Number 01141-00000000-000 as this vacant land is now exempt from paying rates		Completed

216/2019	Delivery Program 2017/2021 and Operation Plan 2019/2020 – Schedule of Rates and Charges 2019/2020 Resolution of Making of Rates and Charges 2019/2020	
Responsible Officer	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services	
File No	P4.2.10	
DECISION		
Urban Drainage:		
Council has adopted a user charge for urban drainage to carry out maintenance.		Completed
Urban Drainage Charge	Charge	
Drainage Charge	$167.00	

217/2019	Sale of 26 Oxley Street Bourke to Bourke Shire Council	
Responsible Officer	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services	
File No	A11.1.2-D4.11	
DECISION		
Council accept the offer to purchase 26 Oxley Street Bourke at the agreed price of $275,000 excluding GST and that Council Seal be affixed to the Contract of Sale and other documentation relating to this transaction.		Completed

219/2019	Classification of Land as Operational Land	
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager	
File No	L1.16	
DECISION		
1. That Council advertise its intention to pass a resolution at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 26th August 2019 to classify 26 Oxley Street Bourke, Lot 1 DP 188273 which will be purchased by Council as Operational Land.		Advertised
2. That in accordance with Section 34(3) of the LGA, Council consider any submissions received in relation to the proposed classification at the August meeting prior to resolving to classify the land as operational		August 2019 Meeting

230/2019	Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel T481920OROC	
Responsible Officer	Manager of Roads Mark Gordon	
File No	F3.1-L8.21	
DECISION		
Council reject all tenders and in accordance with provision of Local Government Clause 178(3) of the General Regulation 2005 and enter into negotiations with suppliers with a view to entering into a contract for the Supply of Bulk Fuel		Negotiations commenced

231/2019	Provision of Bitumen Spray Sealing T471920OROC	
Responsible Officer	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads	
File No	L8.21-T3.1	
DECISION		
Council appoint the following suppliers to a panel for the supply of Bitumen Sealing Works:- • Fulton Hogan • NSW Spray Seal • All Pavement Solutions • Road Work Industries • SR Roads		Suppliers advised

232/2019	Energy/Electricity Contract – Mass Market	
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager	
File No	E3.7-L8.34	
DECISION		
1. That Council continue to engage Energy Management Services		Done
2. That in accordance with Section 55 (3) (i) of the Local Government Act and due to extenuating circumstances, Council not invite public tenders before entering into a contract during 2019 for the purchase of electricity for its mass market sites.		In progress

3. That the reason for such decision is the limited time between the sourcing of electricity supply prices from suppliers and the need for a decision, which in the case of Council are outside the parameters for the calling and holding of an Extraordinary Council Meeting.	In progress
4. That the Mayor in conjunction with the General Manager be authorised to accept the preferred contract.	In progress
5. That the General Manager be requested to submit a report in due course to a meeting of Council advising of the contract details.	In progress

Resolution

237/2019 That Council note the information in the Business Arising as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019.
Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORTS

File No:	P3.4
Report: 153/2019 ★	Request for Additional Funds to be Allocated for the Replacement of Council's B/Double Water Tanker Plant 237
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

Background:

Council's B/Double Water Tanker Plant No 237 was scheduled for replacement in 2017/2018 financial year but was held back to allow additional plant to be purchased for the Wanaaring Road Fixing Country Roads Projects.

It was reprogrammed to be replaced in the 2019/2020 financial year budget but was unfortunately overlooked.

Current Situation:

Over the last two (2) months plant 237 is continually being repaired each weekend by Hatch Engineering to keep it roadworthy. This continual practice will eventually force the tanker into a state of disrepair.

Annual costs for parts and repair are presently averaging $29,000.00.

The tanker was purchased second hand in 2005 for $76,500.00 and has now come to the end of its economic life.

The B/Double tanker is a very valuable resource for Council, road construction and routine maintenance program for our road network.

Its capacity of 50,000 litres makes it very economical by saving considerable time and money.

With the level of construction on the Wanaaring Road to continue for at least the next twelve months the availability of a reliable water tanker will be highly advantageous.

Financial:

The estimated replacement cost for the purchase of a new B/Double tanker is approximately $170,000.00. The value at auction for plant 237 would be very minimal and as such no trade allowance has been factored in.

Resolution

238/2019

1. That Council allocate additional funding of $170,000.00 for the purchase of a new B/Double Water Tanker to replace plant No 237 in the 2019/2020 financial year.
2. That Council amend its Loan Borrowing Program to provide the funding required.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

File No:	A11.1.4-L5.5-V1.5-LD-L11.1.3
Report: 154/2019	Lease of Land at Louth to Royal Flying Doctor Service for the Establishment of a Clinic
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Background

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has been servicing the Louth area for a number of years and when operating clinics they do so using a small transportable hut located adjacent to the Louth Hall. The facilities are basic at best.

Current Situation:

Through funding being made available by a private donor, the RFDS have indicated that they will be building new facilities at Louth, Tilpa and Innamincka.

Council were made aware of the proposed facility at the Council meeting held in Louth in 2018.

The facilities will have consultation rooms plus a waiting room and will incorporate telehealth facilities which will be state of the art. The establishment of the clinic at Louth is closer to becoming a reality with contracts almost finalised for the construction of the new facility which will be a transportable building located on Crown Reserve No 82807 and Reserve 82814, which is adjacent to the Tennis Courts.

As the land is a Crown Reserve an additional purpose of Community Purpose will need to be added to the reserve to allow the RFDS clinic to operate.

A Development Application and application for approval under S68 of the Local Government Act will need to be lodged and Council consent obtained, prior to the commencement of any construction works. The permission of Crown Lands will also be required. Whilst it would appear that Council can lease the use of the block of land in the short term, a longer term lease agreement will require the preparation of a Plan of Management (PoM).

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implication for Council but very real social and medical advantages for Louth.

Resolution

239/2019

1. That Council note the report in relation to the establishment of a new RFDS Clinic in Louth on Crown Reserve No 82807 and Reserve 82814
2. That Council note the addition of Community Purpose to be added to the Reserve
3. That Council agree to lease the use of part of the reserve to The Royal Flying Doctor Service for the construction of a clinic
4. That Council approve the preparation of a Plan of Management in respect of the Land
5. That the lease of the land be at a nominal amount of $100.00 per year
6. That the General Manager seeks all appropriate approvals from Crown Lands

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

GENERAL MANAGER

File No	L8.5
Report: 155/2019	Western Division Meeting
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Western Division of Councils holds both an Annual Conference and a Mid-Term Conference with the latter generally at Cobar.

This year's mid -term Conference was held on the 2nd July 2019 in Cobar and Bourke Shire Council was represented by the Mayor Councillor Barry Hollman, Councillor Cec Dorrington and myself.

Current Situation:

The Group is currently chaired by Councillor Leigh Byron who is also Deputy Mayor of Balranald Shire.

The Group was fortunate to attract a number of good speakers to address them, including the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP, the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, MP and the Member for Murray, Helen Dalton MP.

Minister Marshall highlighted a number of the State Government initiatives and also various funding opportunities, including the next round of Stronger Country Communities Funding which opened last week. Minister Marshall was very open in answering a number of questions posed to him as he always is.

The President of Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW), Councillor Linda Scott was the first speaker of the day and as always she provided a concise yet detailed outline of the work being undertaken by LGNSW. Councillor Scott was accompanied by the Chief Executive of LGNSW, Tara McCarthy.

In her address Councillor Scott said that she had seen first-hand the devastating impact of drought during her many visits to rural and regional communities over the past 12 months, and was pleased that persistent lobbying by LGNSW had paid off with an additional $355m allocated for drought assistance during the recent State Government Budget (over and above the $400m commitment made during the election campaign).

She was also pleased that much-needed water security and on-farm assistance programs will be extended. She said that indications are that this drought isn't going to break any time soon, so LGNSW will continue to lobby hard at all levels for ongoing assistance.

Other issues covered in Councillor Scott's address were the financial assistance grants, the emergency services levy, roads, rural and regional health, community services and local water utilities and recycling. Council Scott also noted that the LGNSW Save our Recycling campaign continues, aiming to create real opportunities, including regional jobs, in a home-grown recycling industry.

The Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP reminded Councils that as part of their election commitments that the New South Wales Government indicated that they will take back and fund 15,000 kilometres of Regional Roads which were devolved to Local Government in 1993.

No decision has been made as to which Regional Roads will be taken back by the State Government and it will apparently be up to the individual Councils to make a determination as to which Roads they would like to nominate.

At the meeting, Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP suggested that Council across the state should look at the any roads that they consider that the State may wish to takeover.

At the meeting a question proposed to the Minister highlighted the need for regional and rural Councils to still be involved in the single invitation contracts for the work on State owned roads noting the importance of that work in enabling Councils to maintain a modern plant fleet and the ability to maintain jobs within these areas.

Financial Implications

The only cost to Council was the cost of travel and accommodation. These costs were met out of existing budgetary allocations.

Resolution

240/2019

1. That Council note the report in relation to the Western Division Meeting held in Cobar on 2nd July 2019.
2. That Council follow-up the issue of handing back of Regional Roads to the State Government with a view to determining the course of action most suitable to Council and the residents of the Shire

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

File No	C11.1-C12.1
Report: 156/2019	Holding of Council Meeting in the Villages Within the Shire
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held in February 2018 a report was presented to Council suggesting that Council hold a meeting each year in one of the villages within the Shire.

It was resolved at the meeting to hold the August 2018 meeting in Louth.

It is now suggested that the 2019 August Meeting of Council be held in Enngonia

The taking of Council meeting to the villages within Bourke Shire Council is an ideal way of demonstrating just how Council works and provides an insight of Government working at a grass roots level.

Current Situation:

The Ordinary Meeting of Council is scheduled for the 26th August 2019 and will commence as normal with a public forum at 9.00am and the meeting itself scheduled to start at 9.15am.

Arrangements will be made with the Enngonia Progress Association to arrange a suitable venue and to arrange catering.

Details of transport on the day will be provided to Councillors closer to the date.

Financial Implications

There will be some additional costs to transport Councillors and Staff to Enngonia, however, these costs would be far outweighed by the community benefit.

Resolution

241/2019

1. That Council note the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held in Enngonia on Monday, 26th August 2019
2. That Councillors and Management advise the Executive Assistant as soon as practical their availability to attend the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.
3. That the change of meeting place be advertised in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government Act.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Barton | Carried | Unstarred

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File No	T2.2
Report: 157/2019	Improved Mobile Services at Yantabulla and Enngonia
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Council has over the years lobbied hard to try and get improved mobile service across the shire and in particular in the villages.

Current Situation:

Council has received advice that as new facilities within Bourke Shire will be funded through Round 4 of the Mobile Black Spot Program at Naree Station (Yantabulla) and Enngonia Village whilst nearby village Tilpa will also be the recipient of a 4G Satellite small cell base station.

It is anticipated that the base stations announced under the first Three (3) Rounds would have been operational by 30th June 2019 with the first of the Round Four (4) base stations operational by the end of the year.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications for Council

Resolution

242/2019

1. That Council note the report in relation to the improved mobile phone services for both Enngonia and Yantabulla.
2. That Council express its appreciation to the member for Parkes, the Hon. Mark Coulton, MP for his continued advocacy on this matter

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Barton | Carried | Unstarred

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File No	G4.86
Report: 158/2019	Round Three (3) of the Stronger Country Communities Fund
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The New South Wales State Government has provided funding to Councils under what is known as the Stronger Countries Communities Fund (SCCF)

Council has been the beneficiary of over two (2) million dollars under the fund which has enabled a number of projects to come off the wish list and become a reality. These projects have included the lighting at Davidson and Coolican Ovals and the proposed new Swimming Pool.

Current Situation:

Council has recently received advice from the Deputy Premier, the Hon. John Barilaro, MP regarding Round Three of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF).

Round Three (3) of SCCF will provide an additional $100 million for community projects in regional NSW, and includes at least $50 million for youth-related projects. This brings the total funding for the Stronger Country Communities Fund to $400 million; and the total value of the Regional Growth Fund to $1.7 billion.

Round Three of SCCF opened on 1st July 2019 for 13 weeks to all eligible applicants.

Complementing the Fund's traditional focus on community infrastructure to improve everyday living, in 2019 there will be an increased focus on young people aged 12-24 years and a broader scope of eligible projects including programs as well as local infrastructure.

After listening to feedback from applicants and the community, some changes will be introduced for SCCF Round Three.

These include:-

1. Extending the opening period to three (3) months
2. Extending the funding period from two (2) years to three (3) years to allow applicants sufficient time to deliver projects
3. Opening the round to applications directly from eligible community groups who will be responsible for delivering projects if successful

4. Not conducting choice modelling. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of community consultation and support for projects in the application

The funding available for projects in Bourke Local Government Area is $764,313.

Funding will be allocated to projects that clearly demonstrate community support for those projects and which align with the program objectives; noting at least 50 per cent of the Round Three funding available in each Local Government Area will be allocated to projects supporting young people.

The availability of the funding has received widespread publicity.

Financial Implications
There is an amount of $764,313 available to Council and community groups under the funding proposal.

Resolution

243/2019 That Council staff prepare a listing of potential projects for presentation to Council at a workshop prior to their presentation to Council at the August meeting for endorsement.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

File No	L9.1
Report: 159/2019	Legislative Changes Impacting on Local Government
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:
The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock, MP has announced a number of legislative changes that will impact on Councils.

Current Situation:
The Changes to be introduced have been relayed to Councils via a circular and include:-

- Councils have until 1 October 2019 to resolve to enter into arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner, or an electoral services provider, to administer the 2020 ordinary Council elections, and have until 1 January 2020 to enter into these arrangements (commenced).
- Councils formed in 2016 will be having their rate path freeze extended until 1 July 2021, unless they resolve to apply to the Minister to vary the existing rates path freeze determination and the determination is varied (commenced).
- The tendering threshold, below which Councils do not have to undertake a competitive tendering process, has been increased to $250,000. However, the threshold for contracts involving services provided by Council employees at the time of entering the contract remains at $150,000 (commenced).
- The Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 has been amended with the intention of allowing Councils to report on their obligations under that Act in their own annual reports under the Local Government Act 1993, rather than by the current requirement to table a special report in Parliament (commenced). Councils should also note that further changes to relevant legislation and regulations will be made to facilitate this.

- Councils can procure the services of pre-qualified disability employment organisations approved under the Public Works and Procurement Act 1912, without having to go to tender (commenced).
- Councils should also note that the Minister intends to enable, by a future regulation, Councils to access the National Prequalification System for Civil Construction (Roads and Bridges) Contracts after further consultation.
- Councils are able to delegate regulatory functions to another Council, and to joint organisations of which they are not a member, with approval of that Council or joint organisation. Further, joint organisations will be able to sub-delegate regulatory functions to their committees, in addition to their Executive Officer (commences by proclamation).
- Regulations are able to be made to exempt Councils from the need to publicly notify fees relating to certain defined commercial activities and from the need to determine those fees based on an adopted pricing methodology. This will ensure Councils are not placed at unfair disadvantage during commercial negotiations (commences by proclamation).
- Regulations are able to be made to prescribe a scheme for mutual recognition of Council approvals for regulatory activities issued under section 68 of the Act (commences by proclamation).

We all live in a rapidly changing world and it can become difficult at times to keep up with these changes, however, it is imperative for the smooth operation and legislative compliance that all appropriate staff are able to keep abreast of the changes.

Financial Implications

There are some changes which will impact directly or indirectly on Council and these will be monitored

Resolution

244/2019

1. That Council note the report on the Legislative changes impacting on Local Government
2. That Council note the increase in the threshold for the calling of tenders from $150,000.00 to $250,000.00 in most instances.
3. That Council note the requirement to make arrangements for the conduct of the 2020 elections by the 1st January 2020.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

File No	L8.3
Report: 160/2019★	Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales is held alternately between a Metropolitan and Regional location.

The 2018 Conference was held in Albury and the 2019 will be held at Warwick Farm.

Council has been represented at the Conference which provides a forum for the views of all local Councils across the state to be heard and debated if necessary.

The Conference attracts an excellent array of speakers relevant to contemporary issues facing Local Government within New South Wales.

Current Situation:

Conference registration opened on Monday, 15th July 2019 via the LGNSW website.

To assist Councillors in their decision making and to be able to determine travel plans a draft program has been made available and it can be accessed by the following link.
download the draft program

There are early bird discounts available for those registering early.

The Conference will commence on Monday, 14th October and finish on Wednesday, 16th October with a Conference dinner held on the night of Tuesday, 15th October 2019.

As part of this year's LGNSW Annual Conference, it is intended to hold a "Meet the Politicians Breakfast" on Monday, 14th October, from 7am-9.30am at William Inglis Hotel, 155 Governor Macquarie Drive, Warwick Farm.
This event is part of the Annual Conference Program and attendance is free to all members registered to attend the conference with the breakfast as part of your registration.

LGNSW have invited the NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP, Local Government Minister Shelley Hancock MP, and other key politicians representing portfolios important to Local Government to attend.

The conference provides a great opportunity to keep abreast of contemporary issues impacting Local Government.

Financial Implications

There are costs involved in the registration, accommodation and travel to the conference and these are provided for in the annual budgetary provisions

Resolution

245/2019

1. That Council note the report and the registration of the Mayor and General Manager to attend the Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales
2. That any other Councillors wishing to attend the conference confirm that attendance with the General Manager so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Dorrington Carried

File No	L8.3
Report: 161/2019 ★	Motions to the Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

Council submitted a number of motions to the 2019 Annual Conference of the Western Division Shire of New South Wales.

While all those motions were passed at the conference some apparently mirrored existing policy or motions to previous conferences.

A review of the motions submitted by Council was undertaken in conjunction with Staff at Local Government New South Wales has resulted in some motions not needing to be lodged.

Given that a number of motions submitted by various Councils will be of a similar nature, some of the motions will be deemed covered by another motions are put up as a separate motion, but listed as covered by the lead motion.
LGNSW have circulated a format for the presentation of motions.

Current Situation:

Subject to Council's concurrence the following motions will now be forward for possible inclusion in the 2019 LGNSW Annual Conference Business Paper.

From Bourke – Expansion of Zonal Taxation

That the Federal Government be asked to look at the expansion of zonal taxation in rural and remote areas of Australia as a means of encouraging and increasing investment to ensure the ongoing development of these areas, and at the same time, providing an additional incentives to assist with the attraction and retention of staff

Note from Council

This mater has been the subject of debate over the years and the possible development and introduction of economic zones needs to be considered.

The lack of development and investment in rural and remote Australia has been part of the catalysts for shrinking population in many rural communities which in turns impacts on the social amenity of many towns.

There has to be an effective strategy put in place to stop the drift of population to the eastern seaboard and see the re-establishment of a strong economic base in these areas which have historically contributed significantly to the state's economy.

From Bourke – Clean- Up of Fire and Storm / Flood Damaged Buildings containing Asbestos

That the New South Wales State Government be asked to establish a fund similar to that established for the "Mr Fluffy" clean up ,whereby abandoned and/damaged homes containing asbestos can be demolished and cleared away at no expense to the Councils if they are uninsured or the owners have abandoned the premises.

Note by Council

While insured homes can possibly be covered by their insurance payout the fact is many homes are not insured or their owners elect to walk away with the insurance proceeds leaving a potentially hazardous problem. This problem is compounded by the fact the cost of disposal of the material is quite expensive and often well in excess of the land value.

If Councils elect to undertake the clean-up they can potentially incurred a great expense which is unlikely to be recovered.

As we see the demise of many rural communities this problem will become a significant issue.

From Bourke – Increasing Storage to service the Barwon Darling River System

That the State Government be encouraged to take a bipartisan approach to identifying options to increasing the level of storage along the Barwon Darling System or able to provide water for the Barwon Darling system to prevent a replication of the significant periods of no flow along the river system

Note from Council

The issues in the Barwon Darling recently are well documented.
The lack of flow in the system has put significant stress on all those who rely on the system for their water supply including agriculture, riparian users and town water supplies.

Whilst it is easy to politicize the blame in relation to the issue, the fact is that successive Governments have done little to remedy the situation.

The social economic and environmental to be achieved by the increasing the storage is obvious and urgent action must be taken.

From Bourke - Looking at Long Term Solutions to Water Supply

That the State Government adopt a bipartisan approach looking at opportunities for the ensuring the long term supply of Water in Western New South Wales. These opportunities should not exclude ambitious projects of the scale of the Snowy Mountain Scheme which has reaped considerable benefit for the State

Note from Council

Ideas such as the diversion of water from the eastern seaboard have been discussed as deemed impractical. With improvements in technology and construction techniques it is not unreasonable to look at revisit these options for water security.

The recent drought coupled with predictions of increasingly dry weather with the phenomena of global warming make this a very important issue.

The increase in productivity in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area based on the provision of a secure water supply is evidence of the economic benefit of such schemes.

The lands are fertile and productive in the west of the state and there is a need for the addition of water. The availability of water would lead to increased productivity in these areas; generate employment, leading to population growth and sustainable communities.

From Bourke - Budgetary Commitment from State Government

That The state Government be ask to provide a commitment of longer term funding to Councils to allow them the prepare their four (4) Delivery Programs with an increased degree of surety and importantly make provision for and undertake appropriate purchases of plant and equipment and also ensure the availability of adequate staff resources.

Note from Council

The current provision of providing funding by the Roads and Maritime Services for example does not allow Councils to undertake the prudent financial management expected of them.

Like commercial enterprises Councils can ill afford to make significant investment in plant and other resources or have the ability to attract qualified and experienced staff when that only have a twelve (12) month commitment of funding.

From - Bourke Electricity Supply Infrastructure

That The State Government and Essential Energy be asked to ensure that the crucial electricity supply to the Western Section of the State are adequately maintained and improved to ensure both an ongoing availability of a reliable electricity supply and the ability for that infrastructure to be able to feed electricity back into the grid should the establishment of solar farms be considered in these areas

Note by Council

The supply of electricity is crucial to many of the operations of Council and the broader community and we can ill afford to have extended blackouts. The reliability to date has been good; however, with the reduction of maintenance crews in some depots the ability to respond to outages in a timely fashion may be reduced.

The ability of some infrastructure to be able to carry surplus power to be generated by Solar Farms from some areas is questionable negating the opportunity for this important and sustainable development in our areas which due to a number of reasons have been identified as ideal locations.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications for Council. However, if some of the motions are passed and actioned into the future there could be significant positive financial implications for the area in the future.

Resolution

246/2019

1. That Council endorse the motions as presented for submission for possible inclusion in the agenda at the 2019 Annual Conference of Local Government New South Wales.
2. That Council delegate to the Mayor the authority to make any amendments to the motions should it be required.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

File No:	F1.1
Report: 162/2019 ★	Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30th June 2019

Balances as per Bank Statement	$769,341.75
Plus: Deposit not shown	
Less: Unpresented Cheques	$207,946.72
Balance as per Cash Book	**$561,395.03**

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30th June 2019

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	$17,749,190.97	$200,000.00
Water	$3,657,563.54	
Sewer	$2,034,052.85	
Trust	$123,446.10	
Total Funds	$23,564,253.46	

Investments as at 30th June 2019

National Australia Bank	$1,782,352.50	2.75%	365 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	$1,663,165.15	2.68 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,065,302.51	2.60 %	242 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$779,691.54	2.60 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$654,922.06	2.62 %	181 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,045,074.91	2.57 %	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$682,412.18	2.50 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,373,900.87	2.47 %	183 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$710,346.70	2.44 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,122,333.26	2.35 %	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,051,788.95	2.35 %	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$1,178,319.84	2.25 %	240 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$3,028,105.00	2.02 %	242 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	$2,440,491.87	Flex		
Total Investments	**$23,002,858.43**			

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

Reconciliation at 30th June 2019

Balance as per cash book	$561,395.03
Investments	$23,002,858.43
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	**$23,564,253.46**

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th June 2019

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31st May 2019		30th June 2019
General Fund	$15,041,642.67	$2,707,548.30	$17,749,190.97
Water Fund	$3,727,412.63	-$69,849.09	$3,657,563.54
Sewer Fund	$2,032,528.09	$1,524.76	$2,034,052.85
Trust Fund	$154,864.01	-$31,417.91	$123,446.10
Investments	-$19,272,347.44	-$3,730,510.99	-$23,002,858.43
Totals	$1,684,099.96		$561,395.03

Balance of all Funds as at 31st May 2019 $1,684,099.96

Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	$121,677.27
(b) Other Cash	$5,393,932.45
Deduct payments for	
(a) Payments	$2,907,803.66
(b) New Investment	$3,730,510.99
Balance as 30th June 2019	$561,395.03

Resolution

247/2019 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30th June 2019 be noted.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

Leonie Brown
Manager of Corporate Services

File No:	F1.1
Report: 163/2019 ★	Investment Report as at 30th June 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 management59, 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 30th June 2019 is $23,002,858.43.

Investment income earned as at 30th June 2019 is $463,793.70.

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.

Investments as at 30th June 2019

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Total Investments	$23,002,858.43			

Term Deposits
Percentage of Total Portfolio 100%
Average Investment Yield 2.44%

Discussions/Comments
The Investment portfolio increased by $3,730,510.99 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

248/2019
1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 30th June 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 Barton Carried

File No:	R2.5
Report: 164/2019 ★	Review of Capital Works Program 2018/19 and Reallocation of Funds
Responsible Officer:	Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services

Background

A further review of the 2018/19 Capital Works Program and Operational Funds has been undertaken by the Management Team. Detailed below are recommendations of projects and operating funds to be revoted in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (clause 211) to the Delivery Programme 2017/2021 and Operational Plan for 2019/2020.

Assessment

a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines

Council needs to resolve to cancel and/or postpone the projects.

b) Financial Implications/Considerations

The funds from the postponed and cancelled will be returned to existing reserves

c) Policy Provisions - Council Policy and Practice

There are no policy implications.

Items to be revoted:

Project	Amount	Proposed Action
Administration building concept plan	$12,000.00	To allow for the development of plans to be completed for a new administration building for Council
Solar Panel installation	$30,000.00	Installation of solar panels at the Council Depot

- Work continues on the concept drawing for the administration building, this work will now flow into 2019/2020. It is hope a plan can be present to Council by the end of 2019
- The solar panel installation at the Council Depot is not yet completed. The remaining works is hoped to be completed in the coming weeks.

Financial Implication

There will be no additional financial burden on Councils estimates as the expenditure is transferring unspent funds form the 2018/2019 budget to 2019/2020 budget.

Resolution

249/2019 That Council adopts the recommendation to amend the Capital Works projects and operating costs planned for 2018/19 as detailed in the report and revote the expenditure to the Delivery Programme 2017/2021 and Operational Plan for 2019/2020.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried

POLICIES

File No:	P4.1
Report: 165/2019	Policy Review Asset Management 3.1.10(v3) Chain of Responsibility 2.8.17 (CoR)(v1)
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

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

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

Current Situation:

The Policies relating to Asset Management 3.1.10(v3) and Chain of Responsibility 2.8.17 (CoR) (v1) have been reviewed by the MANEX Team and are placed before Council for review and adoption, subject to any identified amendments.

Financial Implications:

No significant financial implications are anticipated.

Resolution

250/2019 That Council adopt the Policies labelled Asset Management 3.1.10(v3) and Chain of Responsibility 2.8.17 (CoR) (v1) subject to any identified amendments.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

Asset Management

Policy No:	3.1.10 (v3)
Date Adopted:	22/07/2019
Minute No:	/2019
Supersedes:	3.1.10 Asset Management
Adopted:	22/08/2016
Resolution No:	385/2016
Proposed Review Date:	29/04/2020
Responsible Officer:	Manager of Corporate Services

Verified by General Manager.....Verified by Mayor.....

BACKGROUND

Council is committed to implementing a systematic Asset Management methodology in order to apply appropriate asset management best practices across all areas of the organisation. This includes ensuring that assets are planned, created, operated, maintained, renewed and disposed of in accordance with Council's priorities for service delivery.

Council owns and uses approximately $231,400,000 of non-current assets to support its core, business of delivery of service to the community.

Asset Management practices impact directly on the core business of the organisation and appropriate Asset Management is required to achieve our strategic service delivery objectives.

Adopting asset management principles assists Council in achieving its Strategic Longer-Term Plan and Long Term Financial objectives.

A strategic approach to asset management ensures that the Council delivers the highest appropriate level of service through its assets. This provides positive impact on;

- Members of the public and staff;
- Council's financial position;
- The ability of Council to deliver the expected level of service and infrastructure;
- The political environment in which Council operates; and
- The legal liabilities of Council.

This policy applies to all Council activities.

POLICY

A consistent Asset Management Strategy is maintained for implementing systematic asset management and appropriate asset management best-practice within Bourke Shire Council.

All relevant legislative requirements together with political, social and economic environments are to be taken into account in Asset Management.

Asset Management principles are to be integrated within existing planning and operational processes.

VISION

Bourke Shire Council's vision for Asset Management is to provide and manage an appropriate mix of infrastructure at the lowest life cycle cost in a sustainable manner to support our community. To ensure long-term financial sustainability of Council, to balance the community's expectations for services with their ability to pay for the infrastructure assets used to provide the services. Maintain service levels for infrastructure services with appropriate investment over the whole of the asset life cycle.

KEY COMMITMENTS

The following is a set of key commitments that the Bourke Shire Council will adhere to in relation to total asset management.

Bourke Sire Council will develop, maintain and adopt Asset Management Plans covering all major Asset Classes:-

- Transport (Roads, Bridges, Footpaths)
- Water Supply
- Sewerage Services
- Stormwater Drainage
- Parks and Landcare
- Buildings

The format of Asset Management Plans will align with the Institute of Public Works Engineering's International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM), which ensures that best practices are incorporated, including community consultation for levels of service.

Bourke Shire Council will maintain an Asset Management Improvement Strategy (AMIS) with a planning horizon of four (4) years and which sets out continual improvement for Asset Management Systems and Processes in line with the State Government's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.

Prior to considering changes to services levels and / or new capital works, Council will consider the following:

- Alignment with the strategic objectives of the community (Community Strategic Plan).
- Options for service delivery without Council owning an asset (third party asset ownership).
- Options to renew assets before acquiring new assets.
- The full lifecycle cost of owning the assets (whole life cost)
- Whether the whole life cost of asset ownership can be accommodated within the Long Term Financial Plan.

Bourke Shire Council will regularly review (in line with the AMIS) the need for asset ownership and will implement a process to dispose of redundant or poor performing assts.

Bourke Shire Council will develop, maintain and adhere to the Defined Asset Management Policy (DAMP).

Bourke Shire Council will establish and maintain a multi-disciplinary, cross functional Asset Management Work Group (AMWG) to guide the development of asset management practices, systems and processes.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure adequate provision is made for the long-term replacement of major assets by:

- Ensuring that Council's services and infrastructure are provided in a sustainable manner, with the appropriate levels of service to residents, visitors and the environment.
- Safeguarding Council assets including physical assets and employees by implementing appropriate asset management strategies and appropriate financial resources for those assets.
- Creating an environment where all Council workers take an integral part in overall management of Council assets by creating and sustaining effective asset management awareness throughout the organisation through training and development.

- Meeting legislative requirements for asset management.
- Ensuring resources and operational capabilities are identified and responsibility for asset management is allocated.
- Demonstrating transparent and responsible asset management processes that align with demonstrated best practice.

LEGISLATION

NSW Local Government Act 1993
Regulations under the Act

RESPONSIBILITIES

Councillors are responsible for adopting the policy and ensuring that sufficient resources are applied to manage the assets.

The General Manager has overall responsibility for developing an asset management strategy, plans and procedures and reporting on the status and effectiveness of asset management within Council.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Asset Management Strategy and associated Asset Management Plans

RELATED POLICIES

Nil

VARIATION

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

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

Policy presented to MANEX: 03/07/2019

Policy adopted by Council: 22/07/2019

Chain of Responsibility (CoR)

Policy No: 2.8.17

Date Adopted:

Minute No:

Supersedes: Staff Management

Adopted:

Resolution No:

Proposed Review Date: 22/07/2020

Responsible Officer:

Verified by General Manager.....Verified by Mayor.....

Introduction and Purpose

Chain of Responsibility (CoR)

Chain of Responsibility is a nationally legislated program of compliance and enforcement that aims to improve safety and reduce accidents across the road transport industry. CoR aims to ensure that any off-road party in a position to control, influence or encourage particular on-road behaviour is identified and held appropriately accountable.

Drivers and operators have traditionally been the focus of road laws. However, breaches are often caused by the actions of others. Under chain of responsibility, complying with transport law is a shared responsibility and all parties in the road transport supply chain are responsible for preventing breaches.

The Chain of Responsibility extends legal liability for certain road law offences to all parties who by their actions, inactions or demands exercise control or influence over the entire transport chain. All persons involved in consigning, packing, loading, driving, operating and receiving are covered by this legislation.

Council will not knowingly ask or expect any employee or contractor to do anything that is unlawful or that will create a dangerous or potentially dangerous situation.

Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

The HVNL came into effect 10 February 2014 and was established to provide nationally consistent laws. Legislative changes to the HVNL will commence as from 1 May 2018.

The CoR laws apply across all areas in the supply chain where investigations and enforcement into CoR breaches occur. The aim is to positively influence the actions of those involved in the heavy vehicle transport industry and ensure all parties who influence on-road behaviour are held accountable for breaches of road transport laws

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to Council staff on CoR.

Scope

This policy applies to all premise owners, employees, contractors and visitors within Council that have responsibility for or involvement in activities that fall within the scope of the road transport laws.

This may include (but not be limited to) roles within logistics, supply chain and support roles. This includes, full time, part time and casual employees as well as contractors or subcontractors working for or on the behalf of Council. It also extends to suppliers and visitors where appropriate

This policy applies to all Council premises and workplaces and other workplaces or situations where employees, contractors or subcontractors may be working or representing Council.

Responsibilities

Currently, under the HVNL, all parties who have control or influence over the transport task are deemed responsible for complying with CoR obligations.

All parties must take all reasonable steps to prevent breaches of mass, dimension, loading, speed and fatigue laws. Make sure your actions, inactions or demands do not contribute to, or encourage, breaches of the HVNL.

A party in the chain of responsibility includes any person who undertakes defined roles outlined in the HVNL, who can influence or control transport-related activities. This section sets out responsibilities for several parties in the supply chain, but it is not an exhaustive list.

The CoR applies to, but is not limited to:-

Operator/manager/scheduler responsibilities

- Ensure rosters and schedules do not require drivers to breach driving hours or speed limits
- Assess whether a driver is fit for duty
- Record driver activities, work and rest times
- Ensure drivers do not work while impaired by fatigue or while in breach of their work or rest hours
- Maintain vehicles and ensure properly functioning speed limiters are fitted
- Ensure vehicles are not loaded to exceed mass or dimension limits and are appropriately restrained
- Ensure drivers moving freight containers have a valid container weight declaration
- Consult regularly with other parties in the supply chain to identify risks and issues that may contribute to breaches of the HVNL.

Consignor/consignee responsibilities

- Ensure loads do not exceed mass or dimension limits and are appropriately restrained
- Check that operators carrying freight containers have a valid container weight declaration
- Your delivery requirements must not require or encourage drivers to:
  - exceed the speed limits
  - drive while impaired by fatigue
  - exceed regulated driving hours
  - fail the minimum rest requirements.
- Consult with other parties in the chain to identify risks and issues that may contribute to breaches of the HVNL.

Loading manager/loader/packer responsibilities

- Ensure that loading a heavy vehicle will not cause or contribute to the driver driving while impaired by fatigue
- Work with other off-road parties to make reasonable arrangements to manage loading/unloading times
- Ensure vehicle loading/unloading does not cause delays and advise drivers of any delays of more than 30 minutes

- Ensure loads:-
  - do not exceed vehicle mass or dimension limits
  - do not cause the vehicle to exceed mass limits
  - comply with the load restraint standard
  - are placed and secured in a way so they do not become unstable, move or fall off the vehicle

- Provide reliable weight information to drivers prior to the journey
- Ensure load documentation is accurate
- Ensure goods packed in a freight container do not cause the container's gross weight or safety approval rating to be exceeded.

Driver/owner-driver responsibilities

- Comply with your relevant fatigue management work and rest requirements
- Keep an accurate work diary and records required by law
- Respond to changes in circumstances (such as delays) and report these to your base
- Ensure your vehicle does not exceed mass or dimension limits
- Ensure your load is properly restrained
- Check and report on all maintenance issues
- Obey all speed limits and road rules
- Subcontractors should also follow the lawful requirements of their prime contractors and be able to demonstrate compliance
- Identify and report hazards and risks associated with the transport task.

Policy

Chain of Responsibility (CoR) is relevant for all areas of Council, particularly in the areas that deal with heavy vehicles, i.e., gravel trucks, water tankers, low loaders, and intermediate plant trailers. The receival of goods from external agencies and companies, e.g. gravel, fuel, water main piping, plant deliveries will all have an impact on how Councils deal with CoR responsibilities.

The main elements of the Chain of Responsibility are mass and dimension, load restraint, driver fatigue, speed and maintenance.

- Mass and dimension – ensuring trucks leave sites within the mass carrying constraints and that the mass is distributed across the truck axles, and ensuring dimension limits are adhered to.
- Load Restraint – ensuring that when trucks are loaded that the load is adequately secured to the vehicle.
- Driver Fatigue – ensuring that drivers are well rested and are given adequate time to take their scheduled rest breaks, and taking into consideration the amount of hours worked.
- Speed – ensuring that the driver's routes are realistic and safe and that demands are not imposed on the driver that may result in a driver putting themselves or others at risk. Schedules need to take into account the distance that needs to be covered, traffic conditions and delays at receiving sites.
- Maintenance – ensuring that trucks are free of defects, mechanically safe and in proper working order before a vehicle enters the road network.

Vehicles

- Heavy Vehicle definition – a vehicle is a heavy vehicle if it has a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of more than 4.5 tonnes. This includes trailers with an ATM of > 4.5 tonnes.

- Regulated Heavy Vehicle Definition – a vehicle is a regulated heavy vehicle if it has a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of more than 12 tonnes.

It is a requirement of Council that any heavy vehicle consigned to do work for Council has the following information verified prior to commencement and is maintained for the duration of that work:-

- Vehicle registration
- Appropriate insurances
- Maintenance is up to date
- Fit for purpose
- Appropriate load restraint for task
- Speed limiter function (Regulated Heavy Vehicle).

Drivers

It is a requirement of Council that any driver engaged to do work for Council has the following information verified prior to commencement and is maintained for the duration of that work:-

- Appropriate heavy vehicle drivers licence
- Medically fit to drive
- Required insurances
- Fully inducted
- Trained in CoR requirements or must be inducted to CoR prior to commencing

If at any time a driver does not meet the above requirements, they are to inform Council immediately. Failure to comply with this component of the Policy may result in termination of employment or contract.

Scheduling

Schedulers must take all reasonable steps to ensure the schedule will not cause the vehicle to breach mass limits or cause the driver to exceed the legal speed limit.

Reasonable steps include but are not limited to:-

- Consulting the driver or operators prior to finalising the schedule
- Taking account of the average speed that can be travelled lawfully on scheduled routes
- Allowing for traffic conditions or other delays in schedules
- Contingency planning concerning schedules.

Mass Limits

Council must ensure that any vehicle that is loaded with a Council product or asset is loaded in line with the Mass Limits of the vehicle.

Council will provide the driver or nominated representative with all relevant mass information related to the load prior to loading, and in case of pre-loaded vehicles prior to departure.

The driver or nominated representative has the authority to request adjustments to the load if the driver is concerned with the weight of the load.

The gross mass of the load is required to be placed on the vehicle in line with legal axel/mass load limits.

As all vehicles are different and drivers know their vehicles best, the driver is responsible to direct the loader to position the load according to the vehicle axel/mass load limits.

It is also important that mass and dimension limits are adhered to throughout the delivery cycle, i.e. as freight is removed or added to the vehicle in the field.

Load Restraint

The safe loading of heavy vehicles is vitally important in preventing injury to people and damage to property. There are also economic benefits to Council if the load arrives intact and without damage.

Every load that leaves a Council site must be restrained in line with the National Transport Commission's Load Restraint Guide 2004.

The load must be restrained to withstand forces of at least:-

- 80% of its weight in the forward direction
- 50% of its weight sideways and rearwards
- 20% of its weight vertically.

Council's position on the type of load restraint for each load channel may differ, however some standards are universally preferred:-

- Certified load restraint curtains
- Certified headboards and sides on rigid vehicles
- Plastic angles not metal angles
- Minimum of 2500kg rated web strapping, never ropes.
- On loads >4 tonne, chains and ratchet dogs must be used, and a minimum of 4 chains is required. (Section 3, page 72 Load Restraint Guide S/E 2004)

Fatigue Management

Fatigue can affect a person's health, reduce performance and productivity, and increase the chance of a work place accident or road crash.

Council and all parties in the supply chain must take reasonable steps to ensure that any risks associated with fatigue are identified, minimised, controlled or eliminated.

Examples include but are not limited to:-

- Drivers properly managing their work and rest, and not driving if fatigued
- Ensuring trip schedules have sufficient flexibility and are reasonable
- Maintaining effective loading and queuing practices
- Ensuring that commercial arrangements do not incentivise the driver to break the law (e.g. driving excessive hours or speeding to meet deadlines).

Driving Hours

The majority of heavy vehicle tasking within Local Government is within the LGA boundaries, and rarely are work diaries required to be used. It is to be noted however that drivers still must abide by the driving hour requirements and must not exceed the 5 ¼ driving hour limit. This is an important consideration with garbage truck drivers.

Speed Management

Council will not pressure, direct or encourage at any time any driver to speed for any reason. Council insists on safe work behaviour and speeding will not be tolerated.

Council and its transport providers will ensure a robust approach to speed management that can incorporate but is not limited to the following controls:-

- Regular consultation with drivers
- Reviewing of driving, work and trip records
- A program to report and monitor incidents of speeding and related risks and hazards
- Training and information for drivers, staff and parties in the chain of responsibility
- Regular maintenance of vehicle components that relate to complying with speed limits
- Remuneration model that does not incentivise or penalise drivers for early or late deliveries.

Maintenance

Council requires all vehicles to be roadworthy and undergo regular scheduled maintenance. Vehicles must be free of defects, mechanically safe and in proper working order.

Breaching the Policy

The Policy sets standards of behaviour expected from everyone who performs work for Council including employees and contractors.

Breaches of this Policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

For contractors it may lead to the immediate termination of a contract. It is expected that suppliers will enforce a similar set of standards with their employees.

Related Policies

- Chain of Responsibility Procedure
- Work Health and Safety Policy
- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- RMS Heavy Vehicle Drivers Handbook
- Heavy Vehicle National Law

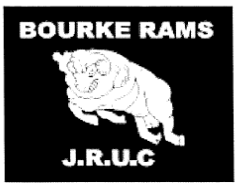
PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

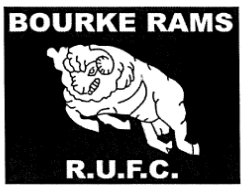
File No:	P1.5-S4.6
Report: 166/2019 ★	Bourke Rams Clubhouse
Author:	Liam Rice, President – Rams– Junior Rugby Union Football Club Bernard Davis, President – Rams – Rugby Union Football Club

The Bourke Rams Junior Rugby Union Club (juniors) along with the Bourke Rams Rugby Union Football Club (seniors) would like Council to consider giving permission to the Clubs to build a Club house to utilise on game day and events and to display memorabilia. (See letter below)

Recommendation:
For Council's consideration

251/2019 That Council give in principle support to the proposal and a report be brought back to Council providing further details in relation to exact location, size of building and inclusions.
Moved Cr Cole Seconded Cr Bartley Carried





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

3rd July 2019

Dear Ross

RE: Bourke Rams Club House

The Bourke Rams Junior Rugby Union Club (Juniors) along with the Bourke Rams Rugby Union Football Club (Seniors) would like Council to consider our clubs building a Club house for our clubs to utilise on game day and events and to display our memorabilia. The Senior club has been around since the late 1960s and then reforming in 1985 and was the most successful club in the zone from 1995 through to the mid 2000's. The Junior club that was formed in 2017 is going from strength to strength with numbers increasing each year. But we have nowhere apart from the local pub to display our photos, trophies, old jerseys etc. While it's great that the Port of Bourke has given us some room to display this, it's not an ideal place for the Juniors.

What we would like to propose to Council is the building of a fully air-conditioned single-story club house at the Davidson Oval in the South Western Corner beside the PCYC. We would like it to have one large open room with a servery / kitchen attached, toilets for male, female and disabled and a large store room to house our equipment removing the need for our container. We also plan to have the building fitted out with security cameras and IT equipment like Tv's and a Projector.

The Club House would be used for match functions, training and meetings etc and we would also hire the facility out for other organisations to use which would assist us in covering the running costs. We do not intend to use the club house for after match entertainment as we still want to support our sponsors and don't want to take any money away from them as Clubs don't run without sponsorship.

We have spoken with NSW Rugby who have their own employee who chases funds for these exact type of projects and they are really keen to get started on the application but first we need to make sure that Council would allow it and if they are to allow it what other parameters would be required of us to make this happen.

This project would be fully funded by our Rugby Clubs and NSW Rugby sourced funding and there would be no direct costs to Council.

We have also thought of using the Coolican oval instead if the Davidson is found to be unsuitable but we would then need to add change rooms and upgrade the lighting etc.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us by email at brjruclub@gmail.com or on mobile 0428 476 317.

Yours Sincerely,

Liam Rice

President

Bourke Rams Junior Rugby Union Club

Bernard Davis

President

Bourke Rams Rugby Union Football Club

File No:	C6.41
Report: 168/2019 ★	2019 National Roads & Transport Congress 18th – 20th November 2019
Author:	Australian Local Government Association

Advising that registrations for the 2019 National Roads & Transport Congress to be held from 18th – 20th November 2019 are now open. The Congress will be held in Hahndorf SA. (See preliminary program below).

Financial:
There will be a cost associated with the attendance at the conference that is included in the current budget.

Resolution
That the Mayor and Manager of Road Services attend the 2019 National Roads & Transport Congress to be held from 18th – 20th November 2019.

Resolution

252/2019 That the Mayor, Manager of Road Services and Cr Bartley attend the 2019 National Roads & Transport Congress to be held in in Hahndorf SA from 18th – 20th November 2019. Moved Cr Bartley Seconded Cr Cole Carried

Preliminary Program

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019	
1.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
1.45pm	OPENING CEREMONY - Welcome to Country
2.00pm	OPENING ADDRESS - President, Australian Local Government Association
2.20pm	MINISTER ADDRESS
2.50pm	The Future of Transport and how Local Government can benefit Tony Carmichael, National Principal Strategic Advisor, MacroPlan
3.30pm	The State of Australia's Infrastructure Romily Madew, CEO Infrastructure Australia - Other speakers TBA
5.00pm	DAY ONE CONCLUDES
5.00pm 7.00pm	WELCOME RECEPTION & EXHIBITION OPENING *Adelaide Hills Convention Centre*
TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2019	
9.00am	Welcome
9.15am	Overview of what is happening internationally for Roads and Transport
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	Safety – where we are at and where we need to be
11.45am	Active Transport and Vulnerable Road Users
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS METRO: *Topics to be confirmed* - REGIONAL/RURAL: *Topics to be confirmed*
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS METRO: *Topics to be confirmed* - REGIONAL/RURAL: *Topics to be confirmed*
5.00pm	DAY TWO CONCLUDES
6.30pm	CONGRESS DINNER *Adelaide Town Hall*
WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2019	
9.00am	Balancing future technology and current transport needs
10.00am	Transport and the Circular Economy
10.30am	Closing Address
11.00am	MORNING TEA

File No:	G4.5-L4.1
Report: 169/2019	Increased Public Library Funding from 2019/2020
Author:	Dr David Vallance, State Librarian

Correspondence has been received advising that the State Government's Public Library Funding has increased this financial year by $45,532.00.

The increase for Bourke Shire Council is detailed in the table below.

Councils Library Subsidy and Subsidy Adjustment 2019

Population 2018	Per Capita	Flat Rate $50K	SEIFA	Total	Total per head
2630	$6,444	$50,000	$11,689	$68,132	$25.91

The increased funding of $45,532.00 over the budget estimate included in the 2019/2020 Operational Plan. The adjustment will be picked up in the September Budget Review.

The additional funding is provided for Councils to meet more public demand for Library services.

Recommendation
That Council note the information regarding the Increased Public Library Funding from 2019/2020.

Resolution

253/2019
1. That Council write to the Minister for Arts, the Hon. (Don) Donald Thomas HARWIN, MLC thanking him for the increase in the State Government's Public Library Funding this financial year by $45,532.00.
2. That Council congratulate Local Government NSW on the successful coordination of the "Renew our Libraries" Campaign which had been instrumental in bringing about the awareness of the need for increased funding.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Cole Carried

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Ross Earl
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BOURKE NSW 2840

Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Increased Public Library Funding from 2019/20

Dear Mr Earl,

I am writing to provide detail of the State Government's public library funding increases that commence this financial year. The total funding for this year is a record $36,478,000.

The Minister for the Arts the Hon Don Harwin MLC has approved the Public Library Funding Strategy for 2019/20, including a new model for the distribution of per capita subsidies and subsidy adjustment payments.

The Funding Strategy was unanimously supported by stakeholders at the Library Council of NSW's Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC) meeting of 25 March 2019. The Strategy was subsequently endorsed by the Library Council of New South Wales on 10 May 2019, and approved by the Minister.

Details of the Public Library Funding Strategy for 2019/20, including the approved payments to each council are published on the State Library of NSW website at:

https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/subsidies-and-grants

Application

Application forms for the 2019/20 Library Subsidy will be available shortly. The State Library will write to councils separately once the forms are published on the State Library website.

The Subsidy includes the 2019/20 per capita amount of $2.45 per head and the Subsidy Adjustment component. As in previous years the Subsidy Adjustment will include provision for a Local Priority Grant, which sets out that at least 30% of the Subsidy Adjustment is to be spent on a library project with direct public benefit.

In addition, a new capital grants program of $6 million per annum commences in 2019/20. Guidelines for the program will be issued to councils separately.

Reporting

The increased funding was provided to assist councils to meet the demand for more library services from communities, for example increased hours, staff, collections, spaces, technology, programs etc.

Councils will be asked to demonstrate how the increased funding has improved library services. The State Library will update the annual financial and narrative reporting required from councils to facilitate this reporting.

Contact

Please contact Cameron Morley, Manager Public Library Services on cameron.morley@sl.nsw.gov.au or 02 9273 1483 with any specific queries you may have about the 2019/20 funding.

The State Library is looking forward to assisting councils with public library improvements as the funds are allocated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Vallance
State Librarian

File No	W2.2.9 - W2.2.12
Report: 169a/2019	★ Water Supply Update – Late Report
Responsible Officer	Ross Earl, General Manager

Background:

The extended drought conditions has put critical pressure on the availability of water for Bourke with official records showing that there has been no flow since mid-August 2018.

The current period of "no Flow" in the Darling River at Bourke is currently is 339 days which is the highest recorded period since 1944.

Given that an environment flow was received in April 2018 to supplement the natural flow the current period of no flow could have been much longer.

Bourke was fortunate to be the beneficiary of a good flow from the Culgoa River earlier this year which put a significant amount of water into the weir pool with the river level rising to the extent that the level of restrictions were able to be lifted from level five (5) to level two (2) although we are rapidly approaching level (3) once again.

The river level as at midday on Sunday 21st July 2019 was 3.09 and seems to be reducing at the rate of 3-4 centimetres per week.

Level three (3) water restrictions will be introduced at 3.00 metres which is likely to be in early August 2019.

Level four (4) water restrictions will be introduced at 2.5 metres which is likely to be in late October 2019.

It should be noted that as the level of the river drops the evaporation increases, although the colder conditions this time of year has meant that evaporation is much less than in the summer months of November through to February 2019.

Council has been fortunate to secure funding from the State Government for much of the work involved to date for the drought proofing of the town and the State Government have also indicated that may make additional funding available to enable the progression of the drought proofing strategy.

Current Situation

The current aim is to have up to 2.5 megalitres of filtered water available in Bourke which will meet the demands of both the areas of Bourke and North Bourke as well as making provision for the needs of those who rely on the river for their domestic use.

The current capacity of the combined output of Walkden's and Stoney Rise Bores is around two (2) megalitres per day, however, the existing main would be working to capacity at this level and it would be advantageous to have an additional pipeline installed. This will not only meet the current demand much more readily but also provide for any future increase in available water supply.

Council have engaged Public Works Advisory to scope a design for the future needs of Council including the need to upgrade pumps and pipeline to meet those needs.

Council applied and was successful in obtaining funding for the construction of a new pipeline from Walkden's Bore into the Water Treatment Plan and the level of grant funding was based on the ability to supply up to 2.5 megalitres with the resultant sizing of the pipeline being 150mm.

The report from Public Works Advisory is not yet to hand but given the level of funding, we are likely to be restricted to, the 150 millimetre plus be required to upgrade the pumps from Walkden's Bore.

The funding of the pipeline will need to be clarified.

The level of flow from the Culgoa was less than anticipated and as such there is now an increased level of importance to be able to complete the additional pipeline.

It is anticipated that the supply of pipe can be up to six (6) weeks and the installation a similar timeframe so it would be ideal if the work could be undertaken as soon as practical.

A scope of works for the construction of the pipeline has been prepared by Council's Consultant Engineer John Kauter of EMS and this can be issued as soon as completed. It would be advantageous if the report from Public Works Advisory was to prior to any prices being sought.

The calling of tenders would add approximately four (4) to Six (6) weeks to the procurement process.

Additionally it would appear from previous calling of tenders for similar jobs there has been a limited response one would assume because of the location of the works to be undertaken.

It is suggested that as the works are getting urgent that Council resolve not to call tenders in this instance which can be done under the provision of section 55 (3) (i) and/or 55(3) (i) of the Local Government Act.

Licence Requirements

As with all water extraction Council must hold an appropriate licence.

Council currently holds a permanent 100 megalitre licence and in last financial year were able to secure the use of two (2) additional licences on temporary transfer which had a combined capacity of 200 megalitres and these two licences have once again being sought.

Council also purchased a further temporary licence of 60 megalitres and once again it is hoped to be able to secure this licence for the next financial year.

The obtaining of licences is critical and work is being done to expedite this process with the services of a broker secured to undertaken this role.

With consumption estimated at 2-2.5 megalitres per day the licences secured to date will provide water for up to 120 days or approximately four (4) months.

The four (4) month's supply will not be required until the supply in the river is exhausted or gets to a level that makes pumping impractical.

What needs to happen next?

1. The Scope of Works for the installation of the pipeline is currently being undertaken and will be completed by the 26th July 2019
2. Issue requests for quotations to known suppliers in the region
3. Allow for two (2) weeks for quotation to be lodged
4. Assess the suitability of the quotations and issue order to preferred supplier
5. Have any Review of Environmental Factors to be completed as soon as possible
6. Department of Public Works Advisory have been asked to expedite their Report to ensure that any work undertaken is in accordance with the requirements detailed therein
7. Ensure that the supply of pipe is secured
8. Have the broker ascertain the availability of additional water licences
9. Work will continue of looking at options to further enhance the water security for Bourke with a number of options under consideration
10. The current situation is far from ideal, however, the short-term requirements of Council have been addressed but it is important that a longer term strategy is in place and that Council works towards ensuring it is well placed to handle the worst case scenario and with this in mind the identification of future bore sites is one of the next priorities.

Financial Implications

Whilst there is a financial cost to Council the bulk of this will be funded from the State Government's Emergency Water Supply Funding allocation with their contribution amounting to 90% of the total cost.

Council has sufficient reserves to be able to meet their portion of the emergency works.

Council has received funding from the State Government totalling $2,092,135.00 this year to assist in ensuring an ongoing water supply for Bourke and North Bourke.

Requirement to Tender

For works over $250,000 Counc1 is required by section 55 of the Local Government to call tenders, however, section 55(3) provides as follows

Note: This amount was only recently increased from $150,000.00 to $250,000.00

3) This section does not apply to the following contracts:-

(a) subject to the regulations, a contract for the purchase of goods, materials or services specified by a person prescribed by the regulations made with another person so specified, during a period so specified and at a rate not exceeding the rate so specified,

(b) a contract entered into by a Council with the Crown (whether in right of the Commonwealth, New South Wales or any other State or a Territory), a Minister of the Crown or a statutory body representing the Crown,

(c) a contract entered into by a Council with another Council,

(d) a contract for the purchase or sale by a Council of land,

(e) a contract for the leasing or licensing of land by the Council, other than the leasing or licensing of community land for a term exceeding 5 years to a body that is not a non-profit organisation (see section 46A),
(f) a contract for purchase or sale by a Council at public auction,
(g) a contract for the purchase of goods, materials or services specified by the NSW Procurement Board or the Department of Administrative Services of the Commonwealth, made with a person so specified, during a period so specified and at a rate not exceeding the rate so specified,
(h) a contract for the employment of a person as an employee of the Council,
(i) a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a Council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders,
(j) contract for which, because of provisions made by or under another Act, a Council is exempt from the requirement to invite a tender,
(k) a contract made in a case of emergency,
(l) a contract to enter into a public-private partnership,
(m) if a Council has entered into a public-private partnership--a contract entered into by the Council for the purposes of carrying out a project under the public-private partnership (but only to the extent that the contract is part of the project that has been assessed or reviewed under Part 6 of Chapter 12),
(n) a contract involving an estimated expenditure or receipt of an amount of less than $100,000 or such other amount as may be prescribed by the regulations,
(o) a contract that is an environmental upgrade agreement (within the meaning of Part 2A),
(p) a contract or arrangement between a Council and the Electoral Commissioner for the Electoral Commissioner to administer the Council's elections, Council polls and constitutional referendums.

The works could readily fall under the provisions of section 55(3) (i) *a contract where, because of extenuating circumstances, remoteness of locality or the unavailability of competitive or reliable tenderers, a Council decides by resolution (which states the reasons for the decision) that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders and /or* and 55 (3) (k) works undertaken in case of an emergency.

As detailed in a January report to Council the current drought conditions have put pressure on those in the water infrastructure business and it is important that we are able to secure a firm to commence work as soon as practical.

Recommendation

1. That Council note that the volume of water in the Bourke Weir Pool is currently at 3.09 metres and is expected to continue to fall and that fall will rapidly increase once the summer months are upon us.
2. That Council note the emergency water supply from Walkden's Bore and Stoney Rise Bourke are now able to be fully operational and currently able to readily deliver up to 1.80 megalitres per day.
3. That Council note action being taken to increase the capacity of the pipelines into Bourke to ensure the ability to meet demand is able to be readily achieved.
5. That Council endorse any action required to secure the necessary licences that may be required for any additional bores.
6. That Council not call tenders for the work involved in the construction of the additional pipeline from Walkden's Bore to Bourke Water Treatment Plant 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.

7. That 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 in quantities required for the domestic and commercial of Bourke and North Bourke.

Resolution

254/2019

1. That Council note that the volume of water in the Bourke Weir Pool is currently at 3.09 metres and is expected to continue to fall and that fall will rapidly increase once the summer months are upon us.
2. That Council note the emergency water supply from Walkden's Bore and Stoney Rise Bourke are now able to be fully operational and currently able to readily deliver up to 1.80 megalitres per day.
3. That Council note action being taken to increase the capacity of the pipelines into Bourke to ensure the ability to meet demand is able to be readily achieved.
4. That Council endorse any action required to secure the necessary licences that may be required for any additional bores.
5. That Council not call tenders for the work involved in the construction of the additional pipeline from Walkden's Bore to Bourke Water Treatment Plant 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.
6. That 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 in quantities required for the domestic and commercial use of Bourke and North Bourke.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Rice Carried

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

ACTIVITY REPORTS

MONDAY, 22ND JULY 2019

ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	E7.1
Report: 170/2019	Works Completed
Responsible Officer:	Christopher Morrall - Roads Supervisor

The following information outlines works completed from the 17th June to 12th July 2019 inclusive.

1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
RLR 27 Burrawantie Road	Top Grade Completed
RLR 3 Twin Rivers Road	Top Grade Commenced
MR 405 Wongareena Plains	Sealing Works Commenced

2. SOUTHWEST SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Wongareena Plains	Sealing Works Commenced

3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Jack Wielinga, Team Leader	
MR 405 Wongareena Plains	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

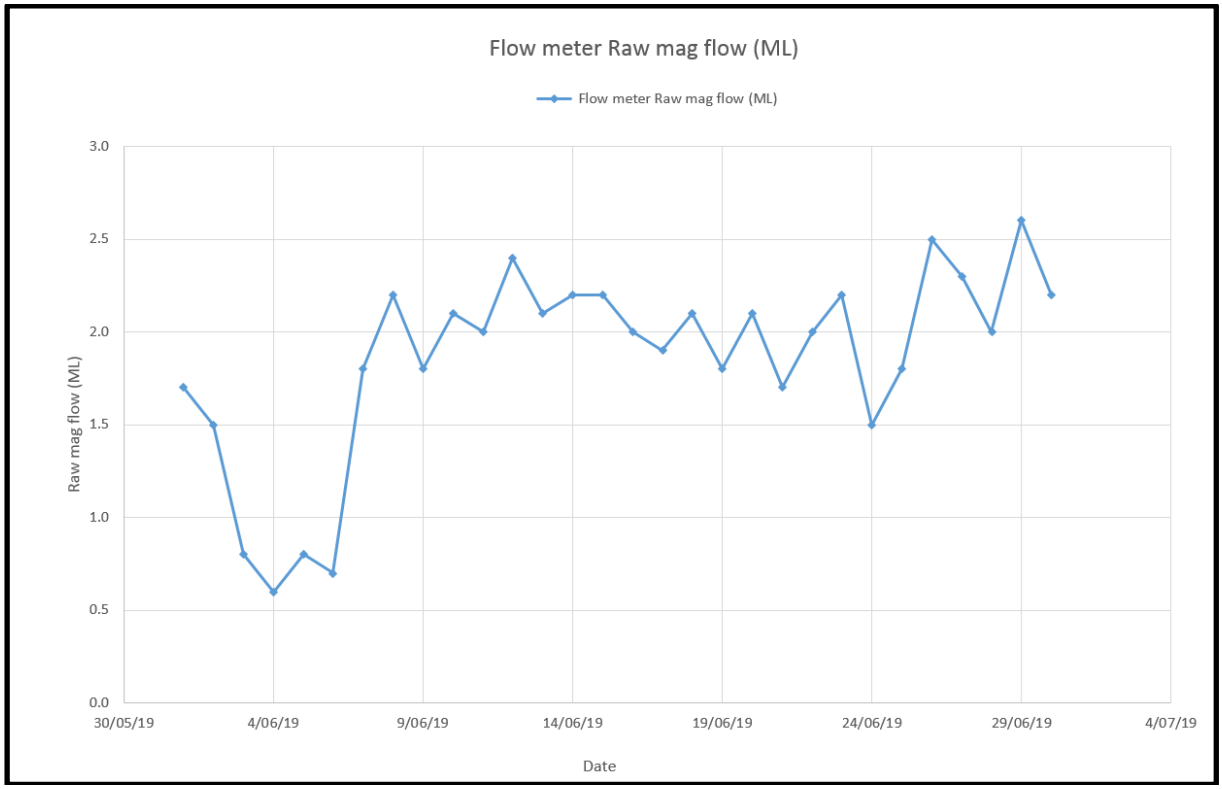
5.PARKS & GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks & sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing & maintenance carried out Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained Public toilets cleaned & maintained Clean facilities General graffiti removal carried out 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 Market Day
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained Prepare grounds for park run
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for Junior Joeys Soccer Prepare grounds for Junior rugby union training
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out Prepare grounds for Barwon Darling Rugby League training Prepare grounds for Senior Rugby Union training Prepare grounds for the commencement of Barwon Darling Rugby League Prepare grounds for commencement of Bourke Rugby Union School Athletics' Carnivals
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal Prepare ground for Mobile Playgroup NIADOC Week preparations
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
	Relieving Staff in garbage truck
	Daily airport Inspections
	Weekly Town mowing
Cemetery	Prepared graves: 14/6/2019, 20/6/2019
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal & cleaning along road side
	Mow & poison Sydney Road rest areas
Staff Training	Nil
Sundry Debtors	TAFE-plant
General	Work at wharf with building sector
	Erect new goal post at Coolican Oval completed
	Clean up boat ramp river edges North Bourke
	Relieving garbage truck
	Louth airport inspection
	Louth park sand cover in wheel tracks
	Wanaaring airport inspections
	Remove abandon cars
	Clean wash bay Renshaw
	Remove trees Darling park
	Erect new weir sign at Bourke Weir
	Patch hole at wharf trip hazard
	Oil deck at wharf
	Box up concrete slabs for Enngonia Road and Sydney Road rest area shelters
	Stand posts central park for lights new basketball courts
	Remove writing from new wharf deck and repaint
	Replace wind sock at Byrock airstrip
	Crane at Darling park to lift blocks
	Poison main street footpaths
	Clean wash bay at depot
	Clean up North Bourke new park around fence line
	Remove dead cat
	Daily main street program work
	Remove trees around town

7. WORKSHOP – Aaron Coyne, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
135	BD37AJ	2009 Volvo	New crank sensor fitted & tested
137	DH91BK	2010 Volvo	Replace O-Ring on leaking oil fitting
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar	Service carried out, done blade slides & circle slides
512	73235D	Multi Tyre Roller	Straightened bracket, remove wheels to finish properly, repair broken bolt in scraper, tightened clamp for dust pre-collector, replace broken bolts
70	CM03EW	Holden Colorado	Removed exhaust & welded, refitted & tested, fitted new tyres on front
148	TC60FS	Dolly	Mud guard welded up
237	N77487	Holmwood Highgate	Manifold welded up
239	TB85BR	Tri-axle Tanker	Wiring repaired on trailer plug
76	P95814	Moore trailers	Mud flap bracket welded back on, fit new director valve & tested, weld span bar back on
9017	16938D	Roller	Changed out old hydraulic filter, test & run machine
93	CE53WX	2015 Colorado	Fault found & repaired, lights tested, replaced flashing light, remove broken lead & replaced
97	YUB437	2003 Isuzu	Jump start, tested alternator, charging fine, suspect isolator left on
161	YGU33D	Mazda BT 50	Remount flashing light, remount Hyab mount on head board of tray
173	YGU33N	Mazda BT 50	Replace two blown bulbs, Service carried out
29	CHP24X	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
111	TB60BR	Dolly	Fitted new brake booster, adjust brakes
25	YII01D	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out
40	CP40FZ	Isuzu	Service carried out, fit new windscreen
44	YII29T	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out, fix air leak in canopy, fit light bar
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Fit new bolts, new fridge fitted, tightened bracket & replaced nut, hydraulic oil level topped up
144	AH13CI	Franna	New mirrors fitted, handle glued back on
310	BY01TB	2014 Caterpillar	Service carried out
32	BM39KN	Isuzu	Make up lead for fuel
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Put new plate on broom, repair & tested door until it seals, repair air leak
Staff Training		Nil	

8. Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance-	
44 Short Street	Sewer Choke
22 Meek Street	Sewer Choke
150 Anson Street	Sewer Choke
8 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
17 Moculta Street	Sewer Choke
6 Glen Street	Sewer Choke
58 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
75 Short Street	Sewer Choke
147 Anson Street	Sewer Choke
8 Richard Street	Sewer Choke
36 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
18 Short Street	Sewer Choke
9 Denman Street	Sewer Choke
30 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
70 Short Street	Sewer Choke
42 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
11 Green Street	Sewer Choke
4 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
21 Hope Street	Sewer Choke
33 Richard Street	Sewer Choke
Alice Edwards Village Cottage 1	Sewer Choke
3 Charles Street	Sewer Choke, dug sewer main cleared choke
2 Richard Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
2 Hamilton Place	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
65 Anson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
80 Darling Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
Bogan Street, North Bourke	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
84 Darling Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
111 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
10 Oxley Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
1 Richard Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
20 Short Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
Darling Park	Repair leaking 50mm raw water service
Renshaw Complex	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
1 Glen Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
26 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Wharf	Repair leaking toilet
Oxley Street	Install storm water pit
Byrock	Flush hydrant and service
Rainbar Bore	Install Pump
Pool	Repair leaking toilet

PCYC	Repair leaking toilet
7 Yanda Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
100 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired 20mm service
2 Short Street	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired 20mm service
103 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired 20mm service
60 Hope Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired 25mm service
1 Coomah Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired 25mm service
160 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main repaired 50mm service
27 Anson Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
15 Hope Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
36 Hope Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
76 Oxley Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
44 Hope Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
Cobar Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
6 Yambacoona Street	Dug 225mm raw water main and repaired main
Clara Hart Village	Routine Maintenance and Monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Alice Edwards Village	Routine Maintenance and Monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Training	Nil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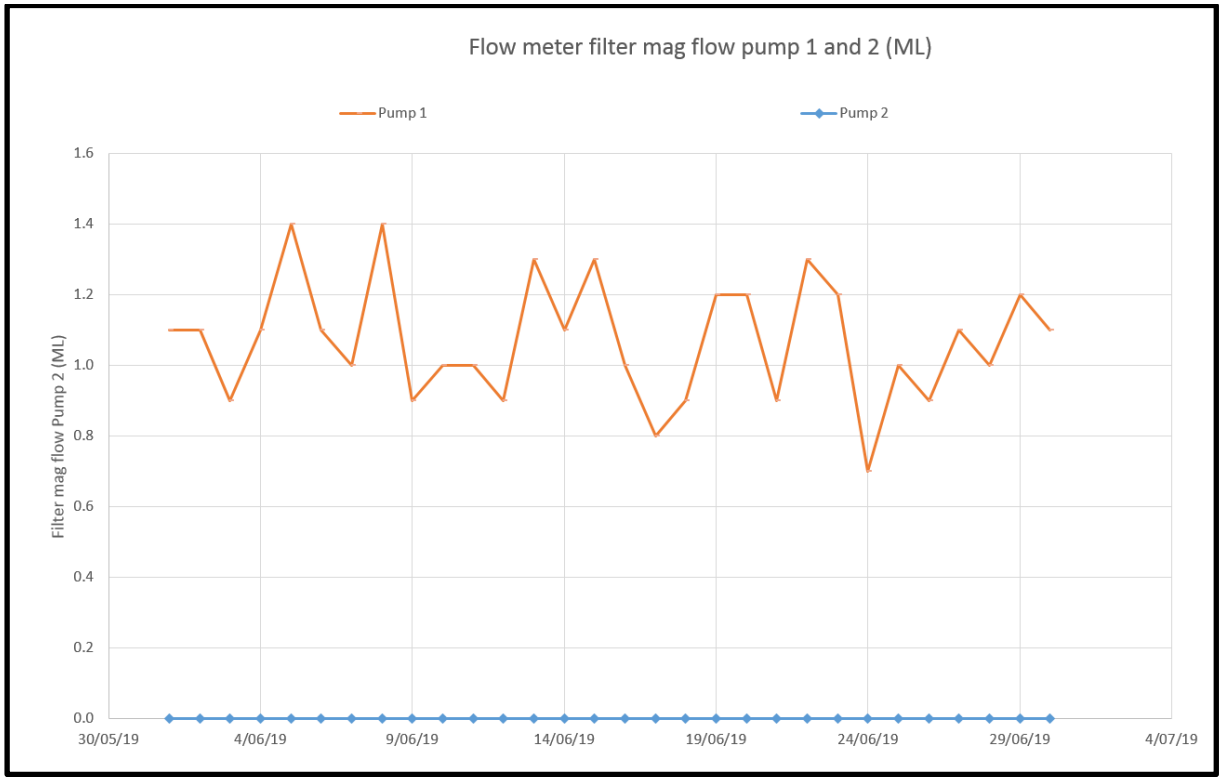
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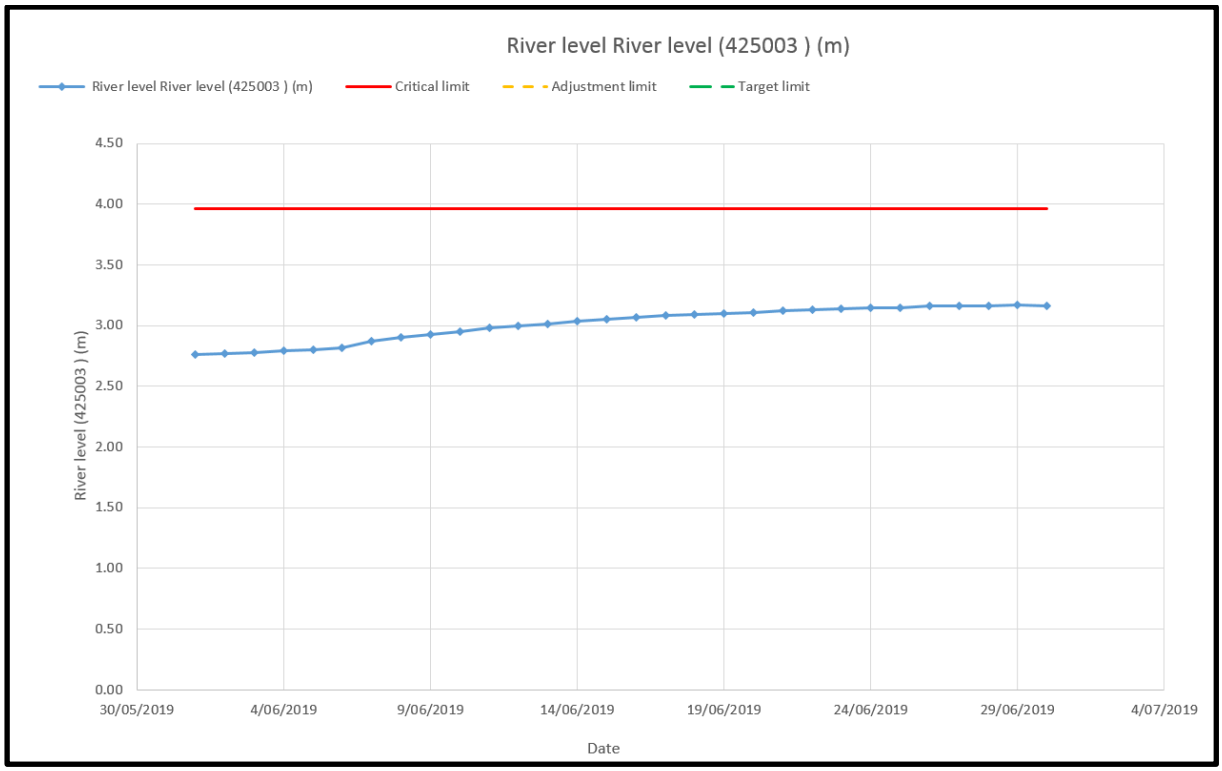
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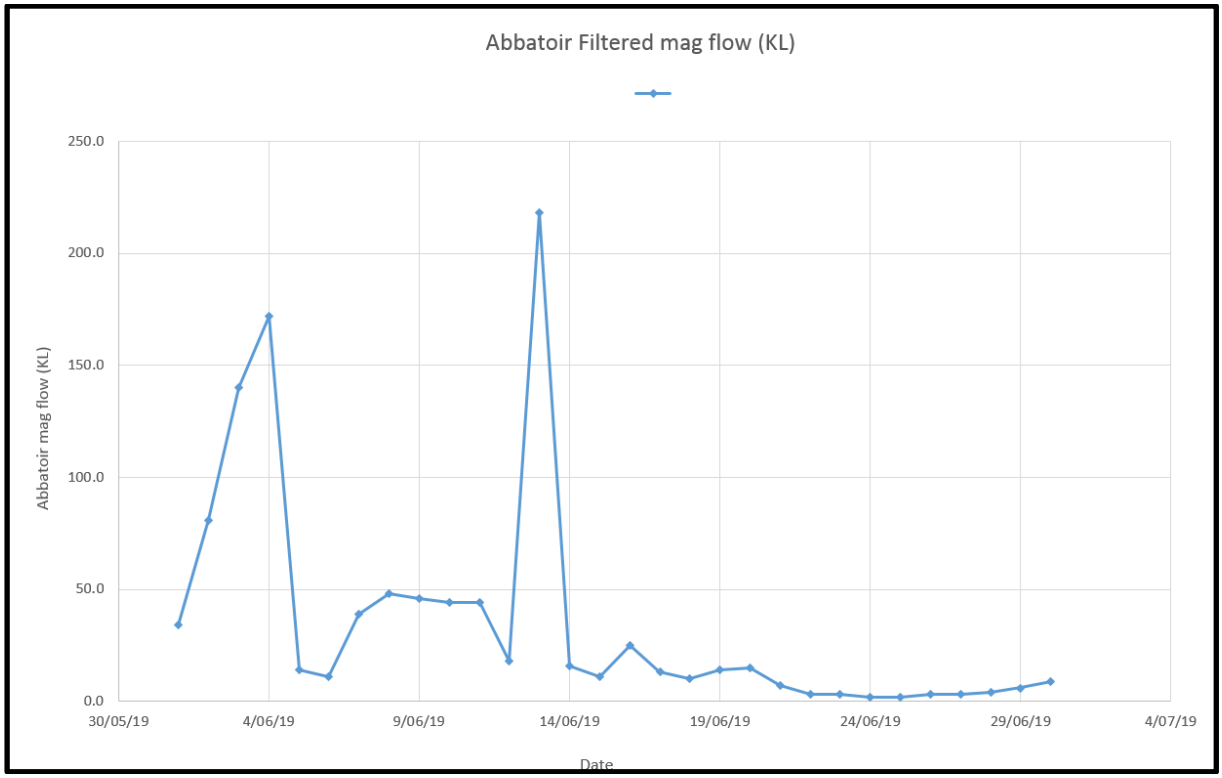
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Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	-	-			30
River level	River level (425003)	2.76	3.01	3.17	3.9		30
Raw Water	pH	8.00	8.74	9.50			30
Raw Water	turbidity	21.00	35.36	60.00			30
Raw Water	Conductivity	987.00	1,080.43	1,209.00			30
Filtered water	pH	7.50	8.41	8.90	6.5	8.5	30
Filtered water	Conductivity	977.00	1,116.63	1,367.00			30
Clarifier	Turbidity	1.10	1.60	2.50	0.0	4.0	30
Tower	Free Cl2	1.20	2.69	4.10	0.2	5.0	30
Clarifier	Free Cl2	2.00	3.45	5.00	0.2	5.0	30
Filtered water	Free Cl2	1.80	3.73	5.00	1.0	5.0	30
Filtered water	Turbidity	0.15	0.19	0.30	0.0	1.2	30
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	1.50	1.80	2.10	0.2	4.0	2
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.20	7.25	7.30	6.5	8.5	2
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	2
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	0.22	0.22	0.22	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	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.2	4.0	1
Mitchell St	pH	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.5	8.5	1
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.0	0.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.2	4.0	1
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.0	0.5	1
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.90	0.95	1.00	0.2	4.0	2
Kidman Camp	pH	7.10	7.25	7.40	6.5	8.5	2
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.18	0.22	0.25	0.0	0.5	2

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	2,512	41	8
April 2019	60	39	-	25,988	5,751	2,293	21	13
May 2019	52	34	-	29,164	3,632	2,229	17	5
June 2019	56	32	-	25,949	6,702	1,770	24	6

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	5	<2
pH		*6.5-8.5*	7.77	8.21	8.28	8.29	8.72	8.46	9.44	8.77	9.22	8.66	9.13
Nitrogen (total)	*mg/L*	*15*	9.7	6.9	4.7	5	3.5	8.9	10.5	14.3	9.3	10.4	6.3
Phosphorus (total)	*mg/L*	*10*	3.7	3.9	3.6	2.4	1.3	1.7	1.10	2.38	1.6	2.4	1.6
Total suspended solids	*mg/L*	*20*	41	17	16	16	21	62	150	114	101	46	17
Biochemical oxygen demand	*mg/L*	*15*	29	5	12	11	9	22	18	36	24	26	19

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 June 2019 was 0.8 mm
- Hottest day for June 2019 was 27.4 degrees
- Coldest day for June 2019 was -3.4 degrees

Resolution

255/2019 That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019.

Moved Cr Dorrington | Seconded Cr Barton | Carried | Unstarred

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File No:	D3.2
Report: 171/2019	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
Nil			

Total value of Approved works for June 2019	= $0
No. of Development Application Approvals for June 2019	= 0
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for June 2019	= 0

File No:	A8.1
Report:	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	5	0
Seized	6	5
Surrendered	7	0
Dumped	0	0
Total	**18**	**5**
Euthanized	2	5
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	11	0
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	5	0
Total	**18**	**5**
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	235	

- Attended complaints in regards to dogs causing trouble to the general public
- Ongoing patrols of the township enforcing the Companion Animal Act
- Patrols of Councils Reserve's

File No:	A11.1.1
Report:	Building Services Report
Author:	Paul Faulkner, Environmental Coordinator
Responsible Officer:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Manual Handling
Office	Monthly check and test Emergency Generator
Cemetery	General maintenance – watering ,mowing and fill in holes trim and remove trees and poisoning
Contractors	Electrical works to buildings and W&WW
Buildings	Install two toilets and showers – Renshaw
Grants	Organise quotes Install lights poles – Central Park Pool fence complete
Plant	Set up Rainbar camp Replace A/C units to caravans & Yandaroo camp kitchen

Resolution

256/2019 That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019 be received and noted.

Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	G2.1
Report: 172/2019	"From the GM's Desk"
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

20TH JUNE 2019

The level in the weir pool continues to rise as a result of inflows from the Culgoa River and it is anticipated that it will continue to slowly rise over the next couple of weeks.

As of Thursday, 13th June 2019 the river height was 3.0 meters.

As a result of the increased river height residents of Bourke and North Bourke are advised that we have reverted to Level 2 Water Restrictions effective on midday, Friday, 14th June.
The use of fixed sprinklers is limited to one (1) hour per day either between the hours of 7.00am to 8.00am or 7.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

- Hand held hoses can still be used at other times.
- The washing of paved areas and filling of new swimming pools is prohibited in accordance with Councils adopted policy.

Water restrictions will also apply to watering of public parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals and where possible the hours will be varied from residential allocated periods to ensure, as far as possible, water pressure is maintained for all residents during the times allowed for watering under the restrictions.

Council introduced Level Three (3) Water Restrictions on the 24th December 2018 and then went progressively to Levels Four (4) and Five (5) so it has been almost six (6) months since residents had been able to utilise sprinklers.

I would remind all residents that we are in a period of extreme drought with the relief only being made available from the rainfall that allowed the Paroo, Culgoa and Warrego Rivers to flow.

The Culgoa comes into the Darling at Warraweena.

I encourage all residents to utilise water wisely and treat it as the favourable and finite resource that it is and where possible conserve water.

As of Tuesday, 18th June 2019, the Darling River will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 305 days.

The Environmental flow from both Copeton and Glenlyon Dams is gradually making its way south, having reached Walgett and topped the weir there on the 12th June 2019 giving Walgett some security of water for the next couple of months.

The Fish Flow as the flow has been called will importantly ensue that the fish stocks are able to survive and this is the primary purpose of the flow.

There has been over 400 megalitres going past Walgett for the past week which is great news indeed for those people along that stretch of the river.

The dry river beds continue to make it difficult to predict how far the water will get but there is a strong degree of optimism that it will get to at least Brewarrina, we are hopeful that the flow will reach Bourke, although current indications are that this won't be the case.

As the flow makes its way down the system we will get a much clearer picture of just how far it will get and the benefits that will be derived.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on Monday, 24th June 2019 and will commence at 9.15am with the meeting to be proceeded by a Public Forum during which, members of the public are able to speak to items on the agenda.

Council has previously conducted a Public Forum at 10.00an each meeting day however, with the changes to the Code of Meeting Practice this opportunity will no longer be available with presentations being limited to items on the agenda. However, anyone who wishes to raise a matter can make an appointment to speak with the relevant Manager or if necessary the Mayor.

Council would appreciate the notification of any incidence of dangerous situations involving Council owned or controlled facilities by contacting Council during office hours on 026830800. If the situation is afterhours and is viewed to require emergency response because it poses a high degree of risk of an accident or injury occurring then the concern should be relayed via Councils Duty Officer on 0419722055.

I mentioned in last week's column that Bourke Shire Council will be the first Council in Far West New South Wales and one of the first in Regional New South Wales to have prepared what is known as Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS).

I thought it may be advantageous if a little more detail was provided on what a LSPS is designed to achieve.

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) sets the framework for the economic, social and environmental land use needs over the next 20 years. The 20 year vision for land use in the local area will be set out with the special character and values that are to be preserved and how change will be managed into the future. The LSPS will implement actions in the regional and district plans, and the Councils own priorities in the community strategic plan. The LSPS gives effect to the Far Western Regional Plan, implementing directions and actions at a local level. The LSPS planning priorities, directions and actions provide the rationale for decisions about how Council will use the land to achieve the community's broader goals.

The Bourke Public Library holds a large collection of historical information including the WJC Collection, ARB Collection, History of Bourke volumes and Cemetery information. For those who are interested in family history the Library offers a history research service. A $60 fee is charged for this service, however the first half hour is free. Please contact the Library for further information.

The Hon. Adam Marshall, MP, Minister Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales was in Bourke last week to meet with Local Landowners to provide details in relation to the New South Governments recently announced Drought Package.

This was Minister Marshall's second visit to Bourke since assuming his new responsibility as both Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales and we look forward to meeting up with him when he next visits.

I had the opportunity to catch up briefly with Adam and look forward to working with him in particular in his role as Minister for Western New South Wales.

Last week I took part in a Meeting of the Critical Water Advisory Panel which brings together a wide cross section of stakeholders involved in water issues across the state including, Department of Industry Water, Department of Industry Communications and Engagement, Water NSW, New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority, Office of Environment and Heritage, Health New South Wales, Local Land Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet together with representatives of Local Councils.

I represented the Far North West Organisation of Councils at the meeting which held via teleconference.

The meeting was split in sessions with an initial session looking at state wide issues, then smaller groups to focus on particular location and in our case the Barwon Darling system.

The meeting focuses on the situation of extreme water shortages across the state and strategies that can be put in place to minimise the impact of the critical water shortages and how best to manage the water resources that are available.

Whilst the situation in Bourke has improved dramatically with the inflows from the Culgoa and the area to the South of Bourke, below the junction with the Warrego have benefitted from those flows there are still areas above Bourke and immediately below which haven't had a flow and those persons along these areas are desperate for water in some instances.
The forecast for a drier and warmer winter does not provide any level of confidence that the drought conditions will abate in the short term and the recent flows will only provide temporary relief.

The Government agencies are working proactively to identify possible impacts and to try and minimise or mitigate these impacts.

During his visit to Bourke last week the Hon. David Littleproud, MP, Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management indicated that the visit was his first to Bourke but certainly would not be his last and he hoped to return shortly and Council issued an invitation to him to do just that and our preparedness to assist in the coordination of any future visits.

Minister Littleproud in the Member for Maranoa which lies immediately above the Queensland border and takes in a large area as does the electorate of Parkes which is the electorate in which Bourke sits.

The huge areas they have within their individual electorates coupled with their Ministerial responsibilities certainly ensures that both Minister Littleproud and our Member, the Hon. Mark Coulton, MP, Member for Parkes, Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government and Assistant Trade and Investment Minister are kept very busy and we were indeed fortunate to have them both in Bourke last week.

The main street crew is producing excellent volumes of paving on a daily basis, it is good to see that we are nearing the end of the paving phase of the project.

Well done to the entire crew for their hard work and diligence to what has been a sizable project and a big thankyou to the public for their patience and understanding during the construction to date. With the rise in the river, it may become possible to plant some of the species that have been chosen to add colour and a softer edge to the new works which will really make a difference.

Any decision to undertaking plant will not be undertaken until we have a high degree of optimism of continuity of a flow in the river.

Leonie Brown, Council, Manager of Corporate Services, represented Bourke Shire Council at the Barwon Darling Stakeholder Advisory Group held in Bourke last Thursday. This is the eighth (8th) occasion on which the group has met and meetings brings together all water users along the Barwon Darling system including Local Government.

The meetings are not only attended by water users but all Government agencies involved and they are an important forum for decision making in relation to this important and finite resource.

The river height whilst allowing temporary relief from the strict water restrictions still falls well short of being able to allow the PV Jandra to re-commence cruising. The level in the river will need to rise at least another 50 centimetres before consideration can be given to the operation of the Jandra.

The inability for the Jandra to operate is a significant loss in terms of tourist attractions with many people looking forward to a relaxing cruise on the Darling.

All sporting groups and other users of Councils parks and ovals are reminded to ensure that they book the facilities for both scheduled training and organised games and any other activities that may be planned.

Booking are essential to ensure that the sporting grounds and parks are prepared for the event and also to avoid clashes.

Davidson Oval in particular has a high level of usage and it is important that everyone is afforded the opportunity for use without interruption.

There are now lights on Coolican Oval which although not being good enough for night matches do provide sufficient lighting for training purposes.

Queries in relation to Ovals and their usage should be directed to Lynette Gooch, Council's Engineering Support Officer on 68308000.

Quote of the week!

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress."

4TH JULY 2019

Throughout July and August 2019, The New South Wales Government will be conducting a water metering roadshow, stopping at 12 locations across regional NSW, as well as hosting an online webinar.
They are encouraging all interested persons to attend.

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They will also seek feedback on minor amendments to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018, primarily relating to reporting requirements. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions.

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Water restrictions will also apply to watering of public parks, recreational areas and sporting ovals and where possible the hours will be varied from residential allocated periods to ensure, as far as possible, water pressure is maintained for all residents during the times allowed for watering under the restrictions.

The ongoing cooperation of all residents is sought in complying with the restrictions

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As of Tuesday, 2nd July 2019, the Darling River will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 319 days.

The twelve month mark is the 18th August 2019 which unfortunately is likely to become a reality unless there is some significant rain over the next few weeks.

The Environmental Flow currently within the Barwon is not expected to reach Bourke at this stage.

The most recent information that I have received is that the flow is experiencing greater transmission losses than initially anticipated.

The flow has reached Geera gauge which is upstream of Brewarrina.

On current predictions the flow is unlikely to get past Brewarrina which is in accord with the initial predictions.

The weir pool at Brewarrina is down a little and it should go close to being fully replenished as a result of the flow.

We can only wait and see with the flow expected to reach Brewarrina late this week

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The organising committee of the 2019 Tour De OROC have been fortunate to have Michael Tomalaris join the ride for part of the way in 2019. Mike is a well- known Australian television reporter, presenter and host of SBS Television's programs including the Tour de France coverage. He is also a member of the presentation team at the network's flagship SBS World News.

This week sees the commencement of the new financial year and this means a considerable amount of work for the finance staff of Bourke Shire as it does with most businesses.

Council staff have been busy preparing for the end of year processes including reconciliations, stocktakes and ensuring the rollover of ledgers.

Local Government New South Wales have advised that the Government last week released three (3) reports which have been prepared by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). One of the report deals with a review of the rating system in New South Wales and the other two (2) dealing with reporting and compliance functions.

In a press release issued by LGNSW the President of LGNSW Councillor Linda Scott was quoted as follows:-
Cr Scott said one of the issues up for discussion was the flexibility for individual Councils to choose whether to calculate rates on Capital Improved Value (essentially the market value of a property), or Unimproved Value (land only).

"A modern, fair ratings system needs a new flexible approach, and that's what we'll be working with the NSW Government to achieve," she said.
Cr Scott said the IPART report on reporting and compliance burdens had the potential to fundamentally reform the relationship between the State and Local tiers of Government in NSW.

"IPART acknowledges direct cost- shifting onto Councils by the State Government, as well as the imposition of large and unnecessary administrative burdens," she said.

"At the time of the report, IPART found Councils had around 120 regulatory functions, involving 300 separate roles that are set down in 67 State Acts administered by 31 State Government agencies.
"LGNSW will continue to seek the Government's commitment to address systemic issues such as cost shifting, which acts as such a significant barrier to the financial sustainability of Local Government."

Given that the reports were written some time ago the number of regulatory functions would no doubt have increases and with the changes to the Departmental structure of the State Government the reporting lines have in some instances also changed.

As you can see Local Government works within a myriad of legislation both State and Federal.

It can at times be a challenge to ensure that Council Staff, particularly in the smaller Councils with limited staff resources, are able to keep abreast of all legislative requirements.

The Western Division Council of New South Wales were to meet in Cobar on Tuesday of this week for their Mid -Term Meeting.

Amongst the speakers scheduled to speak were the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP, the newly elected Member for Barwon, Roy Butler and the new Member for Murray, Helen Dalton MP.

Also in attendance was the President of Local Government New South Wales, Councillor Linda Scott.

Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown and I accepted an invitation from the President of the Louth Chamber of Commerce Stuart Le Lievre to attend the meeting of the Chamber at Louth last Friday night.

There was a very large attendance which was no doubt related to the large agenda and the importance of those matters on the agenda.

There were a number of issues discussed including the lack of flows in the Darling River, the proposal to establish a Pre-School in Louth and the progress being made in the establishment of a state of the art medical facility in Louth complete with consulting rooms, Dental Surgery and tele health facilities.

The meeting was fortunate to have in attendance a representative from the Murray Darling Basin Authority in Canberra and Local MDBA Engagement Officer, Peter Thomas who were available to answer a number of enquiries and to provide information.

Also in attendance was the newly elected President of the Australian Flood Plain Association Justin McClure from Tilpa who was able to provide information in relation to the work being under taken the Barwon Darling Stakeholder Advisory Panel (SAP).
The establishment of the Medical Centre is closer to becoming a reality with contracts almost finalised for the construction of the new facility which will be done by the Royal Flying Doctor Service with funding provided by a private donor who will also fund similar facilities at Tilpa and Innamincka.

Representatives or the RFDS and the donor were at the meeting and provided detail into the proposed building which it is hoped will be able to be operational in early 2020 which is tremendous news for the Louth community and it will provide much better facilities for the visiting health professionals.

The new Pre-school looks to have found a temporary home in the Louth Tennis Club house subject to an inspection and determination of its suitability. It is anticipated that the Tennis Club will only be required short term while a more permanent home is negotiated.

For a small community there is a lot happening and work is also being undertaken in the preparation for the Annual Louth Race Meeting to be held in August.

Another item subject to discussion was that in relation to the work being done in relation to the control of wild dogs and the ongoing work that is required if we are to try and mitigate this growing problem that threatens the viability of many grazing enterprises.

Bourke Shire Council has agreed to be the lead Council for funding acquired of $926,000 under the *Communities Combating Pest and Weed Impacts during Drought Program* to assist in addressing the wild dog problem in the western area of the state.

Working with the Western Local Lands Services, and the Shires of Brewarrina, Wentworth, Cobar, and Central Darling together with Broken Hill City Council Bourke Shire Council successfully lodged an application for funding. Bourke Shire Council as the lead Council will also auspice the funding and be represented on the Governance committee.

The Wild Dogs cause significant damage to stock particularly very young stock and often leave stock to die after inflicting serious injury.

While appreciative of the funding recently announced for the upgrade and extension of the Dog Fence the immediate concern of the local landowners are the growth of numbers currently being experienced and the resultant damage being caused to stock.

The meeting asked that Council continue to advocate on behalf of the framers to ensure a collaborative effort is able to be mounted to control the problem.

Work on the main street continues and is gradually taking shape as is the amphitheatre which is located in Darling Park and provides a linkage between the CBD and the Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct.

The facility will provide an ideal location for outdoor events and musical and theatrical performance.

With the publicity surrounding the growth of the production of electric cars that emerged during the recent Federal Election campaign, I took the opportunity to have some discussions with an exhibitor at the recent Australian Local Government Conference regarding the availability of charging stations and the cost involved in both installing and operating them.

While this may be some time off yet we need to start to prepare and at the moment I understand there is only the one charging station in Bourke which could pose issues should the demand increase.

I have subsequently received information on the matter and am happy to share with anyone who may be interested.

No doubt there are many retailers out there to choose from and this will rapidly increase if the popularity of electric cars increases as indicated it will.

With Bourke very much having a tourism focus it is important that the town is able to adequately cater for the needs of our visitors.

We have had a lot of positive comments regarding the improvements around town including Central Park, North Bourke Oval, Davidson Oval and it pleasing to see the general appreciation of the improvements.

With the cooperation of everyone within the community the appearance of the town can be dramatically improved if everyone undertook to maintain their nature strip and pick up rubbish within the immediate vicinity of their residence.

First impressions really count and despite the drought conditions we have experienced for the past twelve months the town still looks reasonably good with the decision to water the main parks and oval well justified.

Last Friday the Mayor and I had the opportunity to talk to all the staff and to thank them for the work that has been undertaken over the past twelve months and the contribution made in ensuring the town and the shire generally have access to a good range of services and the fact that we have seen general improvement of facilities overall.

As part of the preparation for my address to the staff I asked the Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown to collate a summary of the amount of grant money that Council has received over the past few years and it came to over $50 million and this does not include our regular grants for general road Maintenance, the Roads to Recovery Grants or the Financial Assistance Grants nor the work undertaken for Roads and Maritime Service under what is termed the RMCC contracts for project work on the State Highways.

Bourke has not been without its worries in relation to an ongoing supply of water for the town but these have abated somewhat with the flow in the river and the fact that we now have bores that can meet the essential needs of the town.

Council will be working to secure further funding to develop additional bores and pipeline to prepare for any future drought conditions.

There are areas within the state that water carting to towns has commenced and other where it will be a reality within months unless they get rain.

Guyra on the Northern Tablelands has been carting water for the past three (3) weeks and are on level five (5) restrictions including no outside use and businesses with a high usage being asked to monitor that usage.

The severe water shortage has seen restrictions placed in many locations and emergency bores being construction to ensure continuity of water for those communities.

Quote of the week!

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters."

Audrey Hepburn

11TH JULY 2019

Bourke Shire Council has received the executed deed from NSW treasury relating to funding received by Council to undertake further work on the Bourke to Milparinka Road (Main Road 405) between Goonery and Barakee. The funding will allow the formation, compaction and sealing of another 20 kilometres of the road which will improve accessibility, safety and reduce maintenance costs.

This funding totals $4,660,000 which when added to the $11,112,000 already received in funding provides for a total $15,772,000allocated for the project and allowing for around 60 kilometres to be sealed.

Council staff have already prepared the necessary plans and costing to allow further applications for funding to be lodged when it becomes available. The sealing of the Wanaaring Road has changed from a dream to gradually becoming a reality with many of those who thought it would never happen in their lifetime.

The funding has been provided through the Fixing Country Roads Program.

I took the opportunity to again visit the construction works on the Wanaaring Road last Friday and speak with a number of the crew working on the project.

The transformation of the road surface in the completed sections is excellent good and it is little wonder we have received some very positive comments in regard to the project. There is still a lot of work to be undertaken between Bourke and Wanaaring before the road is completely sealed, however, the work done to date is a very positive start further enhancing Councils reputation as a road builder delivering a high quality product on time and within budget.

The Environment Flow that has reached Brewarrina is still looking unlikely to reach Bourke which is extremely disappointing but is in accord with the early predictions prior to the release of the flow.

It was hoped that the initial predictions may have been a little conservative but that has provided not to be the case. It is good news for those above Bourke and those below Bourke that have received the benefit of the flow from the Warrego unfortunately leaving either side of Bourke without any substantive flow.

It would appear that the longer term outlook for rain is not good and that we should prepare ourselves for an extended dry period.

Let's hope there is a turnaround of our fortunes and that there is some good rain in the near future.

A number of tourists and tour companies have been disappointed that the lack of flow in the river has resulted in the inability of the PV Jandra to operate this tourism season.

It has no doubt had an impact on the length of stay of a number of visitors. Staff at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre are reminding the visitors of the other attractions in town including the Crossley Engine, The National Parks, Dunlop Station, and the historical cemeteries, Tours, the Outback Show, Art Galleries and the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre itself.

Bourke is an iconic town and is often deemed to be a "must see" for people visiting the outback New South Wales and as a town we should all be mindful of the contribution that tourism directly and indirectly makes to our community.

The Enngonia Race Club will conduct their Annual Race Meeting on the 21st September 2019 this year and the committee have been fortunate to secure locally based sponsorship from the grazing fraternity to be able to waive the cost of entry to the event. The waiving of the entry fee is the committee's way of thanking the broader community for their support to farmers during the current prolonged drought.

Members of the rural community have received donations of fodder, hampers and some financial support during the drought and despite the obvious hardships being faced are still prepared to contribute to this unique way of saying thank you.

The annual race meeting is an event which galvanises the community of Enngonia and surrounding district and it is a great initiative by the committee which this year being led by Bill Ridge who replaces Phillip Ridge the previous long serving President.

The committee are looking at other ways to promote the race meeting and I hope that their efforts are rewarded.

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The Western Division Councils of New South Wales met in Cobar on Tuesday last week for their Mid - Term Meeting.

The group is chaired by Councillor Leigh Byron who is Deputy Mayor of Balranald Shire.

The group was fortunate to have a number of good speakers address the group including the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales, the Hon. Adam Marshall, MP, the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler, MP and the Member for Murray, Helen Dalton, MP.

Minister Marshall highlighted a number of the State Government initiatives in relation to various funding opportunities including the next round of Stronger Country Communities Funding which opened this week and was very open to answering a number of questions posed to him as he always is.

The President of Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW), Councillor Linda Scott was the first speaker of the day and as always she provided a concise yet detailed outline of the work being undertaken by LGNSW. Councillor Scott was accompanied by the Chief Executive of LGNSW, Tara McCarthy.

In her address, Councillor Scott said that she had seen first-hand the devastating impact of drought during her many visits to rural and regional communities over the past 12 months, and was pleased that persistent lobbying by LGNSW had paid off with an additional $355m allocated for drought

assistance during the recent state budget (over and above the $400m commitment made during the election campaign).

She was also pleased that much-needed water security and on-farm assistance programs will be extended. Saying that indications are that this drought isn't going to break any time soon, so LGNSW will continue to lobby hard at all levels.

Other issues covered in Councillor Scott's address were the financial assistance grants, the emergency services levy, roads, rural and regional health, community services and local water utilities and recycling. Our Save our Recycling campaign continues, aiming to create real opportunities, including regional jobs, in a home-grown recycling industry.

As part of their election commitments the New South Wales Government have indicated that they will take back and fund 15,000 kilometres of Regional Roads which were devolved to Local Government in 1993.

No decision has been made as to which Regional Roads will be taken back by the State Government and it will apparently be up to the individual Councils to make a determination as to which Roads they would like to nominate.

At the meeting of the Western Divisions Councils held last week at Cobar, Minister for Western New South Wales, Adam Marshall, MP, suggested that Council across the state should look at the any roads that they consider that the State may wish to takeover.

At the meeting in Cobar in a question to the Minister, I highlighted the need for Regional and Rural Councils to still be involved in the Single Invitation Contracts for the work on State owned roads noting the importance of that work in enabling Councils to maintain a modern plant fleet and the ability to maintain jobs within these areas.

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LGNSW is seeking feedback on their proposal for Local Government Electoral Expenditure Caps, and whether Councils agree that they should put forward a proposal that the Expenditure Cap be calculated at $1 per elector. LGNSW feel that it is essential that any electoral expenditure arrangements are fair and consistent, but also are administratively simple to understand.

With the change to the NBN there have been a number of changes experienced by residents and Bourke Shire has not been immune from the changes with our telephone system needed to be upgraded and the installation will hopefully be finalised this week.

Whilst there should be no major issues experienced during the transition of phone systems these transfers sometimes experience some minor difficulties. If you have any trouble contacting Council please use the "on call" number 0419 722055.

I was talking last week with Paul Clarkson who runs the Outback Show at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre as well as the carriage rides around town and during the course of the conservation, he mentioned that one of the carriage he uses was completely rebuilt by local tradespersons in Bourke. He said the work undertaken has been to high standard and involved steel work, upholstery and timber work and is a great endorsement for those people who contributed to the rebuild.

Together with the Mayor Council Barry Hollman, I attended the Remembrance Ceremony for Indigenous Ex-Servicemen who have served Australia in various conflicts around the world. The ceremony is part of the NIADOC Week Activities and has been an annual event for the past few years. The event is organised by the local branch of the RSL led by Victor Bartley and Kelly Lienesch and hosted by the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service.

There was a good attendance and once again it was pleasing to see a wide cross section of our community in attendance and the fact that a number of the younger members of the community were participants in the ceremony.

The fishing Competition at the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool certainly created a lot of interest with visitors and local alike very impressed with the innovative approach taken by the Bourke Ain't Caught Nothin' Yet Fishing Club who organised the event in collaboration with the Pool Lessee Mark Holman and Bourke Shire.

For parents struggling to meet the costs of their children's sporting activities they may like to look at the State Governments Active Kids Program.

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the Active Kids program.

The Active Kids program provides two (2) $100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year.

From 1st July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for the second $100 Active Kids voucher. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December.

The vouchers may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

To use a voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up. For those children with non- sporting interests they may like to avail themselves of the Creative Kids initiative.

Creative Kids, is all about making it easier for school-aged kids (4.5 to 18 years old) to get involved in creative and cultural activities.

Parents, guardians and carers can claim a $100 voucher per year to put towards the cost of lessons and fees with registered providers.

It's a great opportunity to let kids find their passion and learn new skills.

Vouchers can be used to contribute to registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities with our approved list of activity providers.

The NSW Office of Local Government issued a circular to Councils this week on the development of template policies on social media use and Councillor/staff interactions to support the new Model Code of Conduct.

The Office is also seeking examples of Councils' current policies and feedback on what other template Governance Policies they would like to see developed.

The initiative of developing templates for policies is to be applauded.

Whilst there is no need for Councils to adopt the templates to be provided, the use of templates will result in considerable saving of time and resources particularly for the smaller Councils. The use of templates will provide for increased level of consistency amongst Councils.

Quote of the week!

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."– Unknown

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18TH JULY 2019

The Rural Fire Service has introduced an initiative called AIDER which is an acronym for Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents. AIDER is a one off free service supporting residents to live safely and confidently in areas where bush fires may start.

The property must be bushfire prone, meaning an area of land that can support a bushfire or is likely to be subject to bushfire attack. AIDER Services may include;

- Thinning vegetation
- Removing leaves, sticks and fallen branches
- Trimming branches from around and overhanging the home
- Mowing or slashing long grass
- Cleaning Gutters

If you think you may be eligible call 02 8741 4955.

Work continues on the Wongareena Plains section of the upgrade of the Main Road 405 (Wanaaring Road) with the formation of 12.5km of subgrade being completed.

Pushing of gravel required has been completed at Folly's Tank Pit.

The sealing work continues with a further 4.5 kilometres of seal to be put down on Wednesday, 17th July 2019.

In addition to the funding provided by the Fixing Country Roads Program, Council has allocated a further $800,000.00 from the Regional Road Repair Programme.

The project is possibly the largest job undertaken by Council Staff in the last couple of decades and has created considerable employment opportunities with additional staff having to be recruited to supplement the workforce available via the permanent complement of staff.

For those who are interested in keeping abreast of the amount of work that has been completed to date and the amount for which funding has been allocated to date on the Wanaaring Road the following breakdown will provide some valuable information.

Wanaaring Road Statistics

Total Length – 181.12 km
Total sealed before Fixing Country Road Project commenced – 49.49 km

Fixing Country Roads Works – Sealing Completed

Stage 1 Gumbalie – 12.75km

Stage 2 Poison Point – 19 km

Fixing Country Roads – Works in Progress

Stage 3 Wongareena Plain – 12.5 km

Fixing Country Roads – Works to be started

Stage 4 Goonery to Barrakee – 20 km

Roads to Recovery Funding- Sealing Completed

Wangamanna Section – 1.5 km

TOTAL WORKS COMPLETED OR FOR WHICH FUNDING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED – 65.75 KM

This leaves a balance for which funding will need to be sourced of 65.88 kilometres.

Council staff have lodged an application for a further $8.5 million which if successful will allow for the reformation and sealing of another 35 kilometres.

The possibility of having the road to Wanaaring sealed was a dream a few years ago but is something that is well within reach of completion if similar levels of funding can be obtained.

On the Rural Local Road Network (RLR) a full formation grade has been undertaken on, RLR 29 Emaroo Road, whilst the roads in the Louth area are being prepared for the significant increase in traffic due to the Louth Races which are scheduled for the 10th August 2019. Maintenance grading is currently underway on RLR 3 Twin Rivers.

Work has been completed on the shared pathway on the levy between the Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct with 250 metres completed with stage two (2) involving 350metres of pathway between Darling and Tudor Streets scheduled to commence in a couple of weeks.

These are the first two (2) stages of a walk that will hopefully see the linkage of the Wharf to North Bourke via the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre.

As of Tuesday, 16th July 2019, the Darling River will have stopped flowing over the weir at Bourke for 332 days.

The twelve month mark is the 18th August 2019 which is looking to become a reality unless there is some significant rain over the next few weeks.

The current level of water restrictions remains on Level Two (2) and will remain on that level for at least another couple of weeks given the current rates of usage, levels of evaporation and minimal inflows.

The height of the weir at Bourke was 3.12 metres over the weekend and that was a drop of approximately three (3) centimetres over the past week.

The relaxing of restrictions has allowed residents to be able to water their established trees and plants and this was very well supplemented by the 15 millimetres of rain last week.

As I have said previously the outlook is not good so Council will be monitoring the water situation closely and taking action to ensure that water is used wisely.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on Monday, 22nd July 2019 and will commence at 9.15am.

Persons who wish to address Council on any matters on the agenda can do so at a public forum convened each meeting day commencing at 9.00am.

Persons wishing to speak are encouraged to contact the Executive Assistant to the Mayor and General Manager, Kai Howard-Oakman on 026830800.

At 11.00am next Thursday, 18th July, the Bureau of Meteorology will be broadcasting a live Webinar on drought conditions around the country. This will include a closer look at the impacts of drought on water resources. One of the areas of focus is the northern Murray-Darling Basin. It's an interactive format and participants can submit questions before and during the Webinar.

The link to the webinar is here is the link - http://ow.ly/1Pjb50uT9Cz, everyone is welcome.

In other interesting information supplied by the Bureau it appears that the rainfall in the Namoi, Castlereagh, Condamine-Balonne, Warrego and Paroo basins is the lowest for 30 months. Rainfall in the Border Rivers and Gwydir is the lowest for 24 months.

Little wonder we have such severe drought conditions.

Australia Post has announced the launch of the 2019 Australia Post Community Grants program.

The program offers grants of up to $10,000 for eligible projects that help people connect with each other to address local needs.

Funding may be awarded to eligible recipients, to support initiatives that:-

- help people connect with each other through group activities (e.g. volunteering programs, civic engagement and environmental activities);
- reduce barriers to participation in community life (e.g. transport, ability to pay, or access to community spaces); and/or
- Develop skills and leadership capability to strengthen social and community networks.

To be eligible, organisations must:

- be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- provide community benefit
- be located within Australia
- provide services within Australia
- have an ABN (see the Australian Business Register for more information)

- have an Australian bank account that corresponds to the organisation's ABN (individuals are not valid account holders).

If you have a community group or organisation you think would benefit from a grant of up to $10,000 and meets the eligibility criteria, please let them know about this opportunity. Please note, Government entities, sole traders and educational institutions are not eligible.

You can learn more at auspost.com.au/grants

The Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock, MP has announced a number of legislative changes that will impact on Councils.

These include:-

- Councils have until 1 October 2019 to resolve to enter into arrangements with the Electoral Commissioner, or an electoral services provider, to administer the 2020 ordinary Council elections, and have until 1 January 2020 to enter into these arrangements (commenced).
- Councils formed in 2016 will be having their rate path freeze extended until 1 July 2021, unless they resolve to apply to the Minister to vary the existing rates path freeze determination and the determination is varied (commenced).
- The tendering threshold, below which Councils do not have to undertake a competitive tendering process, has been increased to $250,000. However, the threshold for contracts involving services provided by Council employees at the time of entering the contract remains at $150,000 (commenced).
- The Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 has been amended with the intention of allowing Councils to report on their obligations under that Act in their own annual reports under the Local Government Act 1993, rather than by the current requirement to table a special report in Parliament (commenced). Councils should also note that further changes to relevant legislation and regulations will be made to facilitate this.
- Councils can procure the services of pre-qualified disability employment organisations approved under the Public Works and Procurement Act 1912, without having to go to tender (commenced).
- Councils should also note that the Minister intends to enable, by a future regulation, Councils to access the National Prequalification System for Civil Construction (Roads and Bridges) Contracts after further consultation.
- Councils are able to delegate regulatory functions to another Council, and to joint organisations of which they are not a member, with approval of that Council or joint organisation. Further, joint organisations will be able to sub-delegate regulatory functions to their committees, in addition to their Executive Officer (commences by proclamation).
- Regulations are able to be made to exempt Councils from the need to publicly notify fees relating to certain defined commercial activities and from the need to determine those fees based on an adopted pricing methodology. This will ensure Councils are not placed at unfair disadvantage during commercial negotiations (commences by proclamation).
- Regulations are able to be made to prescribe a scheme for mutual recognition of Council approvals for regulatory activities issued under section 68 of the Act (commences by proclamation).

We all live in a rapidly changing world and it can become difficult at times to keep up with these changes however it is imperative for the smooth operation and legislative compliance that staff keeps abreast of the changes.

In a previous column I noted that that the President of Local Government New South Wales, Linda Scott had said that in part of one of their recently released reports IPART found that at the time of writing that report, which would have been in 2015 or 2016, Councils had around 120 regulatory functions, involving 300 separate roles that are set down in 67 State Acts administered by 31 State Government agencies.

The change to the structure of the State Government has again seen a change as to the various reporting mechanism and though not significant the changes do result in the groupings of responsibilities under various Minister and there are changes to the lines of responsibility.

Like many businesses Bourke Shire had to upgrades communication technology to cater for the introduction of NBN. The transition was relatively smooth and with our reliance on telephone communication it was important that it did.

The transition was certainly a team effort and it was good to receive the following note from the principal of the installation firm in regards to the quality of our network and the assistance provided

"*The state of the network, the quality of each site, the pre-prep work and the help you have provided is unparalleled.*

We do a number of regional Councils and the difference between Bourke Shire's LAN, infrastructure & mapping is by far and away light years ahead of them all.

So again thank you, I know our guys on site appreciate it and it is really nice to work with a true professional".

It is not often that Council receives positive comments such as this so it is nice to be able to pass the comments to the staff involved – a job well done.

The 2019/2020 rate notices will be issued shortly with the first instalment due on the 30th August 2019.

The Mayor Councillor Barry Hollman and I will be attending an Extraordinary Meeting of the Far North West Joint Organisation of Councils to be held in Dubbo on Friday.

The Environmental Flow whilst providing a good flow at Brewarrina will not reach Bourke with the level of water flowing across the Brewarrina Weir declining significantly late last week.

It took the Northern Fish Flow two (2) months to reach Brewarrina over the dry river bed. The flow travels much slower when the river bed is so dry than when it is wet. For example, in the same time period of two (2) months, a similar sized flow of water for the environment from the same dams in 2018 (the Northern Connectivity Event) had made it past Wilcannia, over an additional thousand river km's downstream of Brewarrina. Additionally, the seepage into the river bed is much higher when it is dry: initial calculations of the 'losses' between Collarenebri and Walgett show that they are about five (5) times greater for the current Northern Fish Flow than the 2018 Northern Connectivity Event.

Bourke Rotary Club held is Annual Changeover Dinner on Monday with Pat Canty to take over the Presidency from Leonie Brown and Kristy Kennedy assumes the role as secretary of the Club whilst Lisa Crothers continues in the role of Treasurer.

Whilst only a relatively small club the Bourke Rotary Club members have certainly ensure that they achieved one of the objectives of Rotary; in providing valuable service to the community.

In her Annual Report, outgoing President, Leonie Brown detailed some of the projects which have been undertaken over the past twelve months and the fund raising activities which have been conducted to allow much of the work in the community to be undertaken.

Later this year Rotary will partner with Bourke Shire in the local coordination of the Tour De OROC which will raise funds for the Macquarie Homestay.

Whilst the tourist season got off to a relatively slow start, there seems to be an increase number of tourist coming to Bourke and many of them are electing to stay for extended periods.

Bourke's reputation as a destination continues to grow it is important that as a community we enhance the town's reputation as a friendly and welcoming community.

As I have mentioned previously, Bourke's iconic status in Australian folklore make it a "must see" destination for many people who wish to experience the outback area of the state.

Whilst the inability of the PV Jandra to be utilised due to the extremely low river levels that have been experience over the past few months has meant the temporary loss of one of the major tourist draw cards attractions it has also meant that we have been able to ensure the other attractions and places of interest are promoted and visitation to these increased.

Quote of the week!

There are two (2) days in the year that we cannot do anything – yesterday and tomorrow.

Mahatma Gandhi

Ross Earl
General Manager

Resolution

257/2019 That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019 be received and noted.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

CORPORATE SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	L4.1
Report: 173/2019	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	June 2018	Item	June 2019
Audio Visual	200	Audio Visual	148
Adult Fiction	215	Adult Fiction	278
Non-Fiction	103	Non-Fiction	47
Junior Fiction	267	Junior Fiction	136
Magazines	59	Magazines	34
eBook/Audio	106	eBooks/eAudio	84
Inter Library Loans		Inter Library Loans	
Total	950	Total	727

Other statistical information

	June 2018		June 2019
New Members	10	New Members	10
Internet/Word Processing	69	Internet/Word Processing	70
Wireless Tickets	24	Wireless Tickets	9
Number of Visitors	1036	Number of Visitors	1314
Scans	27	Scans	36
Information Requests	75	Information Requests	78
Technical Assistance	28	Technical Assistance	68
Faxes	4	Faxes/Laminating	8

- Children's craft and story time this month had the theme World Oceans Day, and we had 12 children attending.
- This month we had a visit from popular children and young adult author Deborah Abela. Deborah visited for two (2) days and had sessions with seven (7) classes from Bourke Public School and St Ignatius, as well as Koinonia School. The sessions were very successful, with all the kids and teachers having a great time and learning about the writing process.
- We held a murder mystery evening in the Library this month, and 14 people attended.
- The Bourke Public School Early Years Transition Centre also visited this month. Two groups attended, with a total of 31 children attending. The children enjoyed listening to some stories, having a Library tour and looking at some of the books we have. They also received a Library bag each with information on the Library.

Jodi Hatch
Library Manager

Resolution

258/2019 That Council note the information in the Corporate Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019.
Moved Cr Dorrington Seconded Cr Barton Carried Unstarred

TOURISM AND EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File No:	T4.3
Report: 174/2019	July 2019 Activity Report
Responsible Officer:	Fran Carter, Manager Tourism and Events

Executive Summary

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report provides Council with an updated status report for the month of June/July, 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.

Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre:

- 4490 visitors to the Back O' Bourke Visitor Information & Exhibition Centre for the month of June.
- 566 visitors went through the Exhibition Centre
- 32 visitors undertook the guided tour through the centre.
- 589 visitors purchase permits/tickets for other attractions
- Collated 250 surveys (since beginning July), staff are continuing to assist visitors with obtaining information.

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	3166
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	3698	3693
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	4440	4490
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	

Coach/ Group Bookings & Itineraries

For the month of June the staff at the centre have arranged 12 group itineraries:

- 1st June-Stone street Travel tour, 18pax
- 3rd June- Bill Peach Journey's Lake Eyre Tour, 16pax (Guided Tour)
- 10th June- Bill Peach Journey's Lake Eyre Tour, 16pax. (Guided Tour)
- 14th June- Brendan's Tours, 23pax
- 20th June- Inland Outback Explorer, 30pax
- 20th June- Lightning Ridge Tour-28pax
- 27th June- Cardwells Coach Tours, 30pax. (Guided Tours)
- 1st July- Bill Peachy Journey, 16pax (Guided Tours)
- 2nd July- Fun Over 50, 20pax
- 2nd July- Rail Holidays, 16pax
- 8th July- Bill Peachy Journey, 16pax
- 8th July- Highlands Tour, 20pax

Regional Collaboration

- Kidman Way Promotional Committee, work collectively with Murrumbidgee, Carrathool, Griffith and Cobar Councils to promote the whole region/touring route.
- Kidman Way Promotional Committee: Bourke to project lead new website
- Attendance at the Melbourne LeisureFest, Sandown Racecourse, 3-6 October 2019. Representatives from each shire along the highway will attend the event.
- Facebook management by each shire, rotating monthly. Bourke- September.
- Marketing- Discussion around maximising opportunities and leverage with other destinations.
- The committee looking to explore signage to develop along the lines of The Long Paddock – pull off bays, signage etc.

Kamilaroi Highway

- Kamilaroi Highway Caravan and Camping Show map pad completed and distributed.

Destination Promotion

- Staff were interviewed for the Camping & Off-Road Radio Show (2GB), promoting the Darling River Run.
- Staff assisted with the Pat Callinan's 4x4 TV film crew whilst filming here in Bourke last week. Attractions on their list included Mount Oxley, Outback Show, Cobb & Co Carriage ride

Resolution

259/2019 That Council note the information in the Manager of Tourism and Events Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 22nd July 2019.			
Moved Cr Dorrington	Seconded Cr Barton	Carried	Unstarred

Fran Carter
Manager of Tourism & Events

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING, 22ND JULY 2019

CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL - CONFIDENTIAL

ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT

File No:	T3.1, T3.2, T3.40,
Report: 175/2019 ★	Confidential – 01-20 Plant Hire Tender 2019/2020
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon Manager of Roads

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

Council has invited tenders for the hire of Plant and Equipment, with or without an operator, for the twelve month period: 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020. This invitation included the conditions of contract, specifications, and tender submission documents. The form of agreement is that of a 'Standing Offer' and it does not place any contractual obligation on the Council to hire or engage contractors.

The application is merely a statement made by a prospective Contractor that they are willing to supply specified plant and equipment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the tender.

Resolution at 10.04am

260/2019That the report be considered in Closed Council under Section 10A (2) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

File No:	A11.2.16
Report: 176/2019 ★	Confidential – Potential Strategic Land Purchases to Meet Operational Needs of Council
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

261/2019 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.

Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Stutsel 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, 175/2019 01-20 Plant Hire Tender 2019/2020 and 176/2019 Potential Strategic Land Purchases to Meet Operational Needs of Council.

No members of the public made representation.

Resolution at 10.04am

262/2019

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 Barton Seconded Cr Stutsel Carried

Resolution at 10.26am

263/2019 That Council move out of Closed Council and into Open Council.

Moved Cr Bartley Seconded Cr Barton 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:	T3.1, T3.2, T3.40,
Report: 175/2019 ★	Confidential – 01-20 Plant Hire Tender 2019/2020
Responsible Officer:	Mark Gordon, Manager of Roads

Resolution

264/2019 That Council accept the tenders as listed for the 2019/2020 financial year.

File No:	A11.2.16
Report: 176/2019 ★	Confidential – Potential Strategic Land Purchases to Meet Operational Needs of Council
Responsible Officer:	Ross Earl, General Manager

Resolution

265/2019 That Council delegate to the General Manager authority to ascertain the availability of land that may be required to meet the future operational requirements of Council and commence preliminary negotiations in relation to any purchase.

10.30am Council broke for morning tea

Resolution at 10.58am

266/2019 That Council suspend standing orders for an update from Acting Superintendent Andrew Hurst from Central North Police District.
Moved Cr Barton Seconded Cr Cole Carried

Resolution at 11.12am

267/2016 That Council resume standing orders
Moved Cr Stutsel Seconded Cr Bartley Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.17am